

April 2006

Linking us with the ministries of our church

Set Your Clock Forward



Old-Time Gospel Sing On April 30

Plan to attend Redeemer's Old-Time Gospel Sing, Sunday evening, April 30 at 6:00 PM. You must not miss this music-filled celebration, which includes your favorite gospel songs performed by soloists, duets, trios, quartets and the choir all accompanied by a live band and Eunice Tavaglione. With the piano set center-stage and surrounded by the singers and players, this homecoming-style sing will provide an uninterrupted flow of music and singing. Not only will you hear great music, but you'll sing along. From the fun, toe-tappin' melodies to the quiet and heartfelt classics, this evening will be a highlight of the Redeemer year. This gospel sing is being sponsored in part by Redeemer's Women's Fellowship. "We want the whole church to enjoy an event like this," said Alice Geiger. Come and enjoy!

Holy Week at Redeemer

April 9 kicks off a week of special events at Redeemer designed to remind us of our Lord's unique life, death and resurrection. **Pastor Geiger** will be telling the story of Jesus in three messages, beginning this Sunday, April 2. Come and bring your family and friends to these uplifting and friendly services.

Palm Sunday, April 9

Children waving palm branches will warm your heart and lead you to give your best 'Hosanna!' to the Lord. Redeemer's children's choir, Jubilee, will present two songs that remind us that Jesus is able to meet our need for salvation and is worthy of praise. The children will also join with the adult choir in singing *Hosanna to the King*.

Good Friday, April 14

Quiet, reflective, and moving, our Good Friday service will be on Friday, April 14 at 7:00 PM. A selection of hymns, songs, scripture and narration woven together will provide a seamless flow of reverent worship culminating in a unique celebration of the Lord's table.

Easter Sunday, April 16

We'll remember our Lord's glorious resurrection on Sunday, April 16, at 10:30 AM. This triumphant celebration will use piano, organ, instruments and choir to help give our praise to the Lord. A mass choir will lead us in singing *I know that my Redeemer lives!* Pastor Geiger will deliver a timely and encouraging resurrection message. Bring your family, friends and neighbors.

Baby Bottles for Life Project

Unplanned pregnancies are a reality for many women. Sponsored by Women's Fellowship, Redeemer is promoting the *Baby Bottles for Life* campaign to help support the ministry of the **Dallas Pregnancy Resource Center**, where women in this crisis situation can find Christian love, medical and spiritual support, and where they are encouraged to choose God's gift of life for their unborn child. The money raised in this campaign goes directly to the DPRC to help provide free services — counseling, pregnancy testing, childbirth classes, material and medical assistance, and spiritual mentoring. **Beth Allen** (pictured) is the Nurse Supervisor at the recently opened West Dallas Pregnancy Center.

Redeemer families recently took 200 bottles to fill with spare change, currency, and checks. Let's fill those bottles and

return them to the baby buggy (pictured) in the lobby by Mother's Day (May 14).



In a Word

If it's there, do it!

Don Geiger, Senior Pastor

For many years we heard and read about a charming town near a mysterious lake in east Texas. For all those years we said, "Some day we've got to visit Jefferson and Caddo Lake." Finally, needing to take a break and slow down a bit, we heeded a saying on my study wall: **If it's there, do it!** So we did it. Since we enjoy small towns and roads less traveled, we began the "slow down" part by heading east on highway 276 to Quinlan and Tawakoni, then 69 to Alba, and 154 to Gilmer, Diana, and Harletan. Lunch at a local Mexican café was small-town relaxed and delicious. After those earlier welcome rains, the east Texas countryside was at its springtime best - clean and green, with the promise of bluebonnets and Indian paint brushes to come. Highways 2208 and 59 took us on to Jefferson, which, as several of you have described, is charming and historic, and which embraces its storied past while continuing to thrive. Our Jefferson home for two nights, the McKay House, was built in 1850 and was renovated as a bed-and-breakfast by our own **Tom and Peggy Taylor**. Its squeaky pine floors, high ceilings (14'), and beautiful-but-sturdy 19th century furniture and décor all worked their magic. A delicious dinner and evening stroll through nearby downtown made our day complete.

We spent the next day on and around Caddo Lake, the only natural lake in Texas. One hundred years ago large steam-powered paddle wheel vessels carried cotton, grain, and other commercial cargo from Caddo Lake down navigable rivers all the way to New Orleans. Today the lake is shallow and filled with

large Spanish moss-laden cypress trees, a true fisherman's paradise. The day's highlight was a cruise through the cypress forest on an authentic wood-fueled, steam-powered paddle wheeler, its only sound the soothing, rhythmic *shush* of releasing steam. Our transport to a slower, more relaxed time was complete. A second quiet night was punctuated only by the soothing rumble of passing freight trains. A gourmet breakfast, five more highways, and ten more towns, and we were home again, relaxed, refreshed and *rarin'* to go.

My purpose in telling you all this is not to entice you to visit Jefferson, though it really is a trip worth taking (so much more to see and do than I described). My two points are suggested in the preceding paragraphs. If you get them before reading on, I'll buy you a cold drink or a cup of coffee.

The first and most obvious point concerns that special event or trip you've always talked about, wanted to take, the one that's worth doing and within your means. Do it! Take it! Set a time, make your plans, save your money. If it's there to be done, do it. Let's not have John Greenleaf Whittier's poignant words be true of us: "For all sad words of tongue and pen, The saddest are these: it might have been." *If it's there, do it!*

The second is often related to the first: It concerns staying fresh for the long haul. The pressures of our fast-paced, high-stress times require many to work longer hours under more stress than ever before. Spiritual, emotional, and physical burn-out happens when we work too hard, under too much stress, for too a long a period. Taking a break and unloading the stress, whether for a few days or a few hours, go a long way in helping us stay fresh for the long haul. More about that next month.

Meanwhile, I'd enjoy a cup of coffee or a Coke with you, whether or not you guessed my points. Just give me a call.

In a word, if it's there, do it! It'll help keep you fresh for the long haul.

Thank You, Jerry Loveless and Paul Ramler

From our beginning as a church, two of our highest priorities have been our commitments to world missions and to our youth. Through the godly, able leadership of **Jerry Loveless** in missions and **Paul Ramler** in Boy Scouts, both missions and scouting are strong and growing. Jerry, a charter member and elder from our inception, led the Missions Leadership Team in developing our missions policies, then in establishing and developing a ministry that now supports ten missionary families and actively involves many Redeemer members in a variety of ways. As Scoutmaster for the past four years, Paul has developed Troop 48 into one of the stronger troops in the Metroplex.

Later this month Jerry will retire as chairman of the Missions Leadership Team, and Paul will assume that responsibility. They have been working together to effect a smooth transition. **Terry McCullar** will become Scoutmaster of the troop. Thank you, Jerry and Paul, for your selfless, sacrificial, effective leadership! We will continue to pray for you, Jerry, Paul, and Terry, as you continue to serve the Lord at Redeemer.



Getting to Know You: Phyllis Tatom

Tommie Loveless

God has graciously gifted everyone, but especially **Phyllis Neal Tatom**! Those who know Phyllis testify to what an excellent and dedicated Christian, mother, grandmother, teacher, artist, and friend she is, just to mention a few of her qualities. This is evidenced by her family, which includes three children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. **Charles Tatom**, her husband of 31 years, went home to be with the Lord almost 25 years ago. Phyllis still misses him and lives in their home. She shared, "I am blessed to have lived in this house for 47 years! I like to work in the yard, and the neighborhood is peaceful and nice. It is also very close to the church."

Phyllis grew up in Honey Grove, Texas, born to **Browning and Texie Neal**, along with two brothers and one sister. She graduated from the local high school, and later from Texas State College for Women, now known as Texas Women's University, (TWU).

Phyllis shared that she grew up in a Christian home and attended the First Baptist Church. She exclaimed, "I walked the isle at an open air, tabernacle revival, when I was six years old, and was baptized. However, twenty-one years later, at Reinhardt Bible Church, I realized I was not a "born again Christian", and I told the Lord that night I truly loved Him

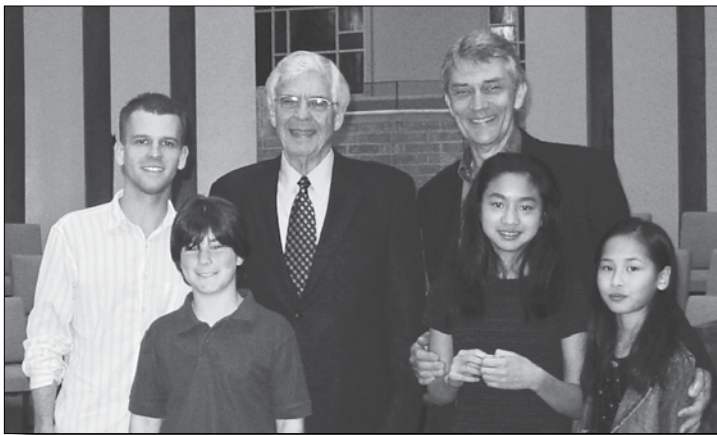


and wanted to live the rest of my life for Him. Phyllis added, "I believe I began to grow as a Christian through the wonderful teachers we had in the Women's Bible Studies."

Phyllis reported, "I have had the privilege of teaching Pre-K children at Richland Bible Fellowship Church, in Richardson, for the past fourteen years. I not only get to teach the children in my class the basic tools for learning, but they learn a memory verse each week. They also hear Bible stories and learn what they have to do to become a Christian! I grow along with them!" Phyllis continued, "I began my teaching career in Lockhart, and Dallas, Texas, teaching art. I also was pleased to help start the kindergarten at Scofield Memorial Church, where I taught for over seven years."

Phyllis loves beautiful things of nature and worked at the Dallas Arboretum for three years, as the Volunteer Coordinator. She exhibited a couple of her paintings in the recent Redeemer Art Show. She also helps lead Redeemer's GriefShare ministry. She loves to worship at the church with her son, **David** and his family, **Ginny** and **Nathaniel**. Phyllis, a charter member of Redeemer, is loved and respected by all who know her.

Four Baptized on March 19



On March 19, we celebrated the baptism of **Brandon Comstock**, **Creyton Chapman**, and **Helene** and **Hannah Regier**

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Men's Retreat This Month

Male reader, are you a "real man"? If you'd like to spend some time with other guys who want to be real men, plan on attending our retreat April 21-23. From Scripture and the insights of three aspiring real men (**Pastor Geiger**, **Josh Bailey** and **Tony Gomillion**) we'll learn that real men take it S.L.O: they serve, lead and open up. Lots of laughs, a bit of fishing, some good food, and perhaps a new friendship await you in Bridgeport. Call the office to sign up. Are you a real man?

Senior Outing

On March 5, the Seasoned Saints enjoyed a fun, musical outing to the Eisemann Center to hear the Richardson Community Band.



Welcome, New Members!



Dick and Willene Baxter



Brian Copping



Edith Hodson



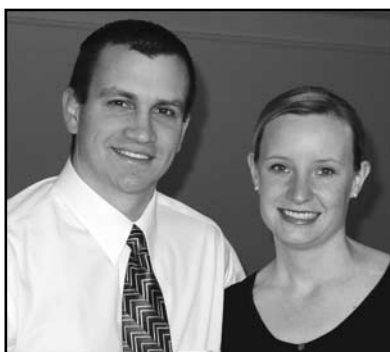
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