

April 2008

Linking us with the ministries of our church

Work Day

Attention all volunteers! We need everyone's help on Saturday, May 17 from 8 am – 2 pm to do spring cleaning inside and outside the church facility. Lunch will be provided. ABF classrooms need a little extra cleaning, and there is plenty of work outdoors. Watch the worship bulletin to sign up to volunteer for specific tasks.

Midweek Schedule

May 21 is our last regular Midweek meal, A Closer Walk Study, Girls of Grace, Cub Scouts, Jubilee Choir, and Youth Midweek. Our regular Midweek activities will resume on September 10. Prayer Meeting and Adult Choir will continue through the summer.

Geiger Island Family Camp

Interested in camping at its very best? Families and singles over 18 are invited to enjoy one or two weeks of Geiger Island Family Camp June 7-21 on Dale Hollow Lake in Tennessee. This memorable trip provides great times of fellowship with campfires, singing, tasty meals, a variety of water activities, and lots of other fun. Information sheets are available in the lobby. For more information call **Byron Donaho** at 972.270.0354.

Gospel Sing, April 20

Plan to attend Redeemer's Gospel sing on Sunday evening, April 20 at 6:00 PM. You must not miss this music-filled celebration, which includes some of your favorite gospel songs performed by soloists, duets, trios, quartets, and the choir all accompanied by a live band featuring our own **Eunice Tavaglione**. The evening will have something for everyone as we enjoy an uninterrupted flow of



music and singing. Not only will it be fun to listen, but you'll get to sing along. From the fun, toe-tappin' melodies to the quiet classics, and even a surprise or two, this night will be a highlight of our spring. After the hour-long program, the Women's Fellowship will provide refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Come and bring your family and friends to our Gospel Sing!

Men's Retreat, April 25-26

Men, it's time to make a trek ... and an investment in the future of our church and in God's kingdom. Our annual retreat is just three weeks away: **Friday, April 25 – Sunday, April 27**. Are you signed up?

During our much-anticipated getaway to Bridgeport Lake, we will once again enjoy heaps of laughter, fishing, games, quality food, reflection, recreation, and spiritual challenge. This year our pastors will encourage us to be **Bridge Builders** by sharing from God's Word how to **anchor, build** and **check** our friendships with other men. Who among us doesn't need some insight into the ABCs of good friendship? Do you think God will bless your effort to gain some skill in your friendships with other men... in your family, at work, in the church, in your neighborhood?

You bet He will! In His grace, God might even give you insight about how these ABCs of bridge-building apply to your relationships with your spouse, a sibling, a child, a grandchild, or friend-to-be. Be assured: God has something good for you at Bridgeport.



The cost for one night (Friday or Saturday) is \$55. The cost for both nights is \$85. (Scholarships are available, so don't let money keep you away.) If you'd like a ride, or just want to save gas, many of us will be carpooling, so pass along your needs

when you sign up. Our families, church, and community need men who are passionate for God and His work. Spend some time at Bridgeport this month becoming that kind of man. You'll be glad you did.

In a Word

Express it in a word!

Don Geiger, Senior Pastor

Over the years a collection of sayings has woven its way into the fabric of our family. Eventually, and I suppose inevitably, they began cropping up in my sermons and lessons. Some came directly or indirectly from Scripture; others were borrowed; yet others just happened. For the most part they were the result of our attempts to instill certain character traits into our children. The first saying to take root, as I recall, was *It's Good for Your Character!* Doubtless an encouragement to reluctant youngsters to complete unwelcome tasks and to accept the difficulties of life. Of course, it wasn't long before the younger generation caught on that their elders needed to be reminded of things that were good for their characters as well. For decades these sayings have served as gentle daily reminders to us all, young and old alike. They remind us of who and what, by God's grace, we aspire to be. One by one they found their way, beautifully calligraphed by Sue Bohlin, to my study wall where I see them almost every day. They now also hang on the walls in the homes of our four children and are finding their way into the minds and hearts of our grandchildren. They also regularly return in unexpected ways from folks we have not seen or heard from for many years.

There's nothing quite like a brief, pithy, memorable saying to remind us at critical times of who we are and to what we are committed. That is why the Bible — especially the book of Proverbs — is filled with, well, proverbs. For instance, *A merry heart doeth good like a medicine* (Proverbs 17:22). So much in so few words. Proverbs 25:11 says it so well:

*A word aptly spoken (or remembered)
is like apples of gold in settings of silver.*

I have chosen this subject for the April *In a Word* both to share these sayings, most of which are not original with us, and to encourage you to develop or discover sayings that define and describe you and your family. Over the years we have found that they not only guide us individually, but they also serve to unite us as a family. I think you'll find that true in your family, as well. Here are ours as they are pictured on my study wall.

Predecide

It's Always Too Soon to Quit

Passion With Gradualness

Live According to Scripture

Be as Drastic as Necessary

Keep Your Options Open

Kid Up

Don't Say No if You Mean Yes

Don't Beat the Sheep

Live With What Is

Never Doubt in the Dark

What God Has Shown You in the Light

If It's There, Do It

Follow Your Good Impulses

Take the Long View

Love the People and Stay Put

In a word, express it in a word!

What a Missions Month!

Last month we were reminded in fresh and exciting ways about Redeemer's desire to have God known and praised worldwide. **Dr. Joy George**, our missionary to India, spoke at our men's breakfast on Saturday, March 18, encouraging them with what God is doing at the Asian Christian Academy. The next day during ABF hour, Dr. Pat Cate helped us better understand how our Muslim neighbors view the world. In that Sunday's worship service we sat down (via videoconference) with the **Kadar family** in their living room to hear about how things are going in Hungary. How cool was that?!

Equally exciting was the next Sunday, March 16: Missions Sunday. Dr. George, **Dr. Larry Waters**, and others gave us inspiring glimpses of missions during the ABF hour, followed by a moving missions-focused



worship service. We marked on that same day the “grand opening” of our missions resource room, which hosts pictures from our missionaries, flags from their countries, solid books on missions, and much, much more. If you have not yet visited this

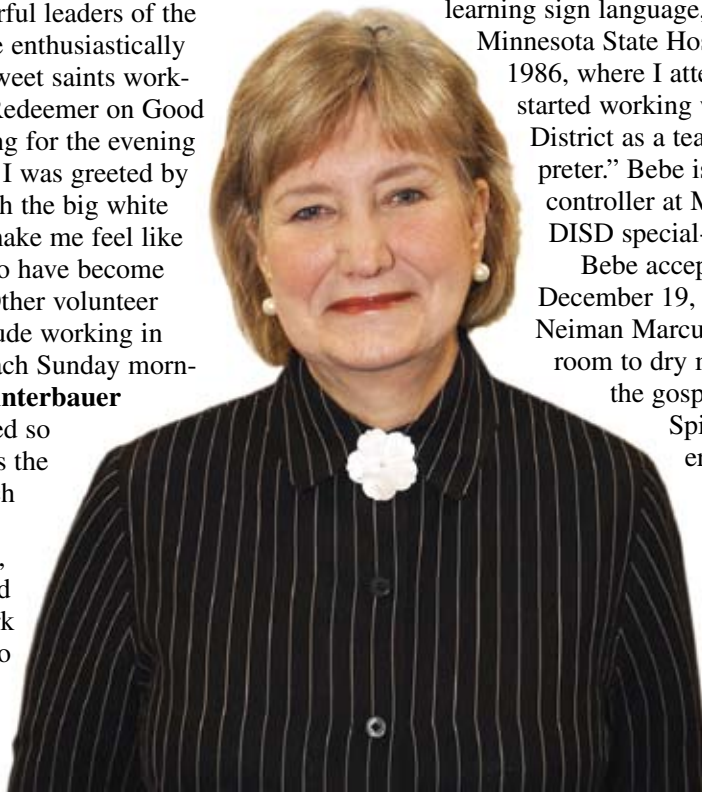
room, check it out. About 15 folks from our church family will soon be using the room as they work through a three-month *Vision for the Nations* study during the ABF hour on Sunday mornings. Please pray that God would use this course to change them, our church, and the world for His glory.

Thank you for your ongoing participation in our grand endeavor of spreading abroad the glory of our great God. And thank you, Missions Leadership Team, for helping us do so in such a moving way last month.

Getting to Know You: Betty "Bebe" Kennedy

Tommie Loveless

Many in the Redeemer family know **Bebe Kennedy** because she is one of the warm and wonderful leaders of the Redeemer Greeting Ministry. Bebe enthusiastically related, "I have a great bunch of sweet saints working with me. When I first visited Redeemer on Good Friday, 2001, Redeemer was renting for the evening what is now our church sanctuary. I was greeted by **Jan Jones**, and as I walked through the big white doors, there was **Lillian Rees** to make me feel like one of the family! I am so happy to have become a part of this outreach ministry." Other volunteer ministries which Bebe enjoys include working in the nursery during the first hour each Sunday morning. "I love working with **Beth Winterbauer** and **Carolyn Owens**. I have learned so much from them." Bebe also cooks the Wednesday evening meal once each month. She started last September and said that after praying about it, she called Tony to volunteer. "I had perfect peace about this, and I work with a remarkable team." Bebe also volunteers at White Rock Center of Hope one Saturday each month with **Ninva Barkham** and the others on the Redeemer team.



Bebe attended St Paul Sign Language School in Minnesota, learning sign language, and was employed part-time at the Minnesota State Hospital. "I decided to move to Texas in 1986, where I attended Dallas Community College. I started working with the Dallas Independent School District as a teacher's aide and sign language interpreter." Bebe is now a high school registrar/data controller at Multiple Careers Magnet Center, a DISD special-needs school.

Bebe accepted Christ as her Savior on December 19, 1967 on the back stairwell of Neiman Marcus. "I was crying and ran to the restroom to dry my tears. The next day I presented the gospel to my family, using the Four Spiritual Laws. In time my sister, brother, and mother became Christians."

My grown children and five grandchildren live in Katy, Texas, so, being single (except for my twenty-pound cat Laundry, who thinks he is a dog) I have looked to our pastors for spiritual growth. I am grateful to them and so many of my friends I have loved and appreciated along my spiritual journey."

Recent Highlights



February 24:
Variety Show



March 16:
Missions
Sunday



March 22: Easter
Eggstravaganza



Joe Waters Honored at Reilly

Joe Waters recently received the Life Membership Award from the Parent Teachers Association at Martha Turner Reilly Elementary School. She has been a volunteer tutor at the school for over 10 years. Once a week, Joe works with three to four kindergarten students, reinforcing their regular lesson plans. She became acquainted with the school and its needs through her role as head of the Children's Department at White Rock Center of Hope. At the center, Joe works with several area schools meeting the daily needs of children — a pair of shoes, a jacket — and also providing new toys and books for children at Christmas. Last year new toys and books were given to over 989 children. Joe Waters is making a difference in the lives of children and we join Martha Turner Reilly in honoring her.



Coffee House at One Year



Open for just over a year, things are percolating in our midweek college & career coffee house ministry. And God is brewing more on Wednesdays than just coffee!

About two dozen late-teens and twenty-somethings gather each week in a safe (physically, emotionally, and spiritually) environment to share life. They laugh, lament their schoolwork, discuss God, confess their fears, share their dreams, and more. Did *you* have dependable, caring peers to

meet with each week at this stage in *your* life? Through these relationships, God is brewing character, encouragement, compassion, and vision.

Along with the best coffee Kroger has to offer, God is also brewing up an old-fashioned good time. Attendees are treated to a varying and engaging slate of activities each week. In addition to regular “hang out” nights, they recently enjoyed BINGO night, open microphone night, Valentine karaoke, gameshow night, Irish night, comedy night, and live jazz. The knowledge that they will have *something* to enjoy with *someone* they know keeps them coming back.

The college & career folks invite you to drop by the Oasis from 9:00 to 11:00 PM some Wednesday for a cup of coffee, a game of shuffleboard, and a story or two. Each Wednesday night's theme gets posted on the Redeemer calendar at www.redeemerbiblechurch.org. Check it out! God is indeed brewing up more than coffee at our Coffee House, and we are grateful.

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