

### March 2009

### Set Your Clock Forward

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 8 at 2 AM. Set your clocks forward one hour Saturday night.

### Recertification Class for CPR

If you hold a current Red Cross CPR or AED certification card or one that expires this spring, then this class is for you. Both of these certifications need to be renewed annually. This training, taught by **Lauren Raikes**, will be held April 26, 12:00 PM – 4:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Lunch is provided. Contact **Kristen Raikes** to reserve your spot.

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Families with children, ages infant – 6th grade, are invited to the **Raikes'** home for an Easter celebration. April 4, 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM, families will come to fellowship and play on five acres of land, hear a story about our risen King, go on an egg hunt, and enjoy a cookout. Each family should bring a side dish to share.

Tenth Anniversary Celebration Sunday, May 31

Mark your calendars and save the date. On Sunday, May 31, we will commemorate ten years as a church family. With thankfulness and joyous celebration, we'll praise God for his faithfulness to us. In the Lord's grace, this day will be a "must-not-miss" event.

#### Linking us with the ministries of our church

# Redeemer Missions — Seeing the World Through Biblical Eyes

The month of March will have a distinct missions emphasis at Redeemer. From the kids to the adults, there will be something for everyone. God's work around the world will be presented in a variety of creative and meaningful ways throughout the month in unique worship services, meals, and times of fellowship. In God's grace everyone will be encouraged about the work

of missions and the role our church plays in taking the gospel to the nations.

#### Men's Breakfast, Saturday, March 7 at 8:00 AM

Men, you are warmly invited to attend our next breakfast in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 7. As always, we'll enjoy great fellowship, encouragement, a few laughs, and a tasty meal for the low price of three dollars. We'll also hear from our Redeemer missionary, Laci Kadar.

#### Worship Service, Sunday, March 8

We are grateful to have Laci Kadar as our guest preacher and hear about his ministry in Hungary. Uplifting music, handbells, Scripture and a men's quartet will help direct our hearts toward heaven.

#### All-Church Dinner on Saturday, March 14

On Saturday evening, you are invited to an all-church dinner beginning at 5:30 PM Our men's ministry will treat us to a hamburger cookout. We'll also hear from **Dr. Todd Bradley**, adjunct professor of world missions at Dallas Theological Seminary and teacher at Southern Bible Institute in Dallas. Dr. Bradley prepares students to minister to Jewish people in a variety of venues. He is a retired Colonel in the U.S. Air Force and has worked closely with both European, Arab, and Israeli governments. Dr. Bradley's topic on Saturday night will

be, "Seeing the Arab-Israeli Conflict Through Biblical Eyes." He plans to address the current issues in the Middle East and give us an update on what is happening in the church and how we might be able to pray for our brothers and sisters. There will also be a time for questions.

#### Missions Sunday, March 15

Our theme this year is prayer and missions. Dr. Bradley will continue his ministry on Sunday morning as our guest preacher. His sermon will be, "Seeing the World Through Biblical Eyes." During the ABF hour, electives will be offered to meet with our missionaries, Laci Kadar and Roger Doriot. In each elective the ministry update will focus on prayer and the impact that prayer has in the work of world evangelization. Our children and youth will also focus on missions and how they can be informed about and pray for our missionaries. In addition to our ABF hour and worship service, a reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the morning service and provide an opportunity to speak with our missionaries and those in our church who plan to attend a summer missions trip and pick up information from various agencies and other missions resources.

# In a Word

### Let's not forget

#### **Don Geiger, Senior Pastor**

On the weekend of Sunday, May 31, we will joyfully celebrate our tenth anniversary as a church. It all began when on Saturday evening, May 22, 1999, twenty-five of us met in the private dining room of what is now the Highland Park Cafeteria to discuss the possibility of establishing a Bible church in the White Rock area. On the following Saturday evening we met for our first worship service in the home of **Milvern and Aloha Harrell**. The rest, as they say, is history. How quickly the years have flown! Our anniversary celebration will include stories, pictures, testimonies, joyful worship, laughter, tears, and many precious memories of Redeemer faithful who are now with the Lord. They are all memorialized in our hearts; and many of them, through gifts you and others have given in their memory, are remembered in improvements to our God-given facilities that we might not otherwise have afforded. These are pictured below.

I am delighted to tell you of yet another memorial that weekly blesses so many. When we first occupied and began



The College and Career Classroom

remodeling our building, we knew a first-class, dependable elevator was a necessity, but we lacked the funds to purchase and install it. Until, that is, a substantial gift by a couple who wished to remain anonymous put it within our reach. We are now at liberty to dedicate the elevator in memory of **Carol Lyons** and in honor of both **Jack** and Carol. Until now I have privately called it *The Lyons Den!* Since Jack and Carol enjoyed the name, let's make it official.

The reality is that all those now with the Lord are memorialized both in our hearts and in our property because they all have enriched our lives and have contributed to the purchase, development, and maintenance of our God-given, beautiful facility.

Never noted for my spelling skills, many years ago in our first pastorate I ordered a memorial plaque, cast in bronze, for our new sanctuary. I proudly brought it home and showed it to **Alice**. I expected to hear, "Wow! That's great!" I heard, after a lengthy pause, "Don, how do you spell *Memoriam*? Not with a "u" I discovered!

The next time you savor a Redeemer hamburger, relax a few moments in *The Cove*, take a ride in *The Lyons Den*, enjoy the refreshing ambiance of the College and Career room, take a moment to remember and thank God for those so memorialized.

In a word, Let's not forget!



The Hamburger Harbor. If you can come up with a better name, we'll cook you a free hamburger.



The Lyons Den (aka the elevator)



The Cove

# Getting to Know You: Bob and Joan Kollmansberger

#### **Tommie Loveless**

Robert (Bob) and Joan Kollmansberger discovered early in their relationship that they both, as children, had lost their moms: Joan was five, and Bob was seven. They did not know each other as children, as Bob was born in Wakefield, Michigan, and Joan grew up in Dallas. Bob remembered: "Our family moved to Colorado, where my dad operated a dairy goat farm. After Mom died, Dad moved my two brothers and me to Mom's family's home in Wichita Falls, Texas, where I finished high school. I received my college degree from the University of Dallas." Joan grew up in Dallas, graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School and The University of Texas at Arlington.

"Interestingly," Joan shared, "My brother (my only sibling) and I were both born in April. He was born on Good Friday, and I was born on Easter Sunday!"

Bob and Joan met after finishing college, following Bob's time in the Marine Corps. Bob related, "I was working at Lone Star Gas in Dallas when I met a lovely young redhead named Joan Doleshal." Bob and Joan married and now have three grown children and nine grandchildren. Joan shared, "When the children were growing up, I was a full time homemaker. I also helped Bob with his business for over twelve years. I retired on December 31, after working ten years at a downtown law firm. I am now looking forward to being a part-time Nanny to our youngest grandson and his brother." After working for several corporations, Bob decided in 1996 to join Bill Ragsdale's accounting firm, where he has had a successful career for over twelve years.

Bob was raised and educated in a devout Catholic home. In 1974, he read *The Late Great Planet Earth* by Hal Lindsey. "I purchased a Bible and

researched several of the quotes I found in Lindsey's book. I realized that I had to choose the authenticity of God's Word as my source of authority. Consequently, in the summer of 1975, I asked God to accept me into His family and forgive my sins." Joan accepted Christ as her Savior at a Billy Graham

Crusade in Oklahoma City over 50 years ago. Bob and Joan came to Redeemer on Easter Sunday, which was the first Sunday Redeemer worshipped in its present location. Previously, they were members of Reinhardt Bible Church for many years. Currently, Bob is serving on our Finance Committee, and Joan is looking forward to being a back-up worker in the nursery.

Joan and Bob extend their appreciation for everyone's prayers related to her battle with cancer and acknowledge with great joy that God has recently shown His miraculous power and care in two special ways. First, Joan is currently cancer free. Second, their son, Mike, was one of the passengers on flight 1549, which successfully crash-landed in the Hudson River on January 15 ... *with no casualties!* 

### Scouts Serve

In January and February, Troop 48 hosted the White Rock Advance-O-Ree, helped with the Scouting for Food project and assisted in the worship service on Scout Sunday.



#### Advance-O-Ree January 31

- 15 different merit badge classes taught at Redeemer's facility
- Over 125 local scouts participated
- Our scouts hosted and served lunch to everyone
- "The church, lunch, and your troop are wonderful. Thank you for hosting us." — Daniel Akins, Boy Scouts White Rock District Executive

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#### Scout Sunday February 22

- Scouts greeted, ushered, led prayer, and recited scripture during the worship service
- Scouts and their mothers prepared a tasty spaghetti lunch in the fellowship hall as a fundraiser for yearly scouting expenses

#### Scouting for Food February 14 and 21

- Our scouts placed canned food collection bags at almost 500 homes
- Thousands of cans were delivered to the White Rock Center of Hope
- The collected food is distributed to local area needy families



# Kids' Corner

Our February theme in Pioneer Girls and at First Friday was — you guessed it — Valentines! Our First Friday fun night for the kids (date night for their parents!) featured a cupcake decorating contest and other Valentine's fun. The Pioneer Girls had their own Valentine party on February 11.



### Thank You, Scoutmaster Terry McCullar

**Terry McCullar** has faithfully completed almost three years of diligent, excellent service as Scoutmaster of Troop 4:8. His hard work, joy, and caring attitude in guiding the boys and



adult leaders is a good Christian witness and example for others to follow. Terry and his wife **Dawn** have helped their three sons, **Casey, Cody**, and **Cole** (a Troop 4:8 scout) become Eagle Scouts. Thankfully, Terry will continue to assist the troop as **David Tatom** and **Gordon Robinson** share the responsibilities of Scoutmaster. In looking back at the role of Scoutmaster, Terry said, "No one does it alone. It involves too much. It's a community effort. Redeemer is a really giving church." He is thankful for the help of the eight Assistant Scoutmasters who divide up specific tasks in guiding the boys. We thank the Lord for Terry's able leadership in Troop 4:8.

# Seasoned Saints

Great food. Warm fellowship. Informal atmosphere. These words help describe the environment of a typical Seasoned Saints luncheon. Last month our seniors were treated to a quiz and variety show featuring trivia and music from the 30s, 40s, 50s and 60s. Our Seasoned Saints also enjoy monthly game days, movie days, and the occasional outing. If you are fifty-five or older, there is something for you in the Seasoned Saints fellowship.

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