

Broaden Your Horizons with Vista 122

Part of enjoying summer at Redeemer is welcoming back an annual favorite of more and more members and regular attendees'. Whether you are a preschooler, a seasoned saint, or somewhere in between, Redeemer's summer reading program introduces you to books and audios that bring adventure, inspiration, and reflection.

This year's program, Vista 122, starts June 6 and ends August 1. Reading levels include read-to-me/early reader, junior/younger teen, older teen/adult, and story audios. To join in on the fun and prizes, come to the church library to learn more. Located on the lower level of the educational wing, Redeemer's library is open on Sunday mornings from 8:45 to 10:25 and after the church service.

Vista 122 is named for Hebrews 12:2: "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith." (NIV)

Adventure Club '10 (UBS)

Prepare to trek through CEF's summer adventure club, One Way, and discover God's Way. Bible characters will come alive as we learn the gospel message through stories like the Prodigal Son. We will also go into the jungles of India and learn how a boy named Ringu hears about God's Word. Through games, stories, and songs, your children will experience God's love and become closer friends! If you are interested in volunteering or sending your child to RBC's Adventure Club, call or email Kristen Raikes. You can also learn more at Redeemer's Web site: www.redeemerbiblechurch.org. Mark your calendar for July 22-25 for a summer adventure in our backyards!

West Dallas Adventure

West Dallas is here again! Every summer our youth ride a hot bus to West Dallas to be a part of impacting children's lives. Most children who come to West Dallas do not have the same luxuries other children have during the summer. So a chance to play basketball, jump in a bounce house, hear Bible stories, sing songs, and eat a hot supper is the time of their lives!

One of the best parts of West Dallas is that it meets children's needs holistically. We play with them, listen to them, feed them, teach them about Jesus, and they leave knowing they are loved. Our youth help the children individually to understand their questions about the gospel.



A bonus this year is that West Dallas is inviting the African refugee children in our neighborhood to come again this summer.

Some of these Muslim refugees have never heard the gospel before! Kenyan Pastor Jonathan Mugo, who has relationships with these children, will be joining us in this endeavor.

Youth! This is a great opportunity to serve, step out of your comfort zone, and share your faith. West Dallas is two weeks in from 3:30 PM - 8:00 PM, June 14-18 and June 21-25. For more information about this, call **Diana**

Oudin (972-864-2026) or **Josh Reed** (972-603-8678).

Summer Concert Series at Redeemer

Beginning this month, our church will host its first Summer Concert Series. These free concerts will be given by guests and members from Redeemer and will be followed by light refreshments in the fellowship hall. There is something for all ages in this concert series which will prove to be rich with fun, quality and musical diversity. Bring a family member or friend and enjoy!

David Grogan, Saturday, June 19, 6 PM



We proudly welcome baritone, David Grogan in recital on Sunday evening, June 19, in the sanctuary. Dr. Grogan recently earned his doctorate from the University of North Texas and is the visiting professor of voice at the University of Texas in Arlington. Dr. Grogan has performed extensively around

the country to very positive reviews. He has been featured with the Dallas Bach Society and the Orpheus chamber singers. His recital will include both classical and sacred songs and will feature Ralph Vaughn Williams' spiritually minded song cycle entitled, "Five Mystical Songs."

The Ball Brothers, Sunday, August 29, 6 PM

The Ball Brothers are young, exciting and energetic. They showcase a creative

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From the Pastor's Pen

37 and counting

Doug Hornok, Senior Pastor

The Bible is clear that we are not to live our lives looking back, but rather looking forward. Paul said: *“One thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 3:13-14).

This principle, however, does not mean that we should avoid reflection on significant events in our lives. The Lord's Table is a perfect symbol of our reflection on the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. I remember vividly the night I put my faith in him — changing my life forever.

The second most significant day was when I married my lovely wife Connie. Thirty seven years ago this month Connie and I became husband and wife at the Berachah Bible Baptist Church in Bridgeton NJ. As I write this, I can say without hesitation that there is no person I'd rather spend my time with than my wife — she has been an absolute joy!

In 37 years of marriage God has taught me a great deal. First, the absolute necessity of commitment. I took a vow before God, Connie, my family and friends that I would be faithful and loving to Connie “till death do us part.” It was a life-long commitment. May I firmly, yet lovingly, remind you that God takes serious the vows we make before Him and others.

Second, I've learned that love is a decision of the will and not an emotion. Shortly after I met Connie's maternal

grandmother, she gave me a definition of love: *“love is such a funny thing, it's like a little lizard. It wraps it's tail around your heart, and sticks you in the gizzard.”* At the time, that definition was right on target. I was madly and head over heels in love! I had those warm wonderful feelings that come from being in love and desiring to be with that person. And yet, as great and wonderful as those feelings are, they cannot sustain marriage. What sustains our marriage is a conscious, consistent decision to love one another.

Third, I've learned the need for communication. Communication comes in two forms: verbal and non-verbal. I love the story of the husband and wife who hadn't talked in weeks. They were driving down a country road and past a farm where there were some donkeys in the pasture. The husband looked at his wife and spoke for the first time in weeks: “Some of your relatives?” The wife was more than equal to the occasion in her response. “As a matter of fact yes, on my husband's side!” As a husband, I've learned I have to listen. When Connie needs an ear, I have to be there and that requires carving out time from very busy schedules to just talk.

Fourth, I've learned the reality that compatibility does not demand uniformity. Just because we have different likes and dislikes does not mean we can't make our marriage work. Thank God we are all different and unique!

Finally, I've learned to focus more on *my* role in the marriage and less on my wife's. My function in the marriage is to “love my wife as Christ loved the Church” (Eph. 5:25), not to be harsh, to live with her in an understanding way and to grant her honor (1 Peter 3:7). The more I focus on *my* role, and fulfill it, the easier it is for Connie to function in hers.

Connie I love you! Thank you for 37 wonderful years.

Carolyn Owens

Pastor Geiger wasn't much for retirement and neither was the first person he hired, **Carolyn Owens**. After 31 years working for CAM International, she faithfully served RBC for more than a decade as church secretary. Moving to Texas from Delaware in 1956, Carolyn and her husband **Don** were among the charter members of Redeemer. Working from her home, Carolyn would communicate with Pastor Geiger and **Josh Bailey** via fax machines. Carolyn says of working with Pastor Geiger, “Don was a pleasure to work for, so easygoing, non-demanding, and always positive. His assignments were often prefaced by; “When you get bored, would you” The projects were varied, challenging and interesting. Don set a tone for the office which made work a joy. Carolyn, thank you so much for your faithful service to the saints of Redeemer.



Garage Sale Report

Nearly \$13,000 was raised for the missions trips to Hungary and Guatemala. Thousands of items were donated from clothing to furniture and scores of people came to help organize the donated goods, work the garage sale and then clean the building and parking lot for Sunday. A special word of thanks goes to **Janet Ramler** for putting



in so much time and effort. We look forward to hearing what God is going to do through these missions trips.

Getting to Know You: Corky and Sandy Bridgman

Tommie Loveless

Bright smiles, great personalities, and a genuine love for everyone are well known characteristics of **Corky & Sandy Bridgman**.

When he was born in Baylor hospital, Corky's parents, Charles and Carrie Bridgman, named him Harold Bynum. However, an aunt dubbed him 'Corky,' which stuck throughout the years! Corky shared, "I had one older brother who endured spina bifida and polio. Sadly, he died when he was nineteen." Sandy grew up in the Goodlett community (10 miles west of Quanah, TX.) She graduated from Quanah high school as salutatorian and "Most Likely to Succeed." Both graduated from North Texas State University (NT), although Corky attended Southern Methodist University his freshman year on a track scholarship. Active and popular in college, Corky was a cheerleader for two years, and initiated Theta Chi Fraternity; while Sandy was a member of scholastic organizations, and Chi Omega Sorority. Sandy remembered, "When I was a freshman, a friend arranged a blind date with Corky, who was a senior! We went to a dance at the Adolphus Hotel, but only two dates followed! Little did I know we would be married someday!" Corky graduated May, 1952 with a degree in advertising. He then joined the Navy for two years before starting his advertising career, in Dallas. Upon earning a Business Education degree, Sandy moved to Dallas in 1955. She laughingly related, "I ran into Corky one day, as surprisingly, his office was located around the corner!" She



continued, "This time, we dated seriously, and the rest is history!" They were married in January, 1957 at Lakewood Methodist, Corky's home church. Corky shared, "Sandy was saved as a child, while attending a revival. I accepted Christ, in high school at a Young Life (YL) meeting. When our son, Shawn, and daughter, Camille, were in high school, Sandy and I served on a YL committee." Sandy added, "We sponsored a YL ski trip to Winter Park, Colorado and Corky got caught in a snow storm, on top of the mountain! Eventually, he got back to the lodge, frozen mustache and all, but he had never skied before, and

never did again!" Sandy continued, "Thankfully, all of our family, including nine grandchildren, are believers. We have traveled and known good times, but we have also known hard times. Camille almost died at birth, Corky had a life threatening head injury in 1995, and we lost our son-in-law, Greg Millet, in 2009, but our faith in God has sustained us." Before joining Redeemer, Corky and Sandy served at Fellowship Bible Church for 20 years. Corky reported, "Looking for a smaller church, and having the opportunity to worship with our son's family, we joined Redeemer. He continued, "We love the teaching, and the people, and we enjoy the encouragement to share our joys and sorrows in the Seekers Adult Bible Fellowship." **We are thankful for Sandy and Corky, and for their unwavering faith, and ability to love, laugh and live in God's care and grace.**

Congratulations Graduates!

High School



Back Row: Abigail Higgins, Amy Oudin, Alicyn Anthony, Lacie Burris, Grace Naler

Front Row: Jordan Newcomer

College



Rebecca Rack
Dallas Baptist University
BA in Education



Kevin Ramler
Sul Ross State University
Bachelor of Fine Arts

Seminary & Law School



Joe Howard
Dallas Theological Seminary
Master of Theology



Shannon Lauer
Dallas Theological Seminary
Master of Theology



Joel Sage
Boston University School of Law
Juris Doctor

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Jan Jones Honored by DISD



Jan Jones, principal of Highland Meadows Elementary School, was named as one of the top 5 principals in the Dallas Independent School District for the year 2010.

According to the Dallas ISD Blog, "A selection committee composed of past Principal of the Year and Teacher of the Year winners, Dallas ISD Teen

Board students and other district staff chose the winners after reviewing each candidate's nomination packet and conducting site visits and interviews. Winners are chosen based on their leadership skills and management effectiveness; parental and community involvement initiatives; and for their professional relationship with students, parents, staff and community."

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confidence and a rare, intuitive grasp of harmony. When they began singing with their family, these young brothers entered into a strong tradition of family harmony groups in gospel music. Now touring across the country full-time, they have made guest appearances with Ernie Haase and Signature Sound and on the extremely popular Gaither Homecoming Video Series.

A Great Time for Seasoned Saints

Get out of the heat and come inside for some fun and tasty fellowship with the Seasoned Saints at Redeemer! First, Sunday, June 13 is our quarterly luncheon right after the worship service in the fellowship hall. Come and enjoy a warm meal, fellowship, and light entertainment. The cost is \$7 and you may sign up in the bulletin. Then, on Thursday, June 17, we'll gather again to

Hidden in Their Hearts



Sunday May 16, Pre-K through 5th graders recited memory verses they have been practicing all year! Way to go on hiding God's Word in your heart!

eat and play table games from 12 noon till 4 PM. Bring your own lunch and we will provide the games. Bring a parent, friend or neighbor.

Patriotic Celebration and Ice Cream Social, Sunday, July 4 at 6 PM

This year, our annual Patriotic Celebration will include readings, music and even a short video highlighting those who have served and serve our country in the military. Also included in the evening celebration will be a short program our Redeemer Choir has prepared singing selections from Robert Ray's, "Gospel Mass." This work features authentic jazz and gospel music and is performed each year by choirs and ensembles throughout the world. Following the program we'll once again enjoy a delicious and refreshing ice cream social in the fellowship hall.

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