

April 2011

Linking us with the ministries of our church

Scout Sunday

Sunday, April 3 is Scout Sunday. That morning, our Scouts will have part in our worship by greeting, ushering and participating in the service. There will also be a Scout fund raising spaghetti dinner immediately after the service in the Fellowship Hall. There is no charge for this meal, but there will be an opportunity to give a gift. The funds raised from this dinner enable the Scouts to attend summer and weekend camping programs.

Work Day, April 30

While the Lord is looking at the heart, man looks at the outward appearance. Therefore, it is vitally important that we maintain our RBC campus both inside and out. That is what the church work day is all about. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 30. Inside and outside work projects will be addressed. Coffee and donuts are served at 8 am, lunch will be provided, and work will conclude by 2 pm. You can't beat it!

Adventure Week (UBS)

PandaMania, Where God is wild about you!

At PandaMania, kids explore Psalm 139, memorizing and experiencing change-their-lives Bible truths. Parents, watch your kids grow stronger in their faith as they discover God is WILD about them! Kids, get ready for 4 days of adventure as your PandaMania guides take you through Bible Adventures, Bamboo Blast Games, Treetop Treats, & more. PandaMania is Tuesday-Friday, June 21-24. Ages: 4 years (as of August) – 4th grade (completed).

Holy Week at Redeemer

Jesus is alive, and so is our worship at Redeemer! This month begins a significant time in the life of our church as we celebrate our Lord's life, death, burial, and resurrection in our Holy Week services. Our worship and teaching will first focus on the humility of Christ in his obedience and death, then on his exaltation and the glory of His resurrection.

Palm Sunday, April 17

How fitting that we begin the month with our triumphant and praise-filled Palm Sunday worship service. We'll let our 'Hosannas' ring out to honor our King as we are led by our worship ensemble, choir, and children reciting scripture and waving their palm branches. Be encouraged by a message on The Amazing Prophecies of Easter.

Good Friday, April 22

Together, we'll consider our Lord's sacrifice on the cross during our Good Friday

service, April 10 at 7:00 pm. Hymns, songs, special music, a string quartet and scripture woven together will make a seamless flow of reverent worship, culminating in a meaningful celebration of the Lord's Table. This service is a highlight of our church year. You'll leave encouraged by the message from **Pastor Hornok**, "Peter and God of the Second Chance."

Easter, April 24

Easter morning is a victorious declaration of praise to our risen Christ. Triumphant songs and hymns, prayers, Scriptures, and musical anthems will help us celebrate our Lord's resurrection. Orchestra and handbells will join with your voice and together we'll rehearse the story and glory of this miraculous event. Music includes great resurrection hymns and a stirring 'Hallelujah' from Beethoven. Pastor Hornok plans to preach a message entitled, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" Bring your family and friends.

Eggstravaganza

Are you ready for the 6th annual Redeemer Bible Church Eggstravaganza? We are! Bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends and come celebrate our risen Savior's life at the Raikes' Ranch in Mesquite. Enjoy playing with your kids on 5 acres of lawn, bouncing in a bounce house, going on a hay ride, soaking up the sun with other families, and of course having an egg



hunt. While parents hide eggs outside, children will hear the gospel and sing songs inside. After the egg hunt, enjoy a delicious cook-out together. All families are invited to come Saturday, April 16, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm. We ask that each family please bring a side dish to share and a blanket or lawn chairs to sit on.

From the Pastor's Pen

The rusty bird cage and Easter

Doug Hornok, Senior Pastor

Dr. Gordon was a pastor and one Easter Sunday brought an old beat-up, rusty bird cage and set it next to the pulpit. As he gave his sermon that Easter morning he held up the cage and said, "You might be wondering why this is here. As a matter of fact, that's not a normal part of an Easter service, having a bird cage here."

He said, "Let me tell you the story of it. Several days ago I was noticing a little boy in tattered and worn blue jeans and a dirty T-shirt, cap off to the side, whistling, walking down an alley swinging this bird cage. Clinging to the bottom of the cage were little field sparrows he had caught. So I stopped and asked, 'Say, sonny, what do you have there?' He said 'Oh, I've got some birds.' 'What are you gonna do with them?' I asked. 'Oh, mess around with them, tease 'em, something like that.' Well, I asked, 'When you get tired of 'em, what are you gonna do?' He thought for a moment and said, 'Well, I got a couple of cats at home and they like birds. I think I'll just let them have at 'em.'"

Dr. Jordon said his heart went out to the little birds, so he made the little lad an offer. "How much do you want for the birds?" Surprised, the boy said, "Mister, these birds ain't no good." "Well," Dr. Gordon said, "regardless, how much would you like for 'em?" The little boy said, "How about two bucks?" He said, "Sold." So he reached in his pocket and peeled

off two dollar bills. The little boy shoved the bird cage forward, pleased with his stroke of good fortune.

When the boy left, the pastor walked a good distance away, lifted open the little cage door and said, "Shoo, Shoo." And he shoved them out of the door and they flew free.

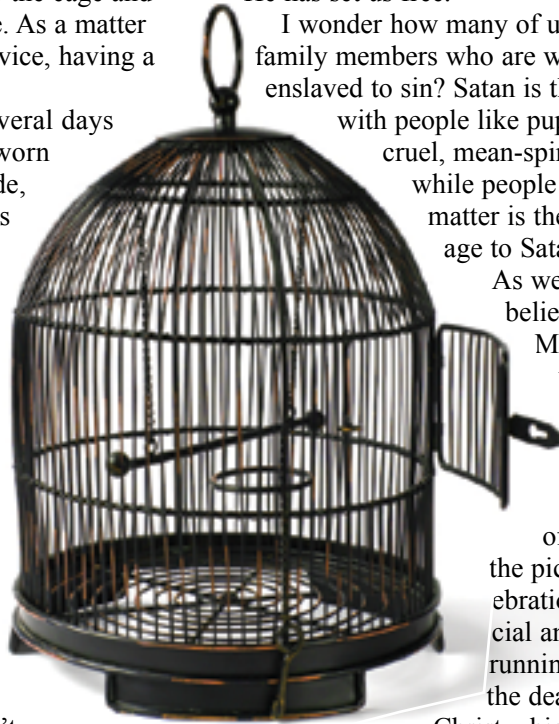
Pastor Jordon went on to say that the empty bird cage was a perfect illustration of how Satan has the human race trapped and frightened. Jesus Christ not only paid the price for our freedom; He has set us free.

I wonder how many of us see our co-workers, neighbors and family members who are without Christ as being trapped and enslaved to sin? Satan is their cruel master, forever toying with people like puppets on a string. His purposes are cruel, mean-spirited and vindictive. What's more, while people think they are free, the fact of the matter is they are enslaved to sin and in bondage to Satan.

As we approach the Easter season, I believe people are open to the gospel.

Many would come to church if we would but invite them. As people look at the economic uncertainty of our day, the international turmoil that is going on, the increased natural disasters and the breakdown of the family, they are "fruit ripe for the picking." During our Holy Week celebration, each service is going to be special and is going to have a central theme running through it: At Easter we celebrate the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus

Christ which is the foundation of our faith and the only means for the forgiveness of our sins and the assurance of eternal life. Let's be sure and take advantage of these opportunities to reach out to people trapped in the cage of Satan.



Garage Sale, May 27 & 28

This summer Redeemer will send a team to Guatemala from June 17 to June 26 to install simple, safe and efficient wood-burning stoves. A second team will be going to the Philippines July 7 to July 18 for evangelism and discipleship as well as teaching and service. Then a third team will head to Hungary from July 29 to August 7 to teach conversational English and to coach baseball at the Word of Life Camp. In addition to praying for these teams, you can help them pay for their trips by supporting our **ANNUAL GARAGE SALE on May 27 and 28**. The garage sale is our church's primary funding source for summer missions. You can drop off items at the "Clubhouse" (the stand-alone building next to the fenced-in parking area) after the morning worship service any Sunday before the garage sale or call the church office to schedule a drop-off during the week. If you have larger items that need to be collected — working refrigerators, couches, tool benches, tables, etc. — or would like to help sort, set-up, or run the garage sale, please contact **Janet Ramler** at 972-742-7618. Together we can all have a part in sharing the love of Christ to peoples of all nations.

Summer Concert Series

Last year, the church family enjoyed our inaugural summer concert series featuring a variety of concert experiences. This year we'll continue the series featuring a new lineup of accomplished and skillful musicians presenting a wide range of styles



and music. The styles range from pop, to bluegrass and southern gospel and classical. Watch for further information about the series. For now, mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 15. We'll

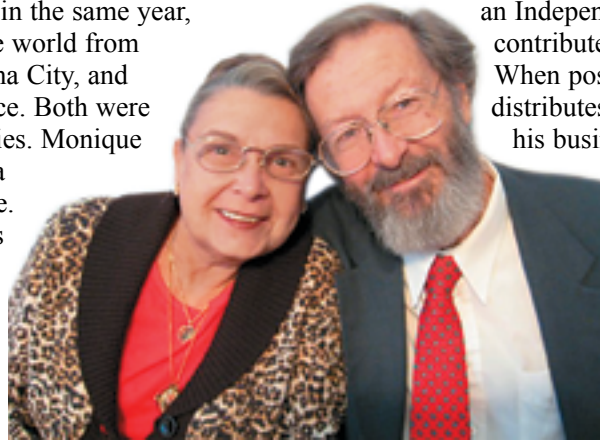
welcome back to Redeemer Sam Rotman, concert pianist and follower of Jesus. Mr. Rotman will present an hour-long concert that night beginning at 7:00 pm. We'll enjoy a family meal in the fellowship hall at 6:00 pm that evening as well.

Getting to Know You: Richard and Monique Byron

Tommie Loveless

Richard and Monique were born in the same year, but they grew up half-way around the world from each other: Richard, born in Oklahoma City, and Monique in Brive La Gaillarde, France. Both were very proud of their parents and families. Monique tells about her father, who served as a double agent in the French Resistance. "But sadly," she shared, "my dad was killed shortly before I was born, in a gun battle between German and French forces." Educated in France, Monique came to the United States, where she taught school and coached soccer, tennis, gymnastics, and archery, at Cassidy School, a private Episcopal school, in Oklahoma. She met Richard there in 1971 on a blind date arranged by another teacher and one of his law school friends. They married in August, 1971, in the Chapel of Cassidy School.

Richard obtained a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering at Oklahoma State University. He then commuted from Kansas to Oklahoma City University School of Law, driving 96 miles per week, to earn his Jurist Doctorate degree, in 1972. He has Bar Memberships in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. After working in the corporate world for years, in 1989 Richard and Monique started his present company, which repairs, refurbishes and resells used computers. Richard also related, "Five years ago, I passed an automotive repair garage sign saying, "U-Haul Dealer." I heard a little voice, "You can do that too!" I put my name on an Internet list, and a few days later I was contacted, and became



an Independent U-Haul Dealer!" He continued, "I contribute this business to the Holy Spirit's nudge!" When possible, Richard donates equipment, and distributes ATS tracts to people he meets through his businesses. Monique loves to knit, and crochets gifts for friends and newborns at Christian pregnancy centers, and for Parkland Hospital premature babies. Having made more than a thousand sets of hats and booties, she shared, "This is a rewarding ministry for me, as I have seen how it touches the young mother's hearts, and has even discouraged abortions." Monique is also an accomplished artist, drawing life-like, pastel portraits.

This is a God-given talent, as she had no formal training. The Byrons have two daughters and three grandchildren. **Noelle** and her children live in South Carolina. **Pascale** went to be with the Lord, in 2007, following an allergic reaction to medication.

After Pascale's death, Monique stopped painting portraits, but she plans to resume in the future. **Sarah King** invited the Byrons to visit Redeemer, which was then meeting in the gymnasium at the Vietnamese Catholic Church facility. Monique remembered, "In those early days, we realized how much we needed God in our lives, and "the rest is history!" They were both baptized in the Redeemer baptistry, when it was first used, at our current location. The Byrons have been motivated to study the Word of God and are proud of their extensive library of Christian books and publications. **Richard and Monique, it is a blessing to see your smiling faces at Redeemer and thanks for your love and prayers for your church family!**

Kudos

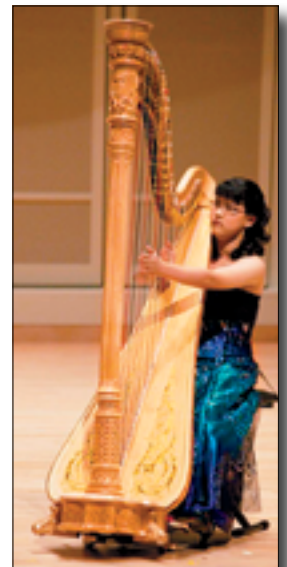
Jared Shaffer and the LPS Knights Basketball Team



Congratulations to **Jared Shaffer** and the Lakewood Presbyterian Knights basketball team for winning the state championship in small private schools Division II. Jared is a sophomore and has been playing three years. The Knights entered the tournament seeded seventh and defeated Azle Christian School 88-40. The Knights entered the year with a record of 30 wins and only 4 defeats. Jared, Congratulations and let's do it again next year!

Ina McCormack Awarded Prestigious Scholarship

Interlochen Center for the Arts is among the most prestigious summer camps a high school musician can attend. Located near Traverse City Michigan, it is also among the most beautiful! Each year thousands of students apply to attend, but only a handful are given scholarship. This year our own **Ina McCormack** was awarded the Emerson Scholarship to attend Interlochen from June 25 – August 8. This full scholarship "is awarded to applicants who have demonstrated the highest achievement in music." In addition to playing her harp on Sundays here at RBC, Ina has been asked to be the Principal Harpist for the 2011-2012 Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra. This will be Ina's third year with the GDYO. Ina, we are so very proud of you for this achievement.



Going, Going, Sold!

Those are the words you will hear in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday afternoon, May 7. Paintings, pottery, ceramics, a teeth whitening, interior design consultation, dinner for 6, wood carvings, stained glass, necklaces, knitted scarves, babysitting — a few of the many items up for bidding at the Redeemer **SPRING FLING AUCTION!**

The **SILENT** Auction begins at 1 pm to be followed by a lively **LIVE** Auction with Auctioneer, **Larry Foster!** Bring your family and friends (and a bit of cash!), and plan to enjoy the fun!

Sponsored by Women's Fellowship, auction proceeds will benefit numerous areas of the church. Money raised will go to fund electronic



equipment for the children's ministry, a church beautification project, and women's ministry activities.

Big thanks to those who have already generously donated goods and services! Keep them coming! If you have questions about donations, contact Donations Chairwoman, **Sandy Sparks** at 214-503-0485.

Church Web Site

It has been about a year now since we launched the new version of our church Web site: www.redeemerbiblechurch.org. The site has proven to be as user-friendly as we had hoped. Church staff have found it easy to log in and update information and resources. Following are examples of their faithful work:

- The **CALENDAR** is now regularly maintained, with helpful details.
- **Josh Bailey** posts audio of Sunday morning sermons (see the **MEDIA** section).

We Welcome Suggestions!

One church member recently e-mailed the webmaster asking if the Bible Reading Plan could be posted. It was a great idea! Within an hour, the March Bible Reading plan was posted in the **RESOURCES** section. While we cannot implement all ideas that quickly, we encourage you to e-mail your suggestions for improvements and additions.



Over the past year, the site has averaged 580 requests for pages every day.

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