

May 2011

Linking us with the ministries of our church

Scout Lunch Report

In April, Redeemer's eighteen active Scouts served us once again on Scout Sunday. After the worship service they, along with their parents, hosted a benefit spaghetti lunch where they fed over 140 people. The money raised through this lunch supports Scouts going to summer camp and provides funds for new camping equipment.

The total profit for the day....drum roll please.... \$1,187!

Garage Sale May 27-28

As the garage sale approaches, May 27-28, RBC needs you and your stuff! This garage sale is hosted onsite and benefits all summer mission trips. Call the church office to sign up!

Volunteer:

May 24-26, Tuesday-Thursday, 9AM-10PM

May 27-28, Friday – Saturday, 7AM-7PM.

Food needed: All week and May 27 & 28: breakfast, lunch, snacks, and drinks for 24 people.

Drop off Sundays: May 1, 8, 15, 22 (cub scout building).

Pick up days: May 25 & 26 (big furniture only), Call **Janet Ramler** at 972.742.7048.

For more information about the summer mission trips, see the MISSIONS page at www.redeemberbiblechurch.org.

Introducing Jeremiah Bakk

After praying fervently, searching diligently, and waiting on God's timing, we are pleased to introduce Redeemer's new student pastor, **Jeremiah Bakk** (pronounced *Bach*, like the composer) is a second-year Th.M. student at Dallas Theological Seminary. He and his wife, **Ellie**, have a long-term goal of serving on the mission field.

Jeremiah grew up in Alaska, the son of a commercial fisherman. He has a deep love for the outdoors and winter recreation and is a licensed pilot for single-engine airplanes. He and Ellie met while they were on staff at Camp Redcloud in Lake City, Colorado. While at the camp, Jeremiah served as head wrangler, led wilderness trips, and taught rappelling, high-ropes climbing, canoeing, rock climbing and mountain-biking. He later served on the staff of Tomball Bible Church near Houston for four years, working with the junior-high and senior-high groups.

Jeremiah is a graduate of the College of Biblical Studies in Houston and Ellie is a graduate of Texas A&M University. They have been married five years and have two children, **Josie**, 4, and **Lucy**, 1.

“The first few times we visited Redeemer, I observed a sense of genuineness among those we met. The people seemed welcoming — in a very authentic way,” he said. “We didn't sense that the church was trying hard to project an image. Instead, we were left with a distinct impression from the

people, the buildings, and the worship style that seemed to say, ‘We are who we are, and you are welcome to join us.’ There is something refreshing about a church that knows who they are.”

Jeremiah described a successful youth ministry this way: “As cliché as it may sound, I measure effectiveness in

ministry with the standard of faithfulness. An effective

student ministry

will be marked by the faithfulness of its

members to

REACH out to others,

CONNECT with each other and

with other

other

students in their community, GROW in personal spiritual maturity, SERVE their neighbor, their church, and their community, and HONOR God above all else. I believe that students who partner with one another to pursue the identity of belonging wholly to Christ will not only be marked as effective witnesses, but will make their mark on their church, their community, and their world.”

His strategy for the future is: “As a short-term strategy, Ellie and I look forward to building relationships with existing students and creating a place where all students are loved, served, invested in and disciplined. As we look long term, the strategy is to be faithful to the short-term strategy and add leaders as God provides the increase.”

Let's make the Bakks feel welcome by giving them our continued prayers and encouragement.



Jeremiah and Ellie Bakk with Josie (4) and Lucy (1)

From the Pastor's Pen

Faithful Living

Doug Hornok, Senior Pastor

One of my all-time favorite stories is of a faithful missionary couple returning to New York City to retire after having worked in Africa. They had no pension; their health was broken; they were defeated, discouraged and afraid as they faced the future. They discovered they were booked on the same ship as President Teddy Roosevelt, who was returning from one of his big-game hunting expeditions.

No one paid any attention to them. They watched the fanfare that accompanied the President's entourage, with passengers trying to catch a glimpse of the great man.

As the ship moved across the ocean, the old missionary said to his wife, "Something is wrong. Why should we have given our lives in faithful service for God in Africa all these many years and have no one care a thing about us? Here this man comes back from a hunting trip and everybody makes much over him, but nobody gives two hoots about us."

"Dear, you shouldn't feel that way," his wife said.

"I can't help it; it doesn't seem right."

When the ship docked in New York, a band was waiting to greet the President. The mayor and other dignitaries were there. The papers were full of the President's arrival, but no one noticed this missionary couple. They slipped off the ship and found a cheap flat on the East Side, hoping the next day to see what they could do to make a living in the city.

That night the man's spirit broke. He said to his wife, "I

can't take this; God is not treating us fairly."

His wife replied, "Why don't you go in the bedroom and tell that to the Lord?"

A short time later he came out from the bedroom, but now his face was completely different. His wife asked, "Dear, what happened?"

"The Lord settled it with me," he said. "I told him how bitter I was that the President should receive this tremendous homecoming, when no one met us as we returned home. And when I finished, it seemed as though the Lord put His hand on my shoulder and simply said, 'But you're not home yet!'"

All of us at one time or another needs that gentle reminder. Yes, there are rewards for faithfulness, but not necessarily down here. God is desiring to do a great work in us and through us. He requires that we each faithfully do our part.

When the late Charlton Heston was training to drive the chariot in Ben Hur, he said to Cecil B. DeMille. "I can barely stay on this thing. I can't win the race."

DeMille replied, "Your job is to stay on it. It's my job to make sure you win."

That's what God says to us. Our task is to faithfully live and share the gospel. We are co-workers with the Lord. We are in partnership with God, and the Holy Spirit is the one who takes what we do and makes it work.

When we begin to think that the incredible burden of spiritual success rests with us, we are destined for discouragement. It is up to us to be faithful and God is going to see to it that the job is going to get done. The race is going to be run. It's our job to get on the chariot, point it in the right direction and hang on. It's God's job to get me to the finish line and declare the victory.

Going, Going, Gone to The Spring Fling Auction!

Home-delivered Lasagna dinner for 6? Personalized book for your favorite child? Exquisite handmade crosses? A vacation home in East Texas for the weekend? Designer jewelry? Need your teeth whitened? A lovely painting for your home? Ready for a carpet cleaning?

Church-wide REDEEMER SPRING FLING AUCTION will be auctioning off these and many more goods and services donated by Redeemer members and neighborhood businesses on Saturday afternoon, May 7. The SILENT Auction opens promptly at 1PM, followed by GOSPEL SING intermission, and then the LIVE Auction with Auctioneer **Larry Foster!**

Proceeds benefit Children's Ministry electronic equipment, a church beautification project, and Women's Ministry activities. Refreshments on sale will

support our Scouts!

Invite your family and friends for a fun-filled afternoon!

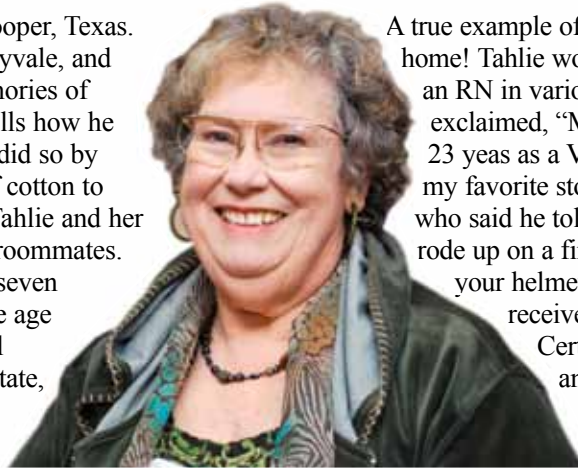


Getting to Know You: Tahlie Carter

Tommie Loveless

Tahlie was born in Delta County in Cooper, Texas. Her brother and sister now reside in Sunnyvale, and Arkansas, respectively. She has fond memories of her dad, who passed away in 2002, and tells how he taught her to drive when she was five; "I did so by driving my dad's tractor, pulling a load of cotton to the gin, while Dad followed in the car!" Tahlie and her ninety-two year old mother are currently roommates.

Tahlie attended three high schools and seven colleges down through the years, but at the age of seventeen she entered Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing & Memphis State, in Tennessee, and at twenty she became a registered nurse (RN). Tahlie shared, "I thought I could pay my way through medical school as an RN, but while pursuing pre-med training, I 'fell in love,' so I never became a doctor!" Tahlie became a believer when she was nine years old. She elaborated, "I fully intended to become a medical missionary to China, especially after meeting a dedicated doctor, and hearing his testimony, as he returned home from China in the 1940s. However, I got out of fellowship after meeting my husband, and I never became a doctor and never went to China!" Tahlie shared, "Even so, God redeems lives, and in His tender ways, He gave me a domestic mission field!" This is very evident, as seen in Tahlie's caring, servant's heart. When the **Porters**, our missionaries to Nigeria, last visited Redeemer, Tahlie reached out to them, caring for Julie, their special-needs daughter, while they continued their speaking and other engagements.



A true example of how Tahlie's mission field is indeed at home! Tahlie worked continuously for fifty-one years as an RN in various hospitals, while raising her family. She exclaimed, "My longest employer was Uncle Sam – 23 years as a Veterans Administration (VA) nurse! And my favorite story was from one of my WWI patients, who said he told his soldiers that a fine French general rode up on a fine white horse and said, "Boys, throw your helmets away, you're GOING HOME!" Tahlie received her American Nurses Association Certification in Nursing Administration, and is also a member of the International Society of Nursing.

Tahlie is very proud of her daughter and son, who are married and raising their families in the Lord. She also has "grands and five great grands," as she calls them! She shared, "I feel a heart-stopping joy when Natalie, (9) says, "TahTah, I love you; you can't imagine how much I love you!"

God led Tahlie to Redeemer after her husband's home-going, in 2009. She is a member of **Dr. Zuck's** Koinonia Adult Bible Fellowship, Women's Bible Fellowship, and two care groups, led by **Fran Anderson and Milton/Patricia Bradley**. She exclaimed,

"It is exciting and edifying to participate in the opportunities at Redeemer. I will soon become a greeter, and I have been blessed by all the friendly folks at Redeemer." **Thanks, Tahlie! It is gratifying to be a member of God's family, and our church family, with you!**

Youth Assemble Parachutes

Hannah Regier

Voice of the Martyrs sends airplanes over guerilla-controlled areas of Colombia, dropping small packages attached to parachutes. The packages, which float down into guerilla camps and villages, each contain a selection of Christian books as well as a solar-powered Galcom radio pre-tuned to a Christian station. Before the parachutes are dropped, the radio is turned on so that even if the parachute catches in a tree, someone will hear the radio and climb up to retrieve it.

On Missions Sunday, Redeemer's youth group assembled ten parachutes for Voice of the Martyrs.



Praying over the assembled parachutes
photo by Hannah Regier

Summer Concert Series

Join us for our first musical evening in our second annual Summer Concert Series featuring the Downing Family, Sunday, May 22, 6:00 PM. The Downings make their home in Oklahoma. They grew up with Christian bluegrass music and love singing their testimony of faith in Jesus Christ. With fresh melodies, tight harmonies, and inspiring acapellas, their joyful message is always an encouraging one. Their strongest desire is that the music and the words will bless and inspire you.



This summer marks their sixth year at Silver Dollar City in Branson, MO, and they have been blessed to release their third CD project this year. Their music has been played at over 120 radio stations around the country and Internet radio stations around the world. The Downing Family will encourage your faith and keep your toes tapping with their lively performance that will appeal to every age.

Next month, we present two excellent concerts featuring harpist **Victoria-Ina McCormack**, on Saturday, June 4, and concert pianist Sam Rotman, on Wednesday, June 15. For more information on our Summer Concert Series visit our Web site: www.redeemerbiblechurch.org

Welcome, New Members!



Ann Rodgers



Ginny Bernhardt



Gordon and Stephanie Robinson

Kudos to Wisley Kids

Kathryn and Andrew Wisley recently won first and second place in the Awanas Pinewood Derby at Scofield. They were joined in the competition by **Jonathan and Joshua Hepp** (also in the Scofield Awanas). Their father, **David Wisley**, said that

this year, they were “going for the Gold!” Way to go, kids (and axle polisher extraordinaire David)!



Eggstravaganza

Eggstravaganza at the Raikes’ Ranch is always a big hit with kids and their parents. This year’s Eggstravaganza featured bunny rabbits, fluffy



chicks, the ever popular bounce house and hay ride, and perfect weather!

Meeting Location:
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