

July 2013

Linking us with the ministries of our church

## Wednesday Night Summer Schedule:

### Youth Group

5:30-7:30 p.m. Swim 'n Study  
(Harrells' home)

### Adult Fellowship/Bible Study

6-6:15 p.m. Prayer Time  
(Room 103)

6:15-6:30 p.m. Fellowship Time  
(Fellowship Hall)

6:30-7:30 p.m. Bible Boot Camp  
(Fellowship Hall)

## First and Main is Here for You!

How many Redeemer children, youth and adults can read a book or listen to an audio-book this summer? Let's see how many can! Through Aug. 4, enjoy "**First and Main**" — this year's summer reading program at the Redeemer Library. This is a great opportunity to read several books or one *main* pick of particular interest. For juniors, youth and adults, only one book per sheet gets you an entry into the program's prize drawing. Follow your good impulse into the library for a great summer break!



## Faithfully Serving Each Other in Love

Week after week, year after year — for 13 years — **Don Rose** made sure the people of Redeemer heard the sounds of worship.

With only five weeks away during those years, Don faithfully and quietly led the team in the sound booth and ensured that all the church's other audio needs were

handled with care and excellence. Before Redeemer began in 1999, he served for 25 years in sound booths at churches in Dallas and Tyler.

"Don has worked tirelessly in leading the sound booth team not only in monitoring and managing the sound requirements for our worship services, but for all the ABF classes, weddings and memorial services, and many other special needs of the church," said **Kent Barnard**, pastor of care

and administration. "He has a keen desire to represent Christ in the best possible light."

Don is one of an estimated 150 Redeemer people who volunteer their time to serve selflessly on our campus, in our community and around the world for the cause of Christ. In ministries ranging from

children and youth to music, parking lot patrols, missions and outreach, and many others, Redeemer people generously give their time and talents for the cause of Christ.

"Many people work tirelessly behind the scenes helping

with Redeemer's ministries," Senior **Pastor Mark Fortney** said. "We are so thankful



Don Rose established a high standard at Redeemer.

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## Lemonade Sales Will Bless Young People

As you leave the worship service on Sunday, July 21, you will meet our Redeemer children selling lemonade for a special cause. All proceeds from the lemonade sales will pay for Christian materials and Scripture memory cards for young people in the Henry Wade Juvenile Justice Center.

Girls who are in the



Proceeds from lemonade sales will bless Redeemer kids as they bless others.

center have either been trafficked or are at risk of being trafficked. The lemonade will be 50 cents per cup, so come prepared to bless these young people with your quarters and dollars on July 21. This is a tangible way to reach out with the love of Jesus to those in our community.

# From the Pastor's Pen

## Life after Graduation

Mark Fortney, Senior Pastor

During this season of diplomas and graduation parties, I heard something that was both funny and insightful. Someone noted that once all the diplomas are awarded and the celebrations end, those hard-earned pieces of paper are put away and replaced with a sign that says, "Will work for food." In other words, it's time for the graduates to put into practice what they've been studying ... to find a job and go to work.

That same principle transfers to the Christian life. What a great gift it is to study the Bible and learn "all that Christ has commanded" (Mt 28:20). This is a lifelong pursuit. But at some point, the Truth we've learned from the Bible needs to transform the way we live our lives and guide the work of our hands. In short, we need to get off the bench and put our faith into action.

It turns out that serving is a big part of the Christian life. As Jesus Himself said, "the Son of Man came not to be served but

to serve others" (Mt 20:28). I'm so thankful to serve alongside so many of you at RBC. I may be new to the family, but one thing I know for sure is that our church is full of loving people who find joy in encouraging and serving one another. To those of you who serve regularly, I want to thank you for being a blessing to so many. I also want to thank you for being good role models.

However, you might be thinking, "I'm not part of that group. I don't currently serve." Perhaps this is because you're new to Redeemer or you've not found the right opportunity. Or you don't feel like you're qualified to serve. Or maybe it's because you're having so much fun in "school" that you don't want to venture out and get a "real job." Let me encourage you to consider getting involved. Because God can use you, if you're willing. From time-to-time during our summer series, "Life Off the Bench," I'm going to present various service opportunities in need of people like you. If one seems interesting, learn more about it and commit the matter to prayer.

So take this month to consider where God might lead you to serve. And when the time comes, "get off the bench" and put your faith in action. Because when you serve in the right capacity — in accordance with your calling and God's purposes — you will find great joy and satisfaction in the work!

## RBC Mission Teams Head to Hungary

Redeemer Bible Church will send two teams to Word of Life Hungary in July and August.

The **Regier** family will kick off our commitment to reach the youth of Hungary with the gospel of Christ. **Don, Jan, Hannah** and **Helene** will leave Dallas on July 19 for a week of teaching English.

On July 26, **Janet Ramler** will lead a second team from Dallas for 10 days to teach baseball and English. This team will include **Sharon Geiger, Catherine Hitch, Nicole Nogueira, Charlie and Janet Reibenstein, Glenn Clark, and Bing, Brian and Elijah Howard.**

Key to the success of these teams will be effective prayer — and that's where the rest of us come in. Please pray daily for:

- God's provision for these teams in general and each team member individually.
- The campers who will be at the camps.
- The nation of Hungary.
- An effective outreach and that He uses each of these people in very clear ways to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ for God's great glory.

Follow our teams as they travel to serve the Lord.  
Bookmark the Hungary Blog:  
<http://hungary2013.redeemerbiblechurch.org>.

## Redeemer Families Play Host to International Pastors

Five Redeemer families played host in June to six pastors who were attending the three-week Global Proclamation Academy, which connects, unites and strengthens young international pastors.

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BELOW:  
Nenad (Serbia)  
and  
Ardy (Indonesia)

ABOVE:  
Bony (Bangladesh),  
Amit (India),  
James (DR Congo),  
and Abed (Lebanon)



# Getting to Know You: Danny and Jennifer Smith Family

**Tommie Loveless**

July Fourth is a holiday of celebration for all Americans. And on July 4, 2007, God gave **Danny and Jennifer Smith** another reason to celebrate with the birth of their twin daughters, **Avery** and **Addison**. Only 13 months earlier — on May 31, 2006 — their son, **Austin**, was born.

“After being married for several years and receiving treatment for infertility, we still did not have children,” Jennifer said. “Many people at Redeemer were praying for us during that time. One month after we stopped treatment we became pregnant! Our children are truly gifts from the Lord, and since their arrival our lives have been full of joy, change and challenge. The women of Redeemer have been such an encouragement to us in our early years of parenting. It has been so helpful to talk to many wise women and to other moms of twins.”

Jennifer’s parents, **Don and Debbie Card**, long-time members of Redeemer, are proud grandparents and their biggest supporters. Danny’s parents served with Camino Global in Guatemala, where he was born. They relocated to Dallas when Danny was 10. Danny and Jennifer met in 1999 and were married in July 2001.

Danny and Jennifer have served in Redeemer’s College/Young Adult and Youth ministries. They recently joined the Sojourners ABF class.



“Danny enjoys playing the trumpet and his involvement with the church’s music ministry, along with his work schedule, often prevents him from attending the ABF,” Jennifer

said. “Even so, we have enjoyed the fellowship and appreciate the honest and relevant discussion of Scripture that takes place in the group.”

Danny works for the Tyler Fire department, where he was promoted to captain last year.

When they find time, Danny practices his trumpet and is interested in photography, and Jennifer likes crafts and looking for vintage treasures.

“We are extremely thankful for the Children’s Ministry at Redeemer,” Danny said.

“Beginning in the nursery and with every progressing class, the kids have wonderful, loving, godly Sunday school teachers and leaders. It is a great feeling to watch other people loving your kids. Because of this, we and many more moms and dads can be involved, serve in other ministries and enjoy the worship services.”

**Danny and Jennifer, your family is amazing. We are thankful for them and for your continued willingness to love and serve the Lord at Redeemer.**

## Students Enjoy Swim ‘n Study

The mild spring is over and the heat of the Dallas summer is here. As we all begin the inevitable dash from one air-conditioned place to another, Redeemer Bible Church students

will be enjoying a midweek reprieve in the refreshing water of **Milvern & Aloha Harrell’s** pool.



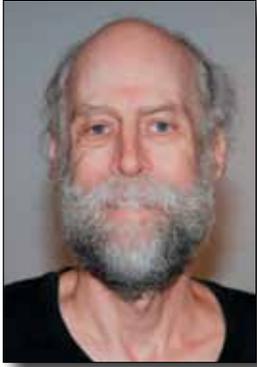
Redeemer youth enjoy the Harrells’ perennial hospitality at Swim ‘n Study



On Wednesday nights this summer, the students enjoy **Swim ‘n Study**, our midweek get-together for junior and senior high 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 series of devotional studies on the life of

Christ. Each devotional is designed to connect the life of Christ to the lives of the students, encouraging and challenging them to grow and develop as a child of God, such as Jesus did from infancy to adulthood.

# Welcome, New Members!



Keith Hall



Mary Trull



Peggy Trull



Laurie and Alvin Thompson

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for those who serve faithfully to fulfill our mission of glorifying God, building up each other in love and reaching out to unbelievers to win them to Christ. Serving regularly is a great way to get involved in the life of the church, and there are always many ministry opportunities available.”

Don and his wife, **Sonja**, have served faithfully in ministries beyond the sound booth. Sonja led Luke’s Pantry at Dallas Theological Seminary for many years, and they supported luncheons and game days for Redeemer’s Seasoned Saints ministry. After more than three decades of faithful ministry at Redeemer and other churches, they are taking a break.

“I have looked at my service as a way to enable worship services and events to run smoothly so that the technology did not get in the way,” Don said. “This quote from Amy Carmichael means a lot to me: ‘A little thing is a little thing, but faithfulness in little things is a very great thing.’”

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The GPA — an annual event sponsored by RREACH and Dallas Theological Seminary — is part of a decade-long initiative to train and develop 100,000 pastoral leaders around the world.

The visiting pastors introduced their ministries during Adult Bible Fellowships and then attended the morning worship service on June 16. The night before, the host families treated them to a barbeque meal and a trip to the Mesquite Rodeo. The pastors and their hosts were:

- Bony Baroi of Bangladesh. (**Bert and Bing Howard**)
- James Byensi of the Congo. (**Don and Sharon Geiger**)
- Amit Aryan of India. (**Milton and Patricia Bradley**)
- Abed Zien El Dien of Lebanon. (**Jim and Ann Fleming**)
- Nenad Radeka of Serbia. (**Charlie and Janet Reibenstein**)
- Ardi Wiradinata of Indonesia. (**Jim and Ann Fleming**)

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