



### Set Your GPS for Intersection 13:35!

By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:35 (NKJ).

Everywhere in life — at all times and places — our lives intersect with others. How *do* we handle those crossing of paths? How *should* we?

Redeemer's library offers a wealth of books about relationships. Intersection 13:35, this year's summer-reading program, invites readers of all ages to strengthen relationships through reading. Gain great insights on being a friend, ministering to the hurting, and interacting with parents, children, grandchildren and spouses.

Come to the library to learn more about Intersection 13:35, which runs from June 17 to July 29. Find out how children, youth and adults can read for prizes and a prize drawing. Discover a book that can make a difference.

Annual Patriotic Service set for July 1

Mark your calendars for Sunday evening, July 1, and plan to attend Redeemer's annual patriotic service celebrating the Fourth of July. As we have in recent years, we will join with Scofield Memorial Church for an evening of great music and historical readings. The service will be held at Redeemer beginning at 6 p.m.

After the service, enjoy ice cream and other desserts in the Fellowship Hall.

#### Linking us with the ministries of our church

## Join Us in the Old West This Summer

Kids who are 4 years old through fifth grade are invited to join the fun at Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held July

10-13 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Children will enjoy singing, games, snacks, crafts and learning about Jesus. Lessons from the *Answers in Genesis Gold Rush* curriculum will focus

on how Jesus can rightly claim to be God, fulfill prophesies, have radical power and

teaching, and offer an empty tomb and eternal life apart from works.

> To register your children, go to www.redeemerbiblechurch.org and

click on the VBS link or see Heidi Regier, director of Children's Ministries. Are you interested in helping? You can volunteer during VBS or donate items ahead of time.

Contact **Heidi** to see how you can help.

## Summer Fellowship Series: The Truth Project

Redeemer kicks off a new Summer Fellowship Series — The Truth Project — on Wednesday evening, June 6.

The Truth Project is a starting point for

examining and living life from a biblical perspective. Make plans now to join us each Wednesday evening 6-8 p.m. for this outstanding DVD-based curriculum, which comprises 13 one-hour lessons featuring Dr.

Del Tackett. Each lessons reataining Dif Del Tackett. Each lesson engages, in great detail, the relevance and importance of living out a Christian worldview in daily life. The series will be facilitated by **Bert Howard**, a member of Redeemer's pastoral

## Annual Garage Sale Raises Money to Support Summer Mission Trip

There were dishes, clothes, old golf clubs, furniture, books and table saws. And people came by the hundreds to snatch up these and many more treasures at Redeemer's annual missions garage sale. staff. Child care will be provided. The Summer Fellowship Series is designed to be a convenient and informal

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fellowship gathering with a come-as-you-are and bring-your-own-snack policy. In order to encourage participants to bring a personal drink and meal, this class will meet in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday throughout

the summer — except the Fourth of July.

This program provides a fantastic opportunity for members to invite family, neighbors and friends to a dynamic, engaging and life-changing series. We'll see you on Wednesday evenings!

The event, held May 25-26, raised

\$15,774 to support our summer mission

trip to Word of Life Hungary. Redeemer

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## **Grom the Elder Board** Thankful for our faithful church

#### Don Geiger Jr., Chairman, Board of Elders

We at Redeemer are blessed to worship each Sunday morning in services that are uplifting, reverent, encouraging and hopeful. And music, of course, is a key part of our worship together.

But the worship music doesn't happen by itself. The music is carefully planned, rehearsed and presented. And in the absence of a staff member who is responsible for worship, a great team has been assembled to help plan and lead our music. Here's a who's who of music at Redeemer:

- Eunice Tavaglione not only leads us with her excellent piano playing, but also leads a small team that plans special music on Sundays when the choir doesn't sing. She is a piano instructor at Eastfield College, teaches privately and serves as the pianist for the Irving Chorale.
- The choir is led by **Bob Pickering**, who worked for years as a professional trumpet player, singer, writer and arranger, and record producer.
- Jay Majernik leads the orchestra and the Grace Notes Handbell Choir. Jay is a professional percussionist, teaches percussion at the high-school level and in his personal studio, and performs with groups such as the Plano Symphony Orchestra.

• Sunday morning worship is led most weeks by **Scott Eickman**, who also sings tenor in the Redeemer choir. Scott led music weekly at his previous church.

This is a great team, and we're grateful and blessed to have their contributions on a weekly basis. Some people have asked when we plan to hire a new worship pastor. The search for the person to fill that position is on hold until after we hire a new senior pastor. That will give the new pastor an opportunity to make the hiring decision for this key position.

Meanwhile, the Search Committee responsible for identifying a candidate for senior pastor is hard at work. The group meets weekly and is laying the groundwork for a comprehensive search. Names are coming in. A number of people have suggested possible candidates, and we encourage Redeemer members and regular attenders to continue submitting names of those they believe should be considered. Other individuals have heard about the open position and have contacted us directly. You can send suggestions and resumes via email to search@redeemerbiblechurch.org or give a note to a member of the Search Committee. The committee also plans to contact Dallas Theological Seminary and other schools to let potential candidates know about this opportunity.

The Search Committee is chaired by Scott Shaffer. Other members are: Ann Fleming, Don Geiger Jr., Brad Hepp, Tom Newcomer, John Rack, Debbie Raikes and Lillian Rees.

God continues to bless and use Redeemer Bible Church. We are thankful for our church and for the many people who serve faithfully.

## Adult Bible Fellowship Classes — Summer 2012

The mission of Redeemer Bible Church is "to glorify God, build up each other in love, and reach out to unbelievers to win them to Christ." In order to bring these words to life and help put them into action, Redeemer encourages all members and guests to participate in our Adult Bible Fellowship (ABF) classes. Learning life principles and sound biblical doctrine from trusted and capable teachers while immersed in a nurturing fellowship is a proven and effective way to build a solid foundation on God's word.

2 Peter 3:17-18 puts it this way: "Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

If you are not yet part of one of our dynamic ABF classes, then you are missing out on vibrant and joyful aspects of biblical church life and spiritual growth: Christ-centered fellowship with other believers and the equipping of the saints. The ABF summer season provides the perfect opportunity to get involved, so invite your family, neighbors and friends.

Join us Sundays at 9:15 a.m., find a class that interests you, and make it your goal to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Those around us should clearly see Redeemer's mission statement demonstrated and reflected in our actions: "glorifying God, building up the saints, and holding out Christ to the world."

Here are details about each of our six ABF classes and their plans for the summer:

#### Sojourners Class – Room 103

The Sojourners Class is led by **Carl Martin** and **Kris Dain**. The class teacher is **Scott Shaffer**, who will be facilitating a study of 1 Thessalonians.

#### Young Adult Class – Room 105

The Young Adults gather with class leader **Colin McCaslin**. The teacher is **John Pettitt**, who will teach through the book of Judges over the summer.

#### **Discipleship Class – Room 110**

The Discipleship Class is headed up by **Brian Coppinger**. Class teacher **John Rack** will delve into a series entitled "What Did Jesus Mean When He Said ..."

#### Seekers Class – Room 112

The Seekers are led by **Byron Donaho**, with **Howard Joslin** as the class teacher. This summer, Howard is presenting a series entitled "A Shooter's Mentality: Prayer Expectations for Healthy Disciples."

#### **Berean Class – Room 113**

The Bereans gather under the leadership of **Bill Shepherd** and the teaching of **Dr. Larry Waters**. He is teaching "Summer Surprise," with lessons planned on topics ranging from messianic prophecy to favorite Psalms.

#### Koinonia Class – Room 120

The Koinonia Class is led by **Charlie Reibenstein** and taught by **Dr. Roy Zuck**. He will take the class through a detailed study of the book of Daniel over the summer.

# Getting to Know You: Jim and Kathy Smith

#### **Tommie Loveless**

**Jim and Kathy Smith** celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary on May 5, having married in 1979. They met in Dallas when both were teaching technical training classes for Southwestern Bell.

"I received a degree in math from SMU, and I loved Dallas. I was thankful to be hired by Southwestern Bell immediately after I graduated so I could stay in the area," Kathy said. She was born in Chicago and grew up in a nearby suburb. Her only sister and her family still live in that area.

Jim, a native Texan, attended six colleges before graduating from St. Mary's University with a degree in economics.

"My dad was an entrepreneur in several businesses, but mostly oilfield construction," he said.

"My mother figured out that in 41 years of marriage, they moved 37 times. I was in most of those moves."

Jim and Kathy's parents and one of Jim's brothers are deceased. His other brother and family live in various parts of the country. Jim and Kathy retired from Southwestern Bell — he after 30 years of service and she after 28 years.

Today, the Smiths split their time between homes in Dallas and Hideaway Lake. "I love living in both places, but they are very different," Kathy said. "One is a 28th-floor condo overlooking Preston Hollow and the other is in a small town overlooking a lake." Jim enjoys serving on the administrative team of Bible Study Fellowship for a men's class in Tyler. He grew up attending

traditional Baptist churches and accepted Jesus as his Savior at age 11.

"My spiritual growth was slow during my high school, college and military career," he said. "My relationship with the Lord began to grow when I met Kathy, as we became exposed to solid Biblical teaching."

Kathy began going to church by herself during her high-school years and trusted Christ in college after hearing the Gospel message from a chance acquaintance. She is thankful that her parents made professions of faith at the end of their lives. Kathy connects her spiritual journey to teaching first-

graders in Sunday school and reading and listening to great men of the faith, including Francis Shaffer, DTS professors and those at church. Presently, she is a children's leader with Bible Study Fellowship. Jim and Kathy also attended several classes in the Lay Institute program at DTS and shared two trips to Israel.

Members of Redeemer since 2001, the Smiths expressed how thankful they are for the Biblical teaching and fellowship they enjoy and share.

Jim and Kathy, your Redeemer family is also thankful for you and happy that you begin your week, every Sunday, sitting front-and-center in the sanctuary!

## Congratulations Are in Order!



Sonja Rose was recognized in a chapel service at Dallas Theological Seminary in April for 18 years of service to Luke's Pantry, which she managed.



Liesl Raikes graduated from John Brown University with a bachelor of science degree in photography. She and her husband, Jonathan, are expecting their first child in August.





Carly McCullar graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas with a bachelor of arts degree in interdisciplinary studies. She would like to teach children who have communication disorders.

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Ina McCormack has received a scholarship to attend high school at Interlochen Arts Academy in northwestern Michigan. Interlochen is considered the nation's premier boarding school for fine arts. Ina is an accomplished harpist and has been a member of the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra.

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volunteers worked tirelessly to organize and prepare for the sale. "We're very grateful to the many people who cleaned out their garages, closets and attics to support this very worthwhile cause and we're thankful for those who worked so hard to organize everything," said **Janet Ramler**, who coordinated the huge sale. "Because of their generosity, the team from Redeemer will be able to help the team at Word of Life as they communicate God's salvation to the youth of Hungary."

The team will travel to Toalmas, Hungary — about an hour from Budapest — in late July and early August. They will teach English and basic baseball skills to Hungarian young people who attend summer camp at the beautiful Word of Life campus. This will be Redeemer's tenth consecutive summer to send teams there.

Redeemer team members for 2012 are John and Barbara Arms, Homer and Anita Corley, Sharon Geiger, Tom and Chris Newcomer, Hannah Percival, Janet Ramler, Charlie and Janet Reibenstein, and Michael Wade.

## Troop 48 Plans Philmont Adventure

Ten young men and three adult leaders from Boy Scout Troop 48 will spend two weeks in June hiking at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico — considered one of the premier scouting experiences.

"We have a fantastic group of boys representing Redeemer Bible Church at Philmont this year, and we are excited to be part of it," said **Gordon Robinson**. He and **David Tatom** serve together as co-scoutmasters.

The troop will hike 55 miles and participate in a number of activities and side hikes along the way.

Adult leaders on the trip will be David, Gordon and Paul Pecena. Youth on the trip will be Coy Cowan, Ty Cowan, Ben Hoggatt, Benjamin Lambourne, Will Pecena, David Robinson, Chandler Stephens, Peter Tanksley, Samuel Tanksley and Nathaniel Tatom. The Word of Life ministry in Hungary includes summer camps, a Bible institute, conferences and various outreach ministries. Redeemer missionary **Laci Kadar** directs the summer camping ministry and teaches at the Bible institute. For more information about the ministry, visit www.eletszava.org.

"This is an effective, farreaching ministry that clearly communicates God's word in a very needy place," said **Paul Ramler**, chairman of the Missions Leadership Team. "It's a privilege to partner with Word of Life to reach the youth of Hungary."



Sara King added a fun touch to the fund-raising with her on-thespot (and spot-on!) caricatures.

## Student Summer Spotlight

Nothing will get you as hot and flustered as a good ol' Dallas summer. This year, beginning in June, the students of Redeemer Bible Church will cool off in a refreshing pool, sip on Dr Pepper, kick back and generally having a great time. It is the annual Swim 'n Study for junior- and senior-high school students.

This summer, they will work their way through "People of Courage: Inspiring Individuals in the Bible." The study will be led by **Jeremiah** and **Ellie Bakk**, and take the students back in time to ancient lands, where they will look into the lives of people such as Joshua, Esther, Samson, Daniel and Mary.

It will be a great time for having fun with friends, hanging out and connecting with other students off campus. Be sure to keep an eye out for summer calendar updates on the church website. For more information about the time and place, contact **Jeremiah**, Redeemer's student pastor, at Jeremiah@redeemerbiblechurch.org.

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