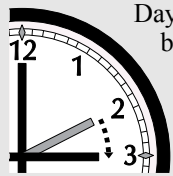


March 2012

Linking us with the ministries of our church

Set Your Clocks Forward



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 11 at 2 AM. Set your clocks forward one hour Saturday night.

Sermon Series

Sermon Series: 12 Healthy Attitudes for 2012

Mar. 4: Healthy Attitude Towards Forgiveness

Mar. 11: Healthy Attitude Towards Aging

Mar. 18: Healthy Attitude Towards Work and our Jobs

Mar. 25: Missions Conference

Next Month: Healthy Attitude toward Children and Parenting

April 1, Easter Sunday: Healthy Attitude toward Death

Flutes of the Spirit

On March 4 RBC will host The Flutes of the Spirit during our morning worship service. The Flutes of the Spirit is a group of Christian flutists who delight in serving God with their music. Now in its twelfth year, the members range in age from high school students to senior citizens. Their diverse vocations include business, teaching, lab technician and mothering small children and grandchildren. They have played in hospitals, senior citizen homes, prisons, for weddings, funerals, club organizations, as well as in churches that honor Jesus Christ.

2012 Missions Conference

Involvement in missions is possible for all of us

Redeemer's annual Missions Conference will encourage each of us to get involved in God's work here in Dallas and around the world.

Two keynote speakers will challenge us to get out of our comfort zones:

Celestin Musekura, president and

founder of Dallas-based African Leadership and Reconciliation Ministries, will speak at the special missions service on Saturday evening, March 24. Celestin, previously a pastor from Rwanda, lost many members of his family and church

in the tragic genocide that took the lives of more than 1 million people in his home country during the 1990s. He later earned master's and doctorate degrees from Dallas Theological Seminary and began a thriving ministry that focuses on reconciliation and forgiveness, leadership development, and community transformation in eight countries

in east and central Africa. Among many other ministries, ALARM trains pastors from countries such as Congo, South Sudan, Uganda and Rwanda. He will speak about what our response as Christians should be to global human needs.

Laci Kadar, of Word of Life Hungary,

will be the guest speaker during the morning worship service on Sunday, March 25. Laci and his wife, Szandra, were members at Redeemer during the years that he attended Dallas Theological Seminary. Laci

began his association with WOL in 1991 as a camp counselor and joined the staff full time in 1995 as director of a camping ministry that serves about 1,000 children each summer. The camp uses sports and language instruction to reach Hungarian youth with



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At a glance

Friday evening, March 23: Dinners for eight or nine. Watch for opportunities to sign up for an evening meal at a home.

Saturday, March 24: Dinner in the Fellowship Hall begins at 5:30 PM. Watch for opportunities to sign up for the meal. At 7 PM, Celestin Musekura speaks in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, March 25: During the 9:15 AM hour, choose to attend a class featuring ministries such as ALARM, Word of Life, Pacific Islands University, Voice of the Martyrs, Asian Christian Academy or Vision 2025. Redeemer missionary Laci Kadar will speak during the morning worship service, which begins at 10:30 AM.

From the Pastor's Pen

Accepted in the Beloved

Doug Hornok, Senior Pastor

"He hath made us accepted in the beloved" (Eph. 1:6 KJV).

Years ago the great Bible teacher Harry A. Ironside was preaching in the small town of Roosevelt, Washington, on the north bank of the Columbia River. He was the guest of friends who were sheep-raisers. It was lambing time and every morning Dr. Ironside along with his guests went to see the hundreds of lambs playing on the green hillside. One morning Dr. Ironside was startled to see an old ewe loping across the road, followed by the strangest looking lamb. It apparently had six legs, and the last two were hanging helpless as though paralyzed. The skin seemed to be partially torn from its body in a way that made the little lamb look as though it were suffering terribly.

Dr. Ironside inquired of his host why the lamb looked so different and the mystery was quickly explained. That lamb did not originally belong to that ewe. She had a lamb which was bitten by a rattlesnake and died. This lamb that I saw was an orphan and needed a mother's care. At first the bereft ewe refused to have anything to do with it. She sniffed at it when it was brought to her, then pushed it away, saying as plainly as a sheep could say it, "This is not our family odor!" So the herders skinned the lamb that had died and very carefully drew the fleece over the living lamb. This left the hind-leg covering dragging loose. When covered, the lamb was brought again to

the ewe. She smelled it once more and this time seemed thoroughly satisfied and adopted it as her own.

Dr. Ironside suggested that this is a beautiful picture of the grace of God to the sinner. We are all outcasts and have no claim upon His love. But God's own Son, the "*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the World,*" has died for us and now we who believe are dressed up in the fleece of the Lamb who died. Thus, God has accepted us in Him, and "*there is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.*" We are as dear to the heart of the Father as His own holy, spotless Son.

The hymn-writer was correct when he wrote:

*"So dear, so very dear to God,
More dear I cannot be:
The love wherewith He loves His Son,
Such is His love to me.
So near, so very near to God,
Nearer I could not be,
For in the person of His Son,
I am as near as He."*

As we approach our missions weekend at the end of this month (March 23-25), may I remind us all that our task is to share the good news that brings people who are orphaned into God's family. Those outside can be brought inside by trusting in Jesus Christ's death and resurrection for them. That truth ought to cause us to be grateful because we are accepted and motivate us to tell others.

Bert Howard — Pastor of Assimilation

On Sunday, February 5, **Pastor Hornok** announced the hiring of **Bert Howard** for the position of Pastor of Assimilation. For several months, Pastor Hornok and the Elders have discussed filling this position and we believe God has brought the ideal person to fill this role. Bert will provide direction, administration, and oversight of small group ministries, including ABF's and leadership development in the areas of outreach and missions.

Bert's responsibilities will include:

- Direct and oversee the Small Group Ministries in planning and executing all the functions that are essential to a viable and dynamic small group ministry.
- Raise up leadership by identifying potential Small Group Leaders.
- Implement leadership development through informal and formal means.
- Research and provide resources for new small group leaders.
- Lead and guide in the assimilation of new and regular attendees to the church.
- Work with the Missions Leadership Team to coordinate and execute the Missions Policy and programs of RBC and to enhance communication and cooperation between missionaries and RBC.
- Work in close association with the Senior Pastor in developing and implementing a strategy for outreach and growth.
- Work in close association with the entire staff to build and maintain a strong team environment among our staff and

complete the work necessary to fully serve and support the ministries and events of Redeemer Bible Church.

- Attend regular staff meetings and participate in additional meetings when requested to do so.
- Cooperate with the Senior Pastor by performing any other duties as requested.

We are very excited about having the Howards on staff at RBC. You'll find them featured in the "Getting to Know You" section of this *LINK*.



Getting to Know You: Bert and Bing Howard Family

Tommie Loveless

“Welcome Aboard,” is a greeting that no doubt sounds very familiar to **Bert**, a retired U.S. Navy Commander and Aviator, who served for 23 years, 18 of those outside the Continental United States. However, this greeting comes stateside, from the Redeemer family, as Bert has recently joined the church staff, in the role of Pastor of Assimilation. Bert brings with him **Bing** — his lovely wife of over 22 years — and his two sons, **Brian** 19, who is pursuing an engineering degree at Auburn University, as a Navy ROTC candidate, and **Elijah**, 14, a high school freshman.

Bert shared, “Bing home-schooled both of the guys through high school, when we lived abroad in Hawaii, Japan, the Kingdom of Bahrain, and Texas. Bing’s mother, **Lolita Reyes** also lives with us.” He continued, “‘Cowboy,’ an Australian Shepherd, and two cats from Bahrain, ‘Boots’ and ‘Gentle,’ make our family complete!”

The second of three sons, Bert was born in Alabama to a military family. Bing, the fifth of seven children, was born and raised in Manila, the Republic of the Philippines, to a musically gifted family. Bert admitted, “I fell head over hills in love with Bing, who was singing as part of the Gems Family Show Band that was headlining at the world famous Naval Air Station Cubi Point Officer’s Club.” Following a year-and-a-half international, storybook romance, they were married! Bert jokes that all of his promotions in the Navy were because he was the “guy who married Bing!”



Bert graduated with a Business Administration degree from the College of Charleston, in South Carolina, and is currently pursuing his ThM (Pastoral Track), at Dallas Theological Seminary. Bing studied at the University of Maryland (Asian Division), and is continuing her education online, in order to earn a degree in Social Work, with an emphasis on Gerontology. Bing is a self-taught, website developer and internet marketer, whose efforts have been recognized by the US Government Small Business Administration, as the 2009 Home Based Champion, in the Corpus Christi and Rio Grande Valley areas.

Regarding their Christian faith, Bert explained, “Both I and Bing were ‘unchurched’ and came to Christ as adults.” He continued, “Listening to the Word of God, preached by a US Navy Chaplain, was responsible for my decision to trust Christ, in 1995. Bing was led to the Lord sixteen months later, by the chaplain’s wife.” Pastor Hornok’s twin brother Dan, was the person who encouraged *that Chaplain* to enter the Navy! Faithfully serving in the areas of small groups and outreach roles, the Howards ministered to military chapel communities in Hawaii, Texas, Japan, the Kingdom of Bahrain, and the Philippines. They joined Redeemer in October, 2011, and are excited about how the Lord will continue to use them in these and other areas. **Bert & Bing, Redeemer is also thankful and excited to begin serving under your direction, and we consider it a blessing to have you in our church family.**

Mark Your Calendar for Scout Sunday, March 18

Mark your calendars! Scout Sunday is coming on March 18! Headed by **Cameron Shaffer** and **Will Pecena** (Troop Chaplain and Chaplains’ Aid), this day is an opportunity for Scouts to give back to the Church while being visible to those unfamiliar with the Scouting program. Immediately after the Sunday morning service we will hold our once-a-year Spaghetti Luncheon fundraiser! Spaghetti with meat sauce, green garden salad, hot buttered garlic bread and a homemade dessert are on the menu. Proceeds from the fundraiser go to defer the rising costs of the program, camp fund assistance and equipment replacement.

BSA Troop 4:8 (from Philippians 4:8) was chartered by Redeemer Bible Church in 2002. As we enter our tenth year as a Unit, some may ask why our church sponsors a Boy Scout Troop. Troop 4:8 was started as an outreach and extension of the Redeemer Youth Program. Scouting has the ability to bring in boys and families from diverse backgrounds (both church and un-churched). Our Troop is currently the only actively



evangelical-sponsored Troop in the Tejas-Caddo District! We offer an opportunity for young men age 11-18 to strengthen their understanding of Our Lord (through the conservative evangelical viewpoint), understand their duty to our great country, and strengthen personal character through an outdoor program.

Troop 4:8 currently has a strong core of 19 boys. Youth Pastor **Jeremiah Baak** (the Troops’ new Chartered Organization Executive Director), has created a symbiotic relationship between the Wednesday evening Youth Bible Study and the Scout Unit. Since the meetings are scheduled back-to-back, young men come for the Bible Study and *stay* for Scouts...or boys *come early* for Scouts and get involved with the Bible Study, benefiting both groups and strengthening the spiritual direction of the Troop.

Once again, mark your calendar for Scout Sunday, and please stay for the Spaghetti Luncheon fundraiser! If you have any questions about Redeemer’s Scouting program, activities, or meeting times, please talk to **Gordon Robinson** or **David Tatom**. We are always seeking committed adults to be part of the program. Just ask how you can help!

Welcome, New Members



Jimmie Kennedy



Jane Mitchell



Allen Sandlin

Eggstravaganza

Join us for our seventh annual **Eggstravaganza** on Saturday, March 31 from 3-6 PM at the Raikes' Ranch in Mesquite. Bring your neighbors, friends, children and grandchildren! Enjoy the great outdoors, a tractor ride, cook-out, egg hunt, bounce house, and fellowship with your Redeemer family as we celebrate our Savior and His resurrection! Please bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on and a side dish to share.



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the love and good news of Jesus Christ. Redeemer supports the Kadars and sends teams to assist in summer camping ministries. Laci also teaches Bible at the WOL Bible Institute. He will speak about the mission that God gave to Israel on Mount Sinai and its implications for believers.

Smaller groups

The Missions Conference also will offer opportunities to gather in smaller groups to learn more about and pray for ministries and missionaries.

On **Friday evening**, we have the chance to meet at homes to discuss missions and spend time in prayer. Watch for opportunities to sign up for a dinner for eight or nine.

On **Sunday morning**, we can choose to attend classes beginning at 9:15 AM to hear presentations about ministries such as ALARM, Word of Life, Pacific Islands University, Voice of the Martyrs, Asian Christian Academy and Vision 2025.

Special projects

During the conference, we will also raise money for two special projects:

- **A motorcycle for Kristen Raikes**, who grew up at Redeemer, served as our director of children's ministries and now is a missionary in Thailand. When she finishes language school this spring, Kristen will move to northern Thailand and will need transportation.
- **Camp scholarships at Word of Life**. Many Hungarian youth can't afford to attend camp, and scholarships give many the opportunity to hear the Word of God.

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