

July 2007

Linking us with the ministries of our church

## *Patriotic Service and Ice Cream Social this Sunday at 6:00 PM*

Come this Sunday night to our annual patriotic service at 6:00 PM, followed by an ice cream social in the fellowship hall. Familiar and upbeat music, songs and readings highlight our evening service. You will be blessed by the special music including a quartet, instrumentalists and a piano solo by **Eunice Tavaglione**. This year's celebration includes a distinctive look at our World War II veterans and their own, unique stories. You will be glad you came.

## *VBS is here on July 11, 18 and 25 Run-the-Race Wednesdays*

Each of these three Wednesdays, from 9:30 – 2:30, many children from our church and neighborhood will learn to run the race of endurance while learning about Jesus. These fun-filled days feature games, crafts, snacks, sports, worship, and learning about the Bible and missions. On July 25 all VBS families and volunteers are invited to a dinner from 5:45-6:30 in the fellowship hall and a worship rally from 6:45-7:30 in the sanctuary. Now is the time to sign up your children or volunteer to help support one of the many activities. Visit the church's Web site or sign up in the lobby on Sunday.

[ register to volunteer or attend at  
[www.redeemberiblechurch.org](http://www.redeemberiblechurch.org) ]

## Local Ministries that Need You

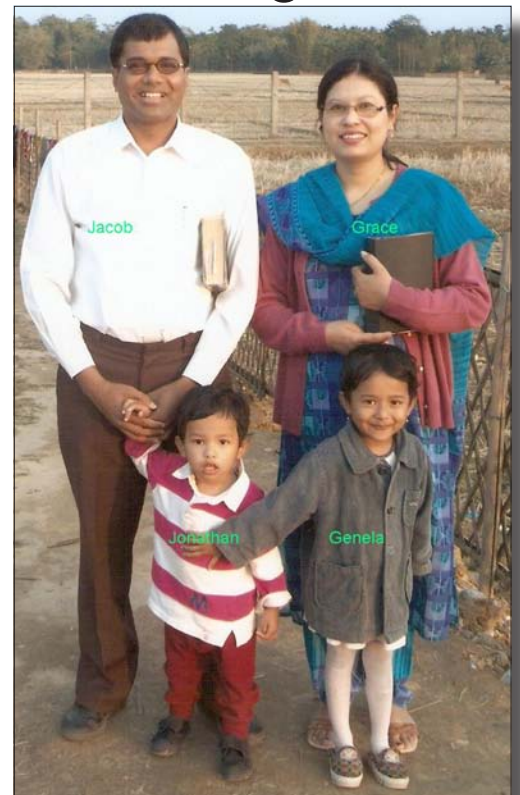
The Redeemer family is serious about loving needy people from our community in practical ways that point them to Jesus. On the third Saturday of each month Redeemer volunteers staff the **White Rock Center of Hope** to help disadvantaged people in East Dallas meet their most basic needs (food, clothing, emergency rent assistance, etc.). Each Monday evening a team visits troubled youth at the **Henry Wade Correctional Facility** to share the good news of Jesus, read short Bible stories, and pray for their requests. At convenient times during

the normal school week, Redeemer tutors spend 30 minutes helping students at **Riley Elementary** and **Highland Meadows Elementary** learn to read. Each of these ministries needs help.

If you have not yet found a meaningful place of service at Redeemer, prayerfully consider joining one of these high-impact ministry teams or recommending another to our elders. Our Lord reminds us in Matthew 25:34-40 that blessing the needy blesses Him. What an amazing thought! Please call the church office with questions.

## Redeemer to Support Strategic Church and Mission Station Plant in Northeast India

Redeemer Bible Church will soon have a sister church in Assam, a strategically located state in northeast India. Assam is surrounded by Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Myanmar (Burma) [see graphic on next page]. As one of their outreach ministries, The Asian Christian Academy (led by **Joy and Leela George** and supported by Redeemer) is establishing churches that in turn become outreach stations, training pastors and planting churches in the area. This initiative in Assam will be ACA's latest church/outreach plant. As with their other outreaches, it will be led by one of their seminary graduates. **Jacob and Grace Ahmed** (pictured right), themselves Muslim



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## In a Word

### Make the Most of Your Summer

Don Geiger, Senior Pastor

“Summertime and the livin’ is easy...” So goes the golden oldie from *Porgie and Bess*. School’s out, heat’s up, vacation’s in sight, and the evenings are lazy and long. Despite summer camps, VBS, mission trips to Serbia, Hungary, and Guatemala, the pace of life does slow down a bit in July and August. While the livin’ at your house may not be all that easy, our long Texas summers do provide us opportunities to catch up on some important-but-easily-postponed activities like

- doing something surprisingly special with your family.
- taking your kids or grandkids to a waterpark.
- checking out and reading a few good books from our well-stocked church library. You might ask our helpful librarians for ideas.
- putting your good snap shots in a photo album, and tossing the rest.
- providing some tasty goodies for our VBS this month.
- reading the book of Proverbs.

- reorganizing your bookshelves and work place (one of my projects).
- helping someone with a special need you can meet.
- visiting an old friend you haven’t seen for a while.
- reflecting on your year to date and sharpening your goals and plans for the months ahead.

• helping keep our church lawn and landscape attractive. Call **Bonnie Reese** for ideas.

• sitting in your back yard enjoying the trees, flowers, butterflies and birds. In the words of the late biblical scholar, William Barclay, “We must take time to think, pray, reflect, and do nothing.”

How about reading this with your family or with a friend, add your own creative ideas to the list, then pick a few and see them through. It will help you have a great summer.

In a word, make the most of your summer!

### William Barclay's To Do List

Think

Pray

Reflect

Do Nothing

## Redeemer to Support Church Plant in India

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converts, will be working primarily among the Muslims of Assam. As Dr. George explained in his recent ministry to us, the potential for outreach, not only in Assam but in the neighboring countries, is great.

**Jacob, Grace, Jonathan, and Genela Ahmed** will begin their ministry in rented quarters. As the church grows, ACA will purchase property and build a church/training center. Amazingly, this highly cost-effective outreach is completely funded by our contribution of three hundred dollars each month. Let’s all begin praying for the Ahmeds as we partner with them in this vital ministry.

Assam (lighter shade), in Northeast India, surrounded by other Indian states and close to Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar, and Bangladesh



# Getting to Know You: Brad and Susan Hepp

**Tommie Loveless**

**Brad and Susan Hepp** grew up in Christian homes with missionary parents. However, geographically they were very far from each other. Brad was born in Puebla, Mexico, where his folks were teaching at the Central American Mission (CAM) Bible College. Brad shared, “We moved to East Texas when I was ten. My dad is a theologian and a writer, and I still maintain his Web site, where he posts his essays.” Susan was born in Summit, New Jersey, while her parents were on furlough from their ministry as missionaries to the Mam Indians in the highlands of Guatemala. She remembered, “I spent four years in Guatemala, and I have a great fondness for Huehuetenango, the MK school I attended during my fourth and fifth-grade years. My two brothers (David and Peter) and I were so privileged to grow up with a first-hand understanding of a culture that is so different from ours.”



Brad and Susan finally met as singles while attending Reinhardt Bible Church. Brad added, “I had met Susan’s dad and brother at the seminary, and I knew what a blessing it would be to have the Beverages as in-laws. After many years of courting her, I wore Susan down, and we married in 1991. Susan added, “Brad and I were good friends for about five years before the Lord opened my heart to something deeper — the rest is history! In 2000 we adopted **Jonathan** and in 2003, **Joshua**. The two adoption stories are very different, but both are lessons in God’s magnificent grace and sovereignty.” They have since added a cat, Princess, and a few hermit crabs to their family.

Brad earned degrees from Stephen F. Austin, a ThM in New Testament Studies at Dallas Theological Seminary, and completed half of the requirements toward a Master of Linguistics.

Brad explained, “For years I was preparing to be a Bible translator, but during my seminary years I was introduced to audio visual production, and it was soon apparent that I have more aptitude for graphic design than for theology.”

Brad accepted a position with Millet the Printer, where he has enjoyed working for thirteen years. Brad created and maintains Redeemer’s Web site, and through his company, JBH Communications, creates and maintains other Web sites. Brad has served on the Redeemer elder board, designs and produces the LINK, and is one of our great church photographers.

Susan graduated from Southeastern Bible College in Birmingham, Alabama, and

taught for one year in Germany. She then taught for two years at Pantego Christian Academy in Arlington, and six years at First Baptist Academy, Dallas. Susan concluded, “My desire is to see our children grow up with the rich experiences in the church that I enjoyed, such as Geiger Island, Wednesday night activities, choir, youth events, and summer ministries. These are just a few of the many things that greatly influenced my life.”

The Hepps enjoy going on nature walks, swimming at the White Rock Athletic Club, vacationing in Colorado, reading, and spending time with their extended families. The Redeemer church family is very grateful for Brad, Susan, Jonathan, and Joshua.

## June Youth Retreats

An enthusiastic group of 25 young men and leaders enjoyed a week camping on beautiful Geiger Island in Tennessee during Teen Guys Week June 16-24. Everyone enjoyed skiing, tubing, wakeboarding, a nature hike, campfires, scripture memory, small groups, and more fun and memorable experiences than words can describe. The spiritual input will have an eternal impact. **Tony**

challenged each person to examine life and make changes according to scripture. We praise God for the many blessings of the trip.



The Girls of Grace spent five days looking at the Lamb of God and our Good Shepherd. They had a wonderful time in Lone Oak, Texas.



The Link is Redeemer Bible Church’s monthly newsletter, produced by the pastoral staff, Brad Hepp (layout), and various contributors.

## Cool Senior Happenings in the Hot Months

Our Seasoned Saints will enjoy several fun activities this summer. Don't miss the next luncheon on Sunday, July 8 immediately after the worship service. We'll enjoy tasty barbeque and lively music featuring the harpsichord, mandolin, guitar and more. You'll hear about great opportunities for fellowship, including a July outing, game day, and our next movie day. All seniors fifty-five and older are welcome to participate in the summer activities.

## May Baptisms



May 27 (l to r): Sharon Davis, Jason Cole, and Daniel Sandlin.

## Behind the Curtain

**Patty Pedigo** is another dedicated Redeemer servant who joyfully and faithfully ministers to others without calling attention to herself.

By placing and maintaining live plants in strategic places throughout the church building, Patti has enhanced our Sunday mornings for the past five years. At least once each week, Patti dusts, prunes, turns, and waters about a dozen indoor plants (mostly peace lilies). As we pass large pots brimming with gorgeous white-flowered, broad-leafed plants, we are quietly reminded that the Creator-God has called us and drawn us... to worship. God uses Patti's plant ministry to usher us into that worship.



God is using another of Patti's ministries as well. Patti leads our *Pioneer Girls*, which incorporates the power of prayer, Bible study, and missions into a fun program that encourages girls to grow through service projects, games, songs, crafts, and Bible memory. Patti's unassuming leadership ensures that more than 20 girls in grades K-6 have a place to meet and grow alongside other girls their age. Not only is God touching these girls through Patti, but also those the girls reach. Hundreds of lives are being shaped by Patti's quiet ministry!

Patti, thank you for your humble and powerful ministry to our church family. You are a blessing.

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