

July 2012

Linking us with the ministries of our church

News Briefs

Patriotic service set for July 1

Plan to attend Redeemer's annual patriotic service on Sunday, July 1, at 6 p.m. Invite your friends, family and neighbors for an evening of great music followed by an ice-cream social.

Library summer reading program focuses on relationships

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 about 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 through July 29.

Pioneer Clubs

This fall, bring your children to Redeemer on Wednesday evenings so they can enjoy the Pioneer Clubs program. Your children will benefit from a creative and solid curriculum each week. Times will be announced later. Contact Heidi Regier, director of Children's Ministries, for more information or to enroll your child.

Plans for Small Groups

Redeemer is blessed with multiple fellowship opportunities throughout the week. Small groups provide great opportunities for spiritual growth and help develop a closer community in Christ. Stay tuned for announcements about existing small groups, our plans to increase the number available and opportunities for you to participate.

Gold Rush VBS is Almost Here!

Howdy, kids. Do you like to play games? Sing songs? Eat tasty snacks? Do you like to make crafts? Do you enjoy having fun with old and new friends? Do you want to learn more about Jesus and how much He loves you?

If so, grab your cowboy hat, find your boots, pack your mule and head to the Old West with us. Children from age 4 through fifth grade are invited to join



us July 10-13 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. We'll have a great time together as we learn more about Jesus, our Rock of Ages.

Ask an adult family member to register you at redeemer-biblechurch.org or at the door.

And, bring your friends. Call **Heidi Regier**, director of Children's Ministries, if you have questions. You can reach her at the church office – 214-340-3633.

The Truth Project Examines Science, History During July

Redeemer's Summer Fellowship Series is under way. Join us Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for The Truth Project, a Christian worldview tour facilitated by Bert Howard, a member of the pastoral staff.

Topics for July include:

- Science: what is true? The battle for truth rages on, and this stop on the tour will address questions such as: Where did the cosmos come from? Is there a creator or is it all a cosmic accident? Is science honest investigation or a vehicle for godless philosophy? What do we hear from the heavens? What happens when God is left out?

- History: whose story? This topic will explore questions such as: Is the meaning of history truly God's story? Does the past have objective actuality and significance? What hollow and deceptive lies have we believed? Why is remembering so important?



So, come and examine the truth, join the discussion and enjoy the fellowship. This engaging video-based series meets each Wednesday during the summer, except for July 4. Child care is provided. We also meet for prayer each Wednesday from 5:30 to 5:45 p.m.

Where the Cupboard's Never Bare

Youssef Sleiman, Guest Contributor

Redeemer member **Sonja Rose** watched a long, steady miracle unfold for 18 years as she managed the Dallas Theological Seminary ministry called Luke's Pantry.

Luke's Pantry provides food to enrolled students who temporarily lack the resources to provide food for their family. The ministry is solely supported by donations and volunteers. For 18 years, before retiring this April from the volunteer manager position, Sonja watched the Lord provide time and time again. And He didn't just provide the food Luke's Pantry gives out.

The Lord provided just the right amount of volunteers and the right amount of funds — all at just the right time. Sonja started in 1994 when she and a friend, **Shirley Porterfield**, found what was then called "the Food Basket," a 5-year-old ministry started by Beatta "Bea" Campbell, late wife of then-president Donald Campbell. When then-manager Doris Wittmer asked Shirley and her to take it over, they prayed through it together and stepped in. The



hairstyles, families and volunteers changed over time: Shirley stepped down as co-chair, the ministry moved buildings and name changed to Luke's Pantry.

The one thing that never changed: God's providence. "I never cease to be amazed at how it keeps operating all these years," Sonja said.

Some years, Luke's Pantry served 200 families a week — and the Lord met the food needs and provided about 40 volunteers. In the last year, they served 160-170 families a week, with

enough volunteers to match.

Donors and churches across the Dallas-Fort Worth area continue to fill the pantry. Christian businessmen, families on a monthly schedule and generous individuals on an occasional schedule make regular donations of funds or food. And Sonja continues to volunteer with her husband, Don.

Redeemer takes a collection of non-perishable food the first Sunday of each month. Collection bins are

in the lobby by the playground entrance, but Sonja still collects for Luke's Pantry, too. Monetary donations are used to purchase groceries for the pantry. Checks should be made out to DTS and noted for Luke's Pantry. Financial donations are tax-deductible.

RBC Mission Teams Head to Hungary

Two Redeemer mission teams will travel to share the love of Christ at Word of Life summer camps in Hungary during July and August.

Four individuals — **John and Barbara Arms, Janet Ramler and Michael Wade** — are scheduled to leave for Hungary on July 20. Seven others — **Homer and Anita Corley, Sharon Geiger, Tom and Chris Newcomer, and Charlie and Janet Reibenstein** — head to Hungary on July 27.

These teams will teach English, coach baseball and help with other special ministry projects. The success of these teams depends on our prayers and God's provision of the spirit of Christ. Please pray for each team member, for the campers, for the camp, and that many will hear and respond to the good news of the gospel.

Bookmark the Hungary blog:
<http://hungary2012.redeemerbiblechurch.org>



Getting to Know You: Colin McCaslin

Tommie Loveless

Colin McCaslin is a native Dallasite who always appreciated his Christian home.

“My mom & dad provided a loving and nurturing home and taught me and my brother Christian values and principles and what it means to live a life devoted to Christ,” he said.

At the age of 7, Colin came home from Vacation Bible School one day and told his mother he wanted to ask Jesus into his heart and become a Christian. “Mom wanted to wait until my dad got home, but I insisted,” he said. “So she prayed and that is when Jesus became my personal Savior.”

Colin graduated from Highland Park High school and, in 2001, from Baylor University with a bachelor of arts degree in history. He later earned a Master of Biblical Studies degree from Dallas Theological Seminary. He currently works as an independent contractor in the oil and gas industry, researching title work. He added, “I am single with no children, but eventually I would like to marry and have a family.”

Colin enjoys camping and being outdoors. Other hobbies include cycling and watching sports — mainly college football — with family and friends. “There is an inter-family rivalry, as both my parents and sister-in-law are Texas grads, and of-course, I went to Baylor.”



Colin also spends time studying God’s Word and has been greatly influenced by his involvement with East-West Ministries, which focuses on overseas evangelism, church planting and training church leaders. One way it accomplishes these goals is through short-term mission trips.

“I have been on two such trips with my dad, which proved to be very memorable experiences,” he said. “Both trips — first to Russia and then to Cuba — included door-to-door evangelism. I had always heard of people being changed dramatically by the gospel, but this ministry enabled me to see it firsthand.”

Colin became a member of Redeemer in 2009.

He is the Young Adult Bible Fellowship class leader and has participated in Sunday-morning Scripture reading.

“My time at Redeemer has been one of great spiritual growth,” he said. “Although I have always attended church, I never got as involved as I have at Redeemer.

People at our church are so

friendly and welcoming, and more importantly the church teaches and preaches from God’s Word.”

Colin, your church family appreciates your testimony, and we look forward to continuing to worship and serve with you.

“Toodling Though Thailand”

During our annual Missions Conference in March, we raised about \$5,000 for two special projects. **Kristen Raikes** was provided with funds to buy a motor-bike so she can minister more effectively in northern Thailand. Funds are also going to provide scholarships for Hungarian youth to attend the Word of Life camp where we have partnered for more than 10 years.



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

June Baptisms

On June 24, we were blessed to witness the baptism of these brothers and sisters in Christ at Redeemer. Pictured below are (l-r): **Pastor Bert Howard**, who baptized **Elijah Howard** and **John Arms**; **Farl Maxwell** and **Monte Howard**, who were baptized by **Pastor Kent Barnard**.



Welcome, New Members!



John and Barbara Arms



Michael and Monte Howard

Youth Group Enjoys a New Summer Space

The high school class is meeting on Sunday mornings in the college and career room this summer. Having the Oasis empty allows it to receive a much-needed deep cleaning. The students have jumped at the chance to reorganize, refinish and restore the Oasis, and they look forward to moving back to the youth building this fall.

The class also will study through the Gospel of Mark during the summer. Led by **Jeremiah and Ellie Bakk**, this compelling study will cover every verse in the gospel, focusing on the transformative principles of what it means to be a true disciple of Jesus.

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