

February 2011

Linking us with the ministries of our church

Upcoming Events

- 2/4 Parents' Night Out
- 2/13 Josh Bailey Preaching
- 2/20 Seasoned Saints Dinner
- 2/27 Membership Class
- Children's Dept Teacher Appreciation and Training Lunch
- 3/5 CPR – AED Training
- 3/4 Parents' Night Out
- 3/25-26 Missions Conference
- 4/1 Parents' Night Out
- 4/3 Scout Spaghetti Dinner in Fellowship Hall after church
- 4/16 Eggstravaganza – Raikes Ranch
- 4/22 Good Friday Service
- 4/24 Easter Sunday
- 4/26 Last Day of Women's Fellowship
- 4/30 All Church Cleaning Day
- 5/6 Parents' Night Out
- 5/11 Last Midweek Meeting
- 5/27-28 Church Garage Sale
- 6/4-18 Geiger Island Family Camps
- 6/17-26 Missions Trip to Guatemala
- 6/20-24 Vacation Bible School
- 7/3 Patriotic Concert and Ice Cream Social
- 7/7-18 Philippines Missions Trip with Dr. Larry Waters
- 7/29-8/7 Word of Life Hungary Missions Trip

Seniors Luncheon — February 20

Quarterly, the seasoned Saints (55 years and older) of RBC are treated to a luncheon after church in the Fellowship Hall. On Sunday, February 20, that ministry will have a new beginning as **Glenn and Angie Clark** will take over the culinary duties. Both love to cook and have been a part of the Wednesday night team that provides meals. We are truly thankful for their willingness to serve. Additionally, the February program will be special because our guest speaker



will be Stan Cobb, Associate Professor in Restorative Sciences at Baylor Dental College. Stan wears many hats — educator, missionary, preacher, husband, father, artist, poet, ethicist, after dinner speaker, writer, comedian and cowboy. Stan comes from the panhandle of West Texas where he was known as the “Cowboy Dentist.” He feels as comfortable on a horse as he does in the classroom and has humor and insights into life as refreshing as Will Rodgers.

RBC Hosts BSA Advance-O-Ree January 29

For the fourth year in a row, Redeemer Bible Church graciously opened their facility to host the White Rock District Boy

register for two of the 20 different Merit badges available during the 8-hour event. Veterinary Science was apparently the most popular class offered this year, with 56 boys signed up for that class! During the provided lunch, **John Gibson** presented the Gospel message and distributed Gideon



New Testaments to all who would receive them. RBC's own Troop 48 had twelve boys

Scout Advance-O-Ree. With over 300 boy scouts and leaders in attendance, 2011 broke last year's record by 140 boys! The Advance-O-Ree is a once-a-year District scouting event that allows boys to work on a variety of Merit badges. The boys were allowed to

attending classes and four adults teaching and serving at the event.



From the Pastor's Pen

The Investment of Bible Memorization

Doug Hornok, Senior Pastor

Dallas Willard, professor of Philosophy at the University of California, wrote, "Bible memorization is absolutely fundamental to spiritual formation. If I had to choose between all the disciplines of the spiritual life, I would choose Bible memorization, because it is a fundamental way of filling our minds with what it needs. *This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth.* That's where you need it! How does it get in your mouth? Memorization."

Sadly, the discipline of scripture memory has fallen on hard times and reflects the attitudes of our larger culture. We live in a time when memorization is routinely scorned. "Rote memory" and "rote learning," we are told, discourages creativity, critical thinking, and conceptual understanding. However, that thinking is totally at odds with reality. Is the creativity of an actor or musician crushed by the formidable feats of memory their art demand? Aaron Rodgers of the Green Bay Packers and Ben Roethlisberger of the Pittsburgh Steelers will spend countless hours studying their opponents, memorizing defensive patterns, so that — in the midst of the action, when a 300-pound defensive lineman who runs like a cheetah and hits like a sledgehammer is bearing down on him — he will make the right decision in a split second largely without conscious intent or awareness, in large measure because of what he's memorized. What we put in our minds is of lasting importance. "Memorization of Scripture," Dallas Willard writes, "is one way of 'taking charge' of the content of our conscious thoughts, and of the feelings, beliefs, and actions that depend on them."

In his book *Scripture by Heart: Devotional Practices for Memorizing God's Word*, South Korean pastor Joshua Choonmin Kang writes, "The more we commit the Word to memory, the richer our being becomes. The melodious concert of His Word will continually echo within us. Then we'll encounter the conductor, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, who helps us remember the Scriptures, and the Father, who'll receive glory through all of this."

Among the investments I've suggested we make for the New Year is the investment of scripture memory. Here are some practical ways to practice this discipline.

1. Meditate on the verse. Before you attempt to commit a verse to memory, you should meditate on it for a few minutes. Think about the meaning of the verse. How does it apply to your life? When have you obeyed or disobeyed this verse? Thinking over these things prior to memorizing will do two things. First, the verse will change you and make you more holy. Second, after meditating, you may already have the verse memorized without ever reciting it to yourself.

2. Recite the verse several times. Read the entire verse to yourself several times. If it is a long verse, divide it and do this step in two parts. Recite the verse over and over until you can do it without looking. When reciting, always say the reference before the verse. This is an important step that will help you to remember which verses go with which references.

3. Review it daily for about two weeks. If you are like me, you will have forgotten the verse one day later. This is normal. In order to remember it long-term, you must review it every day for about 2 weeks. After that, you can review it just once a week or once a month.

Steve and Ruth Porter's Visit; Upcoming Missions Conference

If you've ever wondered what life on a foreign mission field is like, you must have been enthralled while missionaries, **Steve and Ruth Porter**, updated us in a combined ABF hour on Sunday, January 23. Both Steve and Ruth gave us a glimpse of their last term in Miango, Nigeria, outlining their diverse ministry, which includes dentistry services for the locals as well as missionaries, a widows' ministry, discipleship and mentoring programs, and evangelism. They also related their heartbreaking loss of teammates and friends on the field as well as their frightening encounters with a group of armed robbers on their campus. They highlighted the fact that this year is an election year in Nigeria, and with elections comes unrest in the country at large. The government remains unstable in many ways and progress is constantly hampered by corruption. They reminded us how exciting and yet how precarious life on a foreign field can be. While there is no doubt their last term provided many reasons to lose hope, they did not. Instead, God has given them a vision to start another ministry to provide a respite for those who are struggling on the

field. The Porters plan to renovate a house there, in Miango, to accommodate missionaries who are in need of rest and recovery; a quiet place where they can regroup and respond to God's direction. They have discovered that a place of temporary retreat plays a vital role in the work that all the missionaries share together. We can identify with that, can't we? Even Christ himself left the crowds to seek solace in the presence of the Father. Let's remember the Porters in our prayers as they travel throughout the States

these next few months, and as they prepare to return to Nigeria for another term. If you missed their presentation, an audio CD maybe requested from the church office.

In the meantime, mark your calendars for March 25-27 and plan to attend all the events of this year's missions conference. Plan for ample time to learn more about the work the Lord is doing in the lives of Redeemer-supported missionaries as well as other ministries at home and abroad. Keep your eyes peeled for further details about the conference in bulletins, online and around the church campus.



Getting to Know You: Charles and Catherine L'Herisson

Tommie Loveless

Catherine (Cathy) L'Herisson was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, shortly after her dad returned from serving in World War II, having been a Prisoner of War in China and Japan. **Charles**, born in Shreveport, also grew up in Louisiana. They both remember attending church with their families, and accepting Christ as Savior at an early age. Catherine elaborated, "My family moved to Corishatta, La., to be near my grandparents. Not long afterwards, when I was nine, my mom died of a brain tumor. Coincidentally, Charles also lost a parent, at the age of nine, when his dad died of a brain tumor."

Charles served in the army for three years after attending Jefferson Military Academy in Washington, Mississippi. He was working on his master's degree when he visited his older brother who had become a doctor and set up a clinic in Corishatta, La. Charles shared, "On that particular Sunday, my niece came home, between Sunday School and Worship service, to change her torn stockings! She brought Catherine, her best friend, with her!" They began to date, and married in 1968, when Charles completed his master's degree. Cathy added, "We both still laugh about how I married my best friend's uncle!" The newlyweds moved to Dallas where Charles worked at Ford Motor, and then Texas Instruments (TI), for 29-1/2 years, until he retired. Their first child, Alisha, was born in 1970; their son, Monte, was born in 1975. During those years, Cathy was a homemaker, and did substitute teaching. She also participated in Craft fairs. Later she worked in the



Children's Cardiovascular Fitness Center at Presbyterian Hospital, and purchased equipment for the fitness center TI was building in Richardson. Finally, Cathy worked as a part-time Children's Director at Scofield, Reinhardt and Fire Wheel churches. In 2003 their faith was severely tested when Victoria, their only granddaughter, was diagnosed with stage 4 Neuroblastoma, a rare, progressive childhood cancer. Cathy remembered, "She turned three in the ICU unit, fighting pneumonia after her first chemo treatment. During that time, I decided I was going to keep on singing and praising God, but I did so with tears streaming down my face. We are grateful for **Pastor Geiger** and all who prayed."

Thankfully, Victoria is now ten years old, and God has also blessed Charles and Cathy with a grandson. Coming to Redeemer in 2006, Cathy is perhaps best known for her talents in writing and poetry. A life-member and now President of the Texas Poetry Society, many of her poems have been published and won state and national competitions. She also spends time with older adults. They are members of The Seekers Adult Bible Fellowship, and Charles serves on a team which counts the offering. Perhaps an appropriate way to express our appreciation for the L'Herissons, is by quoting from a prominent, well known poet, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, "*How do we love thee, let us count the ways!*" **Charles and Cathy**, you are indeed a blessing to Redeemer.

Arts and Culture Class with Shannon Reibenstein

Many from our church family have been equipped and stimulated as they have enjoyed learning about the arts and their impact on our culture. Made in the image of a creative God, people reveal their view of the world around them through art. This class is an excellent opportunity to understand and engage our society as the class builds upon the foundation of a Biblical theology of the arts and looks to the beauty of the Triune God — the source of all beauty. The conversation each month is led by **Shannon Reibenstein, ThM**. Shannon's goal "is that God's people will encounter art through God's perspective, a perspective that moves us toward empathy and empowers us as artists to not only hold up a mirror to our world but a window into God's kingdom to come." The class meets the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall (next meeting is February 19). They will continue to look at early Christian art from the neo-classical and byzantine era and glimpse into the lives of these early believers.

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Creation Seminar

Forty years ago Dr. Henry M. Morris founded the Institute for Creation Research to focus on the scientific accuracy and authority of the creation account provided for us in Genesis. Considered by many to be the father of the modern creation science movement, Dr. Morris' vision of research, communication, and education continues through his two sons, John and Henry. Relocating to Dallas in 2006, ICR acquired a 5-acre campus with buildings suitable for administration, academics and research. Because they are located here in Dallas, we have been blessed to have various ICR faculty lead our Wednesday



night Creation Seminar. The speakers are the leading evangelical authorities in their field and have presented excellent material on each issue. Our attendance has increased each week with more than 150 people currently attending. The seminar will continue each Wednesday night from 7-8:15 PM through March 9. Each lecture is independent, so it's not too late to begin attending.

You Are Invited to a Children's Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon!

If you volunteer with RBC children or desire to, we want to honor you by serving you an appreciation lunch on Sunday, February 27, 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM. Through your service, we are able to have a ministry for our children!

During the luncheon, we will give you more tools to care for our infants – 2nd graders as well as simple tools to teach the children that God loves them and they can trust Him. Look forward to a delicious homemade meal, door prizes, and more insight into a child's heart. We'll see you then!

Annual Meeting Review

Meeting held on Sunday, Jan. 30

Attendance: 128 voting members

The following nominations were approved, as was the 2011 budget:

Nominating Committee

- Brian Coppinger
- Carolyn Owens

Board of Elders

- Gene Burrows
- David Higgins
- Scott Shaffer

Board of Deacons

- Karen Kennedy
- Jerry Piering
- Bob Porterfield
- Charlie Reibenstein

Finance Committee

- Jonathan Tarry

God's Provision: New Playground Equipment

Although we had dreamed of having new playground equipment, we never thought God would orchestrate it for us so soon. Several months ago many of you came to worship on Sunday and found the playground a disaster. That weekend a car had careened through the back fence, playground, and front fence, leaving a pummeled playground, shattered glass, and car parts in its wake. After the police came to investigate, they concluded the suspect was drinking and driving.

The following week, the person who crashed through the playground came to the church office and confessed his mistake. He was completely unhurt, but learned a valuable lesson. Through insurance money, we were able to purchase new playground equipment — thrilling the children and our neighborhood!



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