

July 2008

Linking us with the ministries of our church

Patriotic Service and Ice Cream Social Sunday, July 6 at 6PM

Come Sunday night to our annual patriotic service at 6:00 PM, followed by an ice cream social in the fellowship hall. Familiar, upbeat music, songs and readings highlight our evening service. You will be blessed by the special music including a quartet, brass, and choir. This year's celebration will also include our Cub Scouts as well as a few other surprises. Bring your family for celebration and ice cream. You will be glad you came.

Proverbs to Consider

A gentle answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 15:1

Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and your plans will succeed.

Proverbs 16:3

A cheerful look brings joy to
the heart,

and good news gives health to
the bones.

Proverbs 15:30

He who listens to a life-giving rebuke
will be at home among the wise.

Proverbs 15:31

Vacation Bible School 2008

Imagine the breathtaking beauty of the Hawaiian Islands and the heart-pounding thrill of the Pacific surf. You can almost smell the salt-scented breeze. Surfers are not the only adventurers you will see riding the crest of a wave in the Pacific. Outrigger canoe racing teams ride the waves with speed and skill. Their specialized canoes are fitted with lateral supports known as "outriggers." These supports give stability to otherwise



unsteady canoes allowing the paddlers to navigate the rough seas and the thundering tides of the ocean.

This year's VBS is Lifeway's *Outrigger Island: Living God's Unshakable Truth*. With the crashing waves of modern-day media, the unpredictable seas of daily family life, and the troubled waters of simply growing up, it

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Seasoned Saints Activities at Redeemer

If you are fifty-five or older, you are invited to take part in the many activities of the Seasoned Saints. Perhaps you are new to the church. Attending an event is a great way to get connected at Redeemer, lift your spirit and put a smile on your face.

Quarterly Luncheons

On Sunday, June 8, ninety-four Seasoned Saints enjoyed a tasty barbeque lunch and fun entertainment featuring several from our talented youth group who played and sang. **Emily Bailey** surprised the group with a Julie Andrews-like performance of the *senior version of My Favorite Things*. Our next luncheon will be on **Sunday, October 12**, in the fellowship hall.



is a fun and relaxed time when we bring our lunch and fellowship together and then enjoy a little friendly competition. There are snacks and goodies, stories and laughing. It's a great way to build good memories and get to know each other.

Movie Days

Our next movie day is Thursday, August 7. In the heat of the summer, the fellowship hall transforms into a cool, comfortable theater. You will enjoy the freshly popped popcorn and cold sodas as well. Our Seasoned Saints group is creatively and faithfully led by **Stu and Dorothy Howe**,

along with a consistent, servant-leader team including **Greg and Dora Forde, Don and Sonja Rose, Bob and Shirley Porterfield, Evelyn and G. W. Ward, Bonnie Reese, Max Hardesty and Karen Shoholm**. Come be a part of the Seasoned Saints!

In a Word

Do all to the glory of God!

Don Geiger, Senior Pastor

Our *Link* serves to connect us to the ministries of the church and also to link us to each other. Each month Tommie Loveless's *Getting to Know You* column spotlights a Redeemer family — this month it's the Martin family. We regularly feature new members, graduates, and those who are baptized. Last month we had a bumper crop of all — fourteen graduates, eighteen new members, and two who were baptized. It's always a delight to recognize and honor others for their achievements, as well. Again this month the list of honorees is long, and their achievements are varied. Since our summer sermon theme is God's wisdom as presented in *Proverbs*, and since biblical

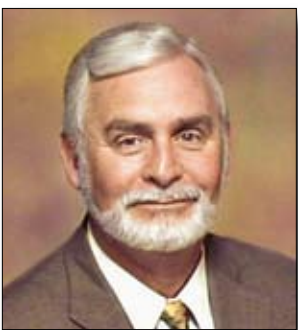


Grant and Hillary Bridgman; Stephen and Jonathan Raikes joyfully and skillfully sang and danced their way through the recent outstanding production of *The Music Man*, put on by Cedar Valley Community College in Lancaster.

Stephen played the role of "bad boy" Tommie Dijilas (Remember *Trouble in River City?*). They were all great! (L to R: **Stephen, Grant, Hillary, Jonathan**)



Phil Rehlander and his fellow crew members of the USS Ponchataula were recently honored in Washington D C with a congressional tribute for their valiant service during the Vietnam War. A heart-felt thanks from all of us, Phil!



Dr. Larry Waters, after only his first semester of full-time teaching at Dallas Seminary, was voted by the graduating class as "Best non-tenured teacher of the year." That's quite an honor, but no surprise to members of the Berean ABF!

wisdom includes developing and using all our gifts and skills — physical and manual as well as mental and spiritual, we congratulate these eight for their accomplishments and use them to encourage and remind us that whatever we do, we are to do it heartily, as unto the Lord.

The Old Testament word for *wise* has as its basic meaning, *skilled*, or *skillful*, and is used in Exodus 28 and 31 to describe those who made the clothing for the priests, the many articles used in the Tabernacle, and for building the Tabernacle itself. God described them as *skilled men (and women) to whom I have given wisdom in such matters*. The word is also used for skill in warfare, in sailing, and by implication would include the skills of many others such as singers, musicians, and dancers, all of whom are described as using their God-given abilities to glorify God and benefit others.

So we salute these for their recent achievements as they remind us that *each one should use whatever gift he has received, to serve others*.

Congratulations to you all, and thanks for modeling practical wisdom in developing and using your God-given skills and gifts. Keep up the wise work!

In a Word . . . do all to the glory of God!

[Please let the church staff know of those whose achievements we can recognize.]



Wesley Geiger, senior at First Baptist Academy, was voted by his coaches and fellow tennis team members as "Most Improved Player." Nice going, grandson!



Chad Geiger, senior at Rockwall High School, was voted by his coaches and fellow gymnasts as "Yellowjacket Gymnast of the Year" and as "Most Improved." Ditto to you, Chad!

Getting to Know You: The Martin Family

Tommie Loveless

It may be true that opposites attract, but **Carl and Lois Martin** prove that similarities attract as well. Both Carl and Lois are from the mid-west: Carl from Oklahoma, Lois from Nebraska. After graduating high school, Carl worked in the electronics field for a few years and then enlisted in the Navy, where he served for six years in electronics. After separating from the Navy, Carl gained an associates degree in electronics from Oklahoma State. After high school, Lois gained an associates degree in occupational therapy from the University of

Nebraska at Kearney and enlisted in the Army. Carl served in the Navy for six years; Lois served in the Army for seven.

While in the Navy, Carl was stationed on the Atlantic coast in Charleston, South Carolina. One weekend while enjoying some recreation in Myrtle Beach, Carl responded to the good news of Jesus shared by a beach evangelism team from Campus Crusade for Christ. While in the Army, Lois was stationed in the Pacific (Hawaii) and came to faith in Jesus Christ during a Josh McDowell meeting presented by ... any guesses? ... Campus Crusade! Lois was 22 when she placed her faith in Jesus; Carl was 21.

After separating from the Navy, Carl was three years into his studies at Old Dominion University in Virginia — with a view toward becoming an industrial arts teacher — when he decided to attend Dallas Bible College. Stationed in San Antonio as she



was separating from the Army, Lois was encouraged by a mentor to attend a good Bible college in Dallas. Want to guess which one? You guessed it: DBC. Their very similar paths crossed just before Carl's senior year and Lois' junior year; and about a year later, their two paths became one.

Newly graduated and married, Carl began work in a succession of electronics-related jobs. Lois finished her DBC degree and devoted herself full-time to raising a family. God blessed the Martins with three amazing girls: **Linnea** (who died prematurely), **Laura**, and **Joanna**. Laura (left of Carl) has been accepted

to TWU for this fall and is considering child development studies. She very much enjoys working with children, drama, music, and literature. Joanna (right of Lois) is attending Richland College and is pursuing a medical transcription job to provide for future studies. She enjoys spending time with close friends, swing dancing, and singing. Both girls actively serve at Redeemer, doing things like caring for children, assisting with college & career events, and singing in the choir.

The Martins were drawn to Redeemer by a good youth group, the friendly and gracious people, Pastor Geiger's encouraging sermons, and the diversity of ministries. Since arriving, each of the Martins has found a place at Redeemer to actively serve God in meaningful ways. It appears similarities attract people and churches as well! It is good to know you, Martin family.

College and Career's Upper Room Discourse

John 13-17 contains our Lord's life-changing instruction to the disciples immediately before offering his life on the cross for the glory of the Father and the sin of humanity. This amazing passage of Scripture is commonly known as the "Upper Room Discourse," and this summer our college & career group is engaged in a life-changing upper room discourse of its own. Each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 8:30 PM about a dozen eager disciples of Jesus gather in their newly-renovated upstairs room to encourage one another in their walks with God. They participate in a brief time of worship led by **Joe Howard** or **Danny Smith**, and then **Andy Reibenstein** facilitates a

discussion centering on the main ideas from the previous Sunday's sermon. The group revisits key passages, clears any fog of misunderstanding, shares how the Spirit of God nudged them, and then discusses how to apply God's Word as they offer themselves for the glory of God and the good of others.

God is pursuing the next generation ... and they are pursuing Him. Does that move you? Thinking about our fine college & career folks, Jesus' words from *John 15.7-8* leap off the page, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." College & career folks, we're both grateful for and inspired by your example of active discipleship. To God be the glory forever!

West Dallas Outreach

Twenty of our youth and adults helped make a great impact in the lives of over 120 kids at West Dallas Community Church during a two-week outreach to needy first-sixth graders June 16-



27. The focus was introducing Jesus as a true friend and explaining how He is loving and powerful to forgive and save. An encouraging number of kids (and a parent) made the decision to believe in Jesus

for salvation. Each day, about 8 of our teenage Redeemer counselors meet with 3 or 4 small groups of children and presented the Gospel using the wordless book tract. The entire team also helped



with afternoon neighborhood bus pickup, played with the kids in the gym, served dinner, and cleaned up. During the second week, **Lauren Raikes** led six of our teenage girls on a weeklong all-day project of helping lead the morning summer school program, afternoon events, and VBS in the evening. Lauren had a fun and relaxing activity planned each night for this special team of summer servants.

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is no wonder children's belief systems can capsize before they even get started. Though we cannot change the world in which kids are growing up, we can equip kids to navigate that world with the five stabilizing truths:

1. God is real.
2. Jesus is God's Son.
3. Jesus is the only way to receive salvation.
4. The Bible is God's Word.
5. Their actions show what they truly believe.

Knowing God's truth, talking about it, and living it out in their daily lives is the vessel kids need to stay spiritually stable in a world that is filled with unpredictable tides of opinion and waves of change.

Lifeway reported that last year 94,980 people made the decision to accept Christ as a result of VBS programs.

More people come to know Jesus as their Savior through VBS than any other single church outreach ministry. Hopefully, these stats will light your tiki torch for being involved in Outrigger Island. If you would like to be part of this crucial summer program, go to **www.redeembiblechurch.org** and register your child as a participant and yourself as a volunteer. Together we can help children become unshakable in a world full of shifting sands.



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