

Set Your Clocks Forward



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 13 at 2 AM. Set your clocks forward one hour Saturday night.

Who Knew?

New to Redeemer? New to the library? Already experiencing many happy returns there? Check out new titles by John Piper, Nancy Leigh DeMoss, Joel Rosenberg, and Erwin Lutzer. Also, discover Girls Gone Wise in a World Gone Wild and Things I Wish I'd Known Before We Got Married. Redeemer's library is filled with wonderful books. Turn off the TV and fill your mind with truth that will be truly helpful.



Missions Conference 2011: What in the World is God Doing?

Mark your calendars now for RBC's annual missions conference scheduled for March 25-27, and find out what the Lord is doing around the world and in our own "backyard." As always, we will provide several opportunities for you to meet RBC missionaries and introduce you to new ways to get involved. We will kick off the weekend on Friday with dinners for 8/9 in homes throughout Dallas to fellowship, learn more about the current state of world missions, and engage in a time of prayer for the conference and for those who represent Christ on our behalf locally and abroad. On Saturday night, come for a hamburger dinner provided by the men of Redeemer, followed by a message from founder of Gospel for Muslims, **Dr. Abraham Sarker**. Dr. Sarker was born and raised as a devout Muslim in Bangladesh and was being trained as an Islamic leader when he encountered the good news of Christ, and accepted Jesus as his Savior. God has since used him to lead Muslims to Christ, including members of his own family, who initially disowned him when he accepted Jesus. You will not want to miss Dr. Sarker as he shares his passion for reaching Muslims around the world with the gospel and how we too can understand and reach out to Muslim people! On Sunday morning we will have five missions-focused electives to choose from during the ABF hour. First, **Dave Owen**, President of Pacific Islands University, will update us with a first-hand report from Guam concerning life on campus, what the Lord is doing in the lives of the students there, and ways to pray for them. Second, Redeemer missionaries, **Jonathan and Barbara Baker** will share news from

Pachuca, Mexico and their journeys stateside. Third, a representative from **Voice of the Martyrs** will discuss the persecuted church

around the world and some ways we can get involved and help our brothers and sisters in Christ, who are faithfully serving the Savior in troubled times. Fourth, our own **Kristen Raikes** will share about her exciting partnership with OMF and their vision for ministry for the Shan people in Thailand. Fifth, former Muslim and current follower of Christ, **Safeeya Schnauffer** of Gospel for Muslims, will talk about how she came to Christ



Dr. Abraham Sarker

and her passion for sharing the good news of Jesus with Muslims.

Sunday morning will conclude with a message from Dave Owen, President of Pacific Islands University. Since 1976, PIU has been preparing men and women to serve Jesus Christ in Micronesia and throughout the world. The vision of PIU is to be a leader throughout Guam, Micronesia, and the Pacific Region in providing accessible, transformational and quality Christian higher education that will prepare men and women with a biblical worldview for leadership and service in life, work, and ministry in the global community and the church. PIU brings together students from many different countries and many religious denominations, so that no matter which "island" you come from, you can experience the many cultures of the world in a small-school environment where students, staff and faculty know each other and can develop close relationships. We are happy to have Dave back at Redeemer and we look forward to hearing from him during this year's conference.

From the Pastor's Pen

Heart Surgery and the Lord's Table

Doug Hornok, Senior Pastor

Dr. Samuel Weinstein is the chief pediatric cardiothoracic surgeon for the Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, New York. In May 2006, he traveled to El Salvador with Heart Care International in order to provide life-saving operations for needy children. Francisco Calderon Anthony Fernandez was an eight year old with a failing aortic valve that was to be replaced with his pulmonary valve and the pulmonary valve was replaced with an artificial valve.

Dr. Weinstein and his team began operating on Francisco's heart shortly before noon and twelve hours later the operation took a deadly turn. "The surgery had been going well, everything was working great, but he was bleeding a lot and they didn't have a lot of the medicines we would use to stop the bleeding," Weinstein said. "After a while, they said they couldn't give him blood because they were running out and he had a rare type." In fact, Francisco's blood type was B-negative, which only two percent of people have.

As it was, the only other person in the room with a blood-type of B-negative was Dr. Weinstein. Knowing what he had to do, he stepped down from the operating table as his colleagues continued their precision work; Dr. Weinstein set aside his scalpel, took off his gloves, and began washing his hands and forearms. Then, in the corner of an unfamiliar operating room, the prestigious doctor from one of the most advanced hospitals in the world sat down and gave away his own blood.

When he had given his pint, Dr. Weinstein drank some bottled water and ate a Pop-Tart. Then – 20 minutes after stepping away from the table – he rejoined his colleges. After watching

his own blood begin circulating into the boy's small veins, Dr. Weinstein completed the operation that saved Francisco's heart – and his life.

"It was a little bit surreal, Weinstein said. "We don't sleep a lot, we don't eat a lot, and we were working very hard, and here it was 11 o'clock at night and they hung my blood and he was getting my blood."

The patient, Francisco, came off the ventilator the next day and had some lunch with Weinstein and later returned to his home in El Salvador.

"His mother was very happy with me and she said to me, 'Does this mean that he's going to grow up and become an American doctor?'"

In a similar way, the blood of Jesus Christ provides for us another chance at life. Peter says *"For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect"* (1 Peter 1:18-19).

In my opinion, there is no higher, more meaningful or more important time of worship than our gathering around the Lord's Table to remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Jesus took from the last meaningful Passover two elements to remember Him. The bread would symbolize his body and the cup his blood. Our tradition at RBC is to observe this ordinance on the first Sunday of the month. Of all the Sunday's of the month, this one needs to be a priority. I encourage you to make it a priority of your worship and fellowship here at RBC.

Summer Missions Opportunities to Consider

It's that time of year again! It's time for you to consider participating in one of Redeemer's summer mission trips. Consider how the Lord might use you to minister to various people around the world in the areas of evangelism, discipleship, teaching, serving, and coaching. This summer we will be representing the Lord around the globe: Asia, Europe and Central America.

Asia

Journey to the Philippines with a group headed by **Dr. Larry Waters**, who has a long-standing relationship with missionaries there. You'll spend time in evangelism, discipleship and ministering to the needs of the locals.

Europe

A team will also head to the Word of Life campus in Hungary again, to partner with Redeemer-supported missionaries, **Laci and Szandra Kadar**. The team will help with the summer camp program teaching English and baseball skills to teenagers from all over the country. Many of the teens who attend have never heard the good news of Jesus Christ. Like

Dr. Waters's ministry with the group in the Philippines, this is a well-established ministry that thrives on the help they receive through short-term mission teams like ours.

Central America

Finally, there will also be a team headed to rural parts of Guatemala to install efficient wood-burning stoves to needy people in remote areas. These wood-burning stoves significantly decrease the toxic emissions from indoor fire pits that are typically used to cook family meals. In fact, these durable stoves also minimize smoke and burns, and reduce wood use by 70%, lowering the rate of deforestation. For the Mayan recipients, these stoves have been an invaluable addition to their homes and physical symbol of the love brought to them through caring Christians like you.

How to Participate

If you are interested in learning more about these summer missions trips, please contact **Paul Ramler**. There will be informational sessions to attend, so be on the lookout for details to follow in the weeks to come.

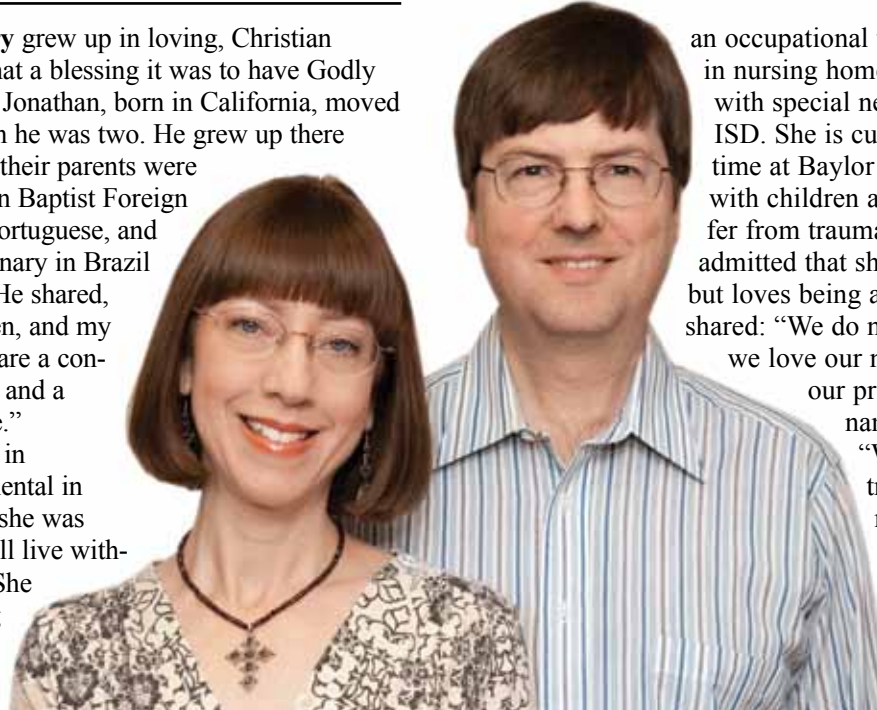
Getting to Know You: Jonathan and Kellie Tarry

Tommie Loveless

Jonathan and Kellie Tarry grew up in loving, Christian homes, and acknowledged what a blessing it was to have Godly parents and great childhoods! Jonathan, born in California, moved to Brazil with his family when he was two. He grew up there with his brother and sister, as their parents were missionaries with the Southern Baptist Foreign Board. Jonathan is fluent in Portuguese, and his sister is presently a missionary in Brazil to the Roma (gypsy) people. He shared, "I was saved when I was seven, and my parents' lives as missionaries are a constant reminder of God's grace and a continued influence in my life."

Kellie was born and raised in Dallas. Her mom was instrumental in leading her to the Lord when she was five. Her parents and sister still live within ten minutes of each other. She tells that she enjoyed working for ten years (concurrently with other jobs), with her mom and sister, in her dad's design firm.

Jonathan & Kellie earned their degrees in 1986; Jonathan, from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, with a major in Computer Sciences, and Kellie, from Austin College in Sherman, with a major in Psychology. In 1996, Kellie earned a Masters in Occupational Therapy, at Texas Woman's University. That is also the year she married Jonathan! Kellie explained, "We met at our former church in 1993 and married the same day I graduated, in 1996! Needless to say, I was really stressed, but in a good way!" Jonathan worked for years in information technology, but has been employed with Southwest Airlines, for the past five years, in their finance department. Kellie taught in a Montessori preschool for five years, and after becoming



an occupational therapist, she worked in nursing homes, as well as working with special needs children in the Allen ISD. She is currently working part-time at Baylor's Our Children's House with children and adolescents who suffer from traumatic brain injury. Kellie admitted that she is not very domestic, but loves being a homemaker. She then shared: "We do not have any children, but we love our nieces and nephews, and our precious little black kitty, name Mia!" She continued, "We rescued Mia from a traumatic situation, and nursed her back to health. She has brought us so much joy and laughter, and we are thankful that God's gifts come in many forms!" The Tarrys love to travel, and between the two of

them, they have visited most continents!

For years, Jonathan and Kellie were members of Bible Study Fellowship (BSF). Jonathan elaborated, "We both experienced significant spiritual growth in BSF. This in-depth Bible study opened my eyes to a new level of studying God's Word, and Kellie enjoyed being a discussion leader and a children's leader as well." The Tarrys have been members of Redeemer for almost seven years. He was recently voted on to the church finance committee for a second term, and Kellie is one of our enthusiastic greeters! They are also members of the Sojourners Adult Bible Study. **Redeemer is blessed — and thankful — to have such a dynamic young couple in our church family.**

An Evening for Young Families: March 20

On Sunday evening, March 20, young couples and young families are invited to attend a casual evening of connecting, fellowship and dessert from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. During this hour, Children's activities through fifth grade will be provided while parents and young couples meet to get to know one another and learn about many upcoming opportunities, including growth, care, and friendship. A small portion of the hour will be spent in prayer and worship as well. As the hour concludes, the kids will rejoin their family and enjoy dessert. All newly-married couples and parents with younger children (under the age of Jr. High) are encouraged to come and participate.

Do You Talk to Yourself?

Do you realize that the average person speaks between 250-300 words a minute to themselves? It's true! We evaluate everything we do, compare ourselves to others, and even call ourselves names. We disparage who we are instead of telling ourselves the truth about who God says we are.

Beginning on March 2, Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Class starts the seven week DVD series entitled, "Me, Myself, and Lies," a study dealing with our destructive, unrealistic, self-talk. The verse, "*Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer*" (Ps. 19:14) has much to say to each of us. For author and teacher, Jennifer Rothschild, the words are more than a beloved Scripture; they are a reflection of how she organizes her "thought closet."

Ladies, join us on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM as Ms. Jennifer Rothschild explores the power of self-talk, encouraging us to do a "thought-closet make-over," by teaching us to practice godly and biblical soul-talk.

April 3 is Scout Sunday

Our church family will be both edified and satisfied on April 3, as our own Troop 4:8 ministers to us during the morning and into the afternoon. The young men will serve through greeting, ushering, and reciting some of their scripture verses



in our worship service and afterward as they will prepare a tasty, spaghetti lunch, complete with a salad, bread, and dessert. This has been one of the yearly highlights for the scouts and our church family and it is also a chance for us to donate to our boy scouts to help fund their yearly activities. Plan on staying after



the morning worship for a hot meal and consider making an investment in lives of our boys in Troop 4:8.

Parents' Night Out

Parents' Night Out (formerly known as "First Friday") is a time children enjoy being together while their parents take the "Night Out!" We play games, learn about God's amazing creation, eat fun snacks, and enjoy playing together in a safe and fun environment.

Pictured: kids playing twister and one of our darling babies.



Seasoned Saints

Bible teacher J. Robertson McQuilkin was asked, "Why does God let us get old and weak?" McQuilkin replied, "I think God has planned the strength and beauty of youth to be physical. But the strength and beauty of old age is spiritual. We gradually lose the strength and beauty that is temporary so we'll be sure to concentrate on the strength and beauty that is forever. And so we'll be eager to leave the temporary, deteriorating part of us and be truly homesick for our eternal home. If we stayed young and strong and beautiful, we might never want to leave."

RBC is blessed with many seasoned saints. We want to assure you that we are here for you and count it a privilege to minister to your needs. Last month's Season Saints Luncheon was a wonderful time of fellowship and encouragement. **Glenn and Angie Clark** did a great job and we look forward to our next luncheon this summer. In the meantime, keep growing strong and beautiful!

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