

May 2010

Linking us with the ministries of our church

*Scripture Memory
Sunday, May 16*

For several months our teachers, parents and bright and enthusiastic children have been working on scripture memory. On Sunday morning, May 16, we'll be richly blessed in our worship service to hear the recitations of these verses.

*Our Final Spring
Midweek: Wed. May 12*

Join us on May 12 for our last regular midweek of the season. The following is a schedule of Wednesday activities continuing through the summer months:

- 6:00 – 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM Library open (tentative)
- 6:15 – 8:00 PM Boy Scouts, grades 6 – 12
- 7:00 – 8:00 PM Prayer Meeting
- 7:00 – 8:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 – 8:30 PM College and Career
- 9:00 – 11:00 PM College and Career Hideaway

*Upcoming Summer
Dates for RBC Youth*

- Geiger Island - June 19-27
- West Dallas - June 14-25

Vacation Bible School and Summer Camp

Kids, get ready for 4 days of adventure! **What to look forward**

to: Crazy games, amazing CEF Bible & missionary stories, fun songs, building friendships, yummy snacks, and more! Plus, whoever brings the most friends gets a cool prize. Parents, during this weekend of fun,



your children will be challenged to go

God's way instead of their own way. **Dates:** Thursday-Sunday, July 22-25,

9AM-11AM
Ages: 4 years (as of August) – 4th grade (completed)

Location: Backyards of our church family. We are excited to have you! Check out

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Farewell to Tony Gomillion on June 6

For the past 10 years, **Tony Gomillion**, his wife **Melissa** and their children, **Sarah**, **Nathan** and **Bethany**, have played a significant role in the development and growth of Redeemer Bible Church. Meeting at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs as Cadets, the Gomillions were married following graduation in 1993. They were blessed to have a 60-day honeymoon before their first assignment in Grand Forks, North Dakota. After three years in ND, they moved to Sumter, SC (1996-1999) and it was there that Tony felt led to attend Dallas Theological Seminary. Four churches were recommended to them and after visiting all 4 and meeting **Pastor Geiger**, the decision was obvious: RBC was where they would worship and serve. Later, Pastor Don asked Tony to come on staff in a part-time role as Pastor of Ministry Development. After graduating from DTS in 2004, Tony came on staff

full-time. Tony has accepted the call to become Sr. Pastor at the First Baptist Church of Pulaski, Tennessee, and his farewell is set for Sunday evening, June 6.



From the Pastor's Pen

Anger

Doug Hornok, Senior Pastor

In his autobiography, *Number 1*, former baseball player and manager of the New York Yankees, Billy Martin, told about hunting in Texas with Mickey Mantle. Mickey had a friend who would let them hunt on his ranch. When they reached the ranch, Mickey told Billy to wait in the car while he checked in with his friend.

Mantle's friend quickly gave them permission to hunt, but asked Mickey a favor. His pet mule was going blind, and he didn't have the heart to put him down. He asked Mickey to shoot the mule for him.

When Mickey came back to the car, he pretended to be angry, scowled and slammed the door. Mickey said his friend wouldn't let them hunt. "I'm so mad at that guy," Mantle said, "I'm going out to his barn and shoot one of his mules!"

Mantle drove like a maniac to the barn. Martin protested, "We can't do that!"

But Mickey was adamant. "Just watch me," he shouted.

When they got to the barn, Mantle jumped out of the car with his rifle, ran inside, and shot the mule. As he was leaving, though, he heard two shots, and ran back to the car. He saw that Martin had taken out his rifle too.

"What are you doing, Martin?" he yelled. Martin yelled back, face red with anger, "We'll show that son of a gun! I just killed two of his cows!"

There are two lessons from this story. First, good practical jokes can easily back-fire on us, if we're not careful. Second, anger can be dangerously contagious. In his *Rules for Living*, Thomas Jefferson wrote: "When angry, count ten before you speak; if very angry, a hundred." Years later, author Mark Twain revised Jefferson's words. He wrote, "When angry, count four. When very angry, swear."

If we're honest with ourselves, we all have tried everything from Jefferson's philosophy to Twain's and still we can't seem to handle anger effectively. Let me offer four words of council from the book of Proverbs. **First**, Learn to ignore petty disagreements. "A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense" (Prov. 19:11). "Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out" (Prov. 17:14).

Second, Refrain from close association with anger-prone people. "Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared" (Prov. 22:24-25). We become like those we spend our time with. If we spend time with negative people, we become negative. If we associate with a rebel, we become rebellious and angry.

Third, Keep a close check on your tongue. More than any slanderous event, any immoral act, any unwise financial dealings, that which breaks up a church quickest is an unchecked tongue. "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (Proverbs 15:1).

Finally, Cultivate honesty in communication. Don't let anger build up. Proverbs 27:4-6: "Anger is cruel and fury overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy? Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses." Ephesians 4:25 adds: "Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body."

There is no substitute for total honesty, spoken in love. Allowing anger to seethe on the back burner can only lead to a very large lid blowing off a very hot pot.

Missions: Looking Back

Our mission's emphasis weekend at Redeemer challenged us to *tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples*. Friday night we gathered in homes and learned about missions and spent some concentrated time praying for our missionaries. On Saturday evening **Alexandra Goode's** amazing story of grace and provision through her experiences in a concentration and labor camp challenged us to be God's hands and feet to the needy. Sunday morning during the ABF hour we were encouraged by hearing snap shots of what God is doing Russia, Africa, China, Guatemala and Germany. Then our morning worship had an international focus and **Dr. Oscar Lopez** brought a message from Acts 1 challenging us to be missionaries right where we are.



Missions: Looking Forward

This summer RBC will send a team to Guatemala from June 26 to July 4 to install simple, safe, and efficient wood-burning stoves. A second team will be going to Hungary from July 30 to

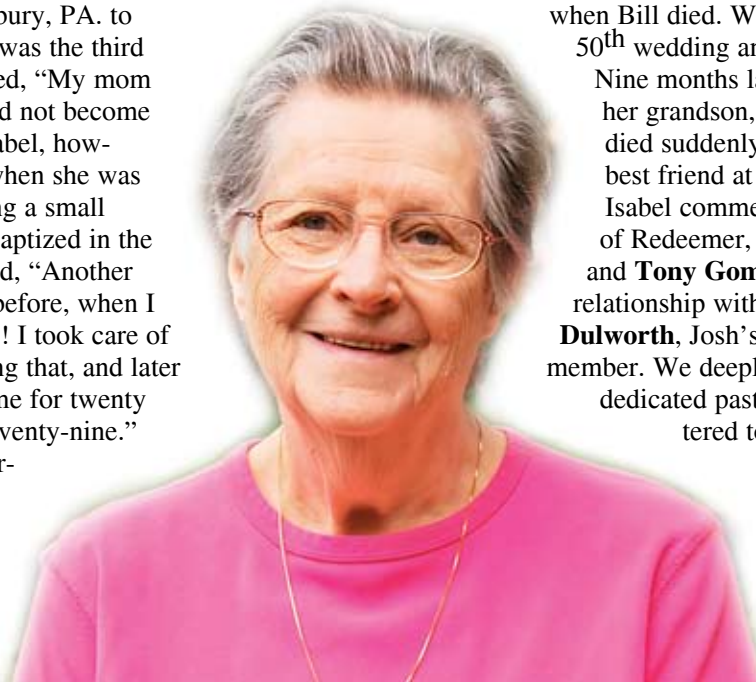
August 15 to teach conversational English and to coach baseball at the Word of Life Camp. In addition to **praying for these teams**, you can help them pay for their trips by supporting our **ANNUAL GARAGE SALE on May 21 and 22**. The garage sale is our church's primary funding source for summer missions. You can drop off items at the "Cubhouse" (the stand-alone building next to the fenced-in parking area) after the morning worship service any Sunday before the garage sale. 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 *telling of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples*.

Getting to Know You: Isabel Howell

Tommie Loveless

Isabel Howell was born in Sunbury, PA. to Prudence and William Haines. She was the third oldest of seven children. Isabel stated, “My mom was a Christian lady, but my dad did not become a Christian until I was an adult.” Isabel, however, received Jesus as her Savior when she was only seven years old, while attending a small Mennonite church. Later, she was baptized in the Susquehanna River. Isabel continued, “Another important thing happened the year before, when I was ten years old: I got my first job! I took care of two little girls. I really enjoyed doing that, and later in my life I kept children in my home for twenty years, until I retired at the age of seventy-nine.” Isabel explained, “I worked at different jobs in the work world, but I enjoyed being at home. I prayed one morning that the Lord would direct me to something I could do in my home. At the same time my neighbor was praying for someone to take care of their six month old son — this started my childcare career!”

Isabel met her husband, William (Bill) Howell, while she was working as a Clerk typist, in Dallas, and he was a Prosecuting attorney. Isabel recounted, “Eventually, he became a judge, for two years, but returned to his role as an attorney.” Isabel and Bill were married 49 ½ years, before he became ill and passed away in December, 2004. They have three children, three grandchildren, and one great grand son. Isabel shared, “Our family always enjoyed family dinners, summer vacations, and watching football, soccer, and golf. It was very difficult



when Bill died. We would have celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in July, 2005.”

Nine months later, on September 4, 2005, her grandson, **Josh Dulworth**, only 27, died suddenly while playing golf with his best friend at the Tenneson golf course.

Isabel commented, “Josh was a member of Redeemer, and I knew **Blake Barbre** and **Tony Gomillion** through Josh’s close relationship with them. My daughter, **Janice Dulworth**, Josh’s mom, is also a Redeemer member. We deeply appreciate the way these dedicated pastors — and others — ministered to us during that time.

Since Isabel retired, she “dog sits” for her granddaughter when needed. She often reminisces about feeding the homeless in the Stew Pot ministry, being a Sunday school teacher, and helping in Vacation Bible School.

She commented, “These were happy experiences, and I enjoyed being with Christian friends. She continued, “Since I have more time, I love to read. I am thankful for our church library, and for **Hazel Sage**, who created it, and faithfully keeps it.” Every week you can find Isabel at Tuesday’s Women’s Fellowship, and enjoying **John Rack’s** teaching, in her Adult Bible Fellowship class. Finally, Isabel commented, “I love our church, and I look forward to serving with **Pastor Hornok**, and other new pastors, and members.” We love you too, Isabel, and we appreciate your courage and faithful example.

HS Banquet / Geiger Island

Alicyn Anthony, Lacie Burris, Abigail Higgins, Amy Oudin, Grace Naler, and Jordan Newcomer will be honored on Sunday, May 9 at our annual High School graduation celebration. The evening begins with dinner at 6:30 followed by the program which includes fun, music, slide show memories of each graduate and a special charge to the graduates by **Pastor Hornok**. Graduates and their parents are our guests and the cost for church family and friends is \$10 per person.

Geiger Island is a place for spending time with friends, with family, and with the Lord. Family camp is known for relaxation, marked with swimming, reading, napping, sun-bathing, skiing, wake-boarding, knee-boarding, tubing, volleyball, devotionals, skits, canoeing, hiking, badminton, great meals, and warm Christian fellowship. Teen-camp is a high-energy version of all these activities, plus zany games and group competitions. Family camp will be June 5-20, and teen camp will be June 19-27. Contact the church office for more details.

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Men’s Breakfast Speaker

CHRIS SKINNER is more than a motivational speaker, author and counselor. He is one of the most heroic people of his generation. As the recipient of the 2007 National Spinal Cord Hall of Fame’s “Emerging Leader Award,” Chris has already begun to receive the recognition he has earned for his remarkable work with students of all ages.

This amazing young man has shared his story of tragedy-to-triumph with well over one million people from all walks of life.

Through a series of poor choices, Chris went from an athletic college student to quadriplegic. Now, as Chris meets the challenges of life as a person with severe physical disabilities, he believes life is all about our choices and decisions. Chris will share his powerful story at our Men’s Breakfast, Saturday, May 15 at 8 AM. This is a men’s breakfast you will not want to miss.



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Welcome, New Members!



Tahlie Carter



Elizabeth Johnson



Jay and Laura Leigh Majernik

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the Redeemer website for more information.

Sabine Creek Ranch



Ages: Grades 3-6 (completed) are welcome to come!

Dates: July 26-30, 2010 (Mon.-Fri. 4-night camp)

Cost: \$192

Location: Royce City, Texas.

Biblical Focus: Colossians 3:2

“Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.”

Highlights: Waterfront-blob, pond, BB guns, archery, ropes course, canteen, worship music & messages, small group B.S., western night, & nerd prom night.

\$50 deposit due to **Kristen** by May 31.

Two Minute Drill

A few weeks back they blew up an old friend: Texas Stadium. For 35 years the iconic Texas Stadium in Irving was the home of the Dallas Cowboys, and played host to some of the greatest “two minute” drills in professional football. Thousands of rabid Cowboy fans watched as quarterbacks from Roger Staubach to Troy Aikman led the Cowboys to victory in the final two minutes of the game. For the two minute drill to work, it took every team member being intentionally focused on their task.

At the end of our Sunday morning service, let’s focus on our own two minute drill where we intentionally go out of our way to meet someone new. **Before we greet others whom we already know, let’s take the first two minutes at the end of church to welcome someone we *don’t* know.**

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