

July 2011

Linking us with the ministries of our church

July Sermon Series

- July 3 Will America see a Tri-Centennial? Also, Observance of the Lord's Table
- July 10 Guest Speaker: Dr. Charles Ryrie
- July 17 Guest Speaker: Dr. Robert Lightner
- July 24 Profiles in Courage: The Courage to Pray - Daniel

July 3 starting 6 PM: Patriotic Concert and Ice Cream Social

The summer concert series will conclude Sunday evening July 3 with a special concert presented by our choir. The concert will include stirring patriotic songs as well as a chance to reflect upon the many blessings we enjoy here in America. Joining our choir this year will be singers and musicians from Scofield Memorial Church. Following the concert there will be an ice cream social in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends.

Hawaiian Falls Family Day

Come cool off and have a great time with your kids and other Redeemer families on Wednesday, August 17, from 10:30 AM – 6:00 PM at Hawaiian Falls Waterpark in Garland. Tickets will be sold to Redeemer families at a terrific group rate! More details coming soon.

Vacation Bible School

On July 11, 12 and 13 (Monday-Wednesday), Redeemer will host a 3-day Vacation Bible School from 9:00–11:00 AM. Your children will have a fun time as they learn and grow in *Hometown Nazareth*. They will experience hands-on projects in a Bible times marketplace, participate in fun games, enjoy music, snacks, and — most importantly — learn about Jesus and the joy of serving Him and others!

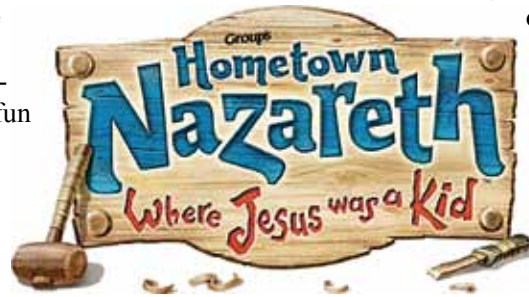
Parents, on the last day, at 11:00 AM, you are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall as the

children share some of the special things they have learned.

VBS is for children ages 4 yrs.-5th grade. **Pre-registering your children on-line is easy! Go to the VBS link on our church Web site and then click REGISTRATION.**

If you are an adult or teenager who would like to help with VBS, please contact Heidi at (214) 340-3633 x205 and she will find a spot in Nazareth for you!

Childcare will be provided during VBS for the children of volunteers, (for ages 3 yrs. and under).



Swim and Study

As the temperatures here in Dallas rise and people condition themselves for the inevitable dash from one air-conditioned place to another, the students of RBC will be enjoying the cool, refreshing water of the pool, courtesy of **Milvern & Aloha Harrell**. This summer, Wednesday nights are reserved for Swim 'n Study, our midweek get-together for middle and high school students. While our goal is primarily to have fun and connect with each other away from our church setting, we are also working through a study called, "Shades of Gray: The 'Other' Difficult Questions of the Faith." Inspired by a comprehensive study of common questions that teenagers ask about their

Christian faith, compiled by Cary Schmidt of Lancaster Bible Church in California, we will be using 15 questions as starting points to discuss topics like relationships, culture, personal spirituality and family. The answers to the 15 questions, while vitally

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From the Pastor's Pen

Unintended consequences

Doug Hornok, Senior Pastor

As part of our wedding anniversary celebration (38 years) and attending my 40th High School class reunion, Connie and I were able to visit one of our favorite places, Moab, Utah. This small town in Southern Utah is at the heart of two national parks, Arches and Canyonlands and a state park known as Dead Horse Point. The Colorado River runs through Canyonlands and the 2000 feet red rock canyons provide some of the most spectacular scenery in all the world. If you've never traveled there, it needs to be on your "places to visit" list. You will not be disappointed. Let me show you the pictures sometime.

During our visit to Moab I learned something new. More than 100 years ago in an effort to prevent erosion and stabilize river banks, scientists introduced eight different species of trees known as the Tamarisk. The Tamarisk tree (also known as salt cedar) was an invasive non-native plant that reproduced rapidly and grows along the rivers in Europe and Asia. Tamarisk can grow as high as 25 feet tall and each plant can produce as many as 500,000 seeds annually. Through the years these seeds have been dispersed by wind, water and animals until today the entire banks of the Colorado River are covered with Tamarisk trees from Colorado to California. What's more, these trees are now throughout the southwest area of the United States. There are, however, several problems — several unintended consequences — that the scientists never anticipated. First, the erosion that the scientists believed was happening along the Colorado River was not nearly as great as first thought. In fact, erosion is needed to keep a river healthy. When the water runs high and fast during the spring from snow melt it removes debris, flushes alkaline

from the soil and prevents sand bars from developing which impede the river's flow. Second, these trees produce a dense, nearly impenetrable thicket that is narrowing the flow of the river. Third, and of much greater concern, the Tamarisks that line the thousands of miles of shoreline of the Colorado River are consuming precious water. Mature Tamarisk trees can uptake nearly 200 gallons of water a day from the river. Some scientists estimate that as much as one third of the Colorado River's water is consumed by these millions of trees. It is estimated that the West is losing enough water to supply more than 20 million people with water for one year or to irrigate over one million acres of land. What started out as a good intention has become a serious problem.

Because water is such a precious commodity for survival, scientists in 2001 introduced a beetle from Kazakhstan that is eating the Tamarisk trees in the hopes that over time this tiny beetle will eradicate the Tamarisk tree. Only time will tell if there are some *other* "unintended consequences" from the introduction of beetles into the eco-system. Who knows, perhaps in a few years scientists will be trying to eradicate the beetle!

As I learned what was happening along the Colorado River, I was reminded again of Paul's words in Galatians 6: "*Do not be deceived, God is not mocked, whatever a man sows, that shall he also reap.*" Every choice we make, word we speak, action we engage in has consequences. Sometimes they are obvious, other times they are not. Let's make certain that what we do does not come back to haunt us. Consequences can last for generations!

Missions Minded

It's summertime in Texas and that means short-term missions trips are underway! By the time you read this, **Steve Paris, Kay Paris, Leonard Rees, Charlane Rack and Rebecca Rack** will have taken to the skies en route to Guatemala to bring wood-burning stoves to rural Mayans (6/25-7/3). They are working hard to install efficient wood-burning stoves for needy people in remote areas to decrease the toxic emissions from indoor fire pits that are typically used to cook family meals. These durable stoves also minimize smoke and burns, and reduce wood use by 70%, lowering the rate of deforestation. For the Mayan, these stoves have been an invaluable addition to their homes and physical symbol of the love brought to them by our faithful team.

Next, **Dr. Larry and Mary Waters** will lead a team including **Doug Hornok, Connie Hornok and Ann Rodgers** to the Philippines. They will join missionaries there and spend time in evangelism, discipleship and ministering to the needs of the

locals. They depart for the Philippines on July 7 and will return on July 19.

A final team, including **Janet Ramler, Kevin Ramler, Andrew Ramler, Michaela (Ruffino) Ramler, Laura Blomstedt, Edward Matthews, Laramie Sage, Emma Wade, Charlie Reibenstein and Byron Donaho** will head to Hungary to minister to the youth summer camp at the Word of Life campus. They will partner with our Redeemer-supported missionaries, **Laci and Szandra Kadar**, teaching English and baseball skills to teenagers from all over the country. Many of the teens who attend have never heard the good news of Jesus Christ. Like Dr. Waters' ministry with the group in the Philippines, this is a well-established

ministry that thrives on the help they receive through short-term mission teams like these. Let's keep these teams in our prayers throughout the summer — that they will be faithful and effective ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ for the glory of God.



Getting to Know You: Jay and Laura Leigh Majernik

Tommie Loveless

Jay and Laura Leigh Majernik grew up in very different areas: Jay in a small, rural, farming community of Sumner, Illinois; while Laura Leigh was born in Dallas and is a native, seventh-generation Texan. Jay graduated from Eastern Illinois University (EIU) in 1993. He moved to Dallas in 1995 to attend Southern Methodist University, where he obtained his Masters in Music. He exclaimed, "EIU is also Tony Romo's alma mater! People always get a kick out of that!" He continued, "God has always directed my life, and guided my steps. I know it was Him who led me to SMU, and to where I am today!" Jay's mother was a preacher's daughter, and his father became a lay minister over two small churches. Jay is thankful for his faith in God, which he experienced and learned from his parents.

Laura Leigh earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas, and a M.P.A. degree from University of North Texas, in Denton. She shared, "I did not go to church after the age of five. But when I met Jay, he challenged me to grow spiritually. Thankfully, he still does that today. I also had a wonderful co-worker, and a friend who inspired my spiritual walk."

Laura Leigh and Jay met in 2004 through match.com, a dating service Web site. They married in 2006. Jay told the remarkable timing of their relationship, "In 2005, my mother was diagnosed with colon cancer. She passed away in January, 2006, four months before we got married. For Laura Leigh to be there for



me, during this ordeal, was simply amazing!" He continued, "Actually, I lost my mom, both grandfathers, became engaged, bought a house and got married, during the same year!"

Jay teaches music at several schools in Dallas, including Booker T. Washington High school of Performing & Visual Arts, Bishop Lynch, as well as J. Horn High School, in Mesquite. He has performed with the Plano Symphony Orchestra, Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra, the Plano Civic Chorus, the Irving Chorale, and in numerous other local theatre companies. Jay loves music and is an extremely talented and gifted professional musician! He has worked in several churches with the music and youth programs.

Laura Leigh is currently a homemaker. In prior years, she was a nonprofit fundraiser for various organizations in Dallas. She also worked with the Junior League of Dallas, adding, "During that time, I was

involved in a project in Washington D.C. and I fell in love with the East Coast area. However, since marrying Jay, I greatly enjoy being a homemaker, and we have been blessed with our sons, **John** and **Noah**, born in 2007, and 2009 respectively." Laura Leigh also enjoys literature and has toured the Shakespeare and Jane Austin properties in England. Jay & Laura Leigh love sports, "(Go Mavs!)," and she is training to run a half-marathon at White Rock Lake. Other interests include gardening, and cooking, and good, clean humor! **God has blessed Redeemer with the addition of the Majerniks to our church family!**

Annual Scout Troop Camp

During the week of June 12 – 18, our scouts (Troop 4:8) attended Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp in Athens, Texas. It was a great opportunity to earn more merit badges.



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

Kristen Raikes Commissioned

On June 12, our morning worship service featured the commissioning of **Kristen Raikes** as a missionary to Thailand.



Welcome New Members



Clayton (Hunter) and Sarah Matthews

Men's Breakfast

Autism is a developmental brain disorder that affects one in every 110 children and is the fastest growing serious developmental disability in the U.S. Dealing with it is stressful, time consuming and expensive. Greg Hornok and his wife, Julie, have been married for 13 years and are the proud parents of three wonderful children, Andy, Lizzie and Noah. The middle child, Lizzie, suffers with Autism. As you can imagine, it has taught them a great deal about life, one another and the grace and sufficiency of God. At our next Men's Breakfast, Saturday, July 23 at 8:00 AM, Greg is going to share **Life Lessons from a Little Girl with Autism**. Greg and Julie live in Plano and are active members of Stonebriar Community Church.



Swim and Study

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important, are not as crucial as the process of building a biblical perspective that can clarify the "gray" areas of life. Swim 'n Study this summer will not only be an insane amount of fun, but spiritually compelling and challenging.



Seasoned Saints Luncheon

Each year the Seasoned Saints meet 3 or 4 times a year for a special luncheon after church in the Fellowship Hall. The next one is scheduled for July 24 and the theme is "Vacations." There will be a presentation of interesting places to visit and things to see around the world, along with a few surprises. The menu will consist of a selection of salads to cool the palate in the heat of the summer. Strawberry shortcake will top off the meal as dessert. This luncheon is open to anyone 55 or older. The cost for the luncheon is \$7 but if that is a problem, please come as our guests. We really want to see you there. **Glenn and Angie Clark** are heading up this ministry, and we appreciate so much their efforts and hard work.

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