

August 2007

Linking us with the ministries of our church

In the News...

Dan Millet was recently featured in several television and newspaper stories that encouraged participation in local blood drives. Here are excerpts from a story in the Dallas Morning News sports section:

"Millet, a former president of the Plano Pacers and the Cross Country Club of Dallas...has battled a blood cancer called myelodysplasia for 27 months. He needs frequent blood transfusions."

"Millet said Carter BloodCare officials told him that the community's blood bank was 600 units short heading into the July 4 holiday weekend. Millet's employees staged a two-day blood drive and collected 75 units of blood this week. 'This is being done for society, for all the people who need blood,' he said."

Volunteer Appreciation, September 23

God has blessed the Redeemer family with enthusiastic volunteers who ably serve from the outskirts of the parking lot to the inner workings of the Deacon Board, and everywhere in between. To celebrate God's goodness and your service, we plan to enjoy a Volunteer Appreciation Event on Sunday afternoon, September 23. At this event you will have the opportunity to take a motorcycle or four-wheeler ride, taste a flame-kissed hamburger, refresh yourself with a swim, laughs with some friends, and more. Details of time, place, travel, etc. will be provided in the coming weeks. If you are a Redeemer volunteer, please mark September 23 on your calendar so we can express to you our gratitude. You are appreciated!

VBS 2007: Run the Race

Each Wednesday, July 11, 18 and 25, forty-two kids met at Redeemer for Vacation Bible School to enjoy games, crafts, snacks, sports, and scripture lessons. The sanctuary was transformed into "Game Day Central," where children learned cheers, songs and their theme verse, Hebrews 12:1-2. This sports-themed VBS was designed to help kids believe in Christ, learn to walk with him, and develop perseverance. **Debbie Raikes** did a superb job as this year's coordinator. She had help from many excellent volunteers. On the last Wednesday, families of the children and all the volunteers attended a dinner and an encouraging worship rally in which the children presented

songs they had learned and the scripture they had memorized. We're grateful to God for another VBS!



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Redeemer's WW II Veterans Recognized

On Sunday evening, July 1, the Redeemer family celebrated the freedom we have in Christ and in this country. The evening's highlight was hearing from some of the men who furthered the cause of freedom, both here and abroad, by serving in the United States military during World War II.

John Reed John Gibson Jack Campbell Claire Clark Warren Quinlan Ralph Geddie Harold Waters Chuck Anderson

In a Word

Take Time to Remember

Don Geiger, Senior Pastor

Usually I'm a *forgetting what is behind, I press on* kind of guy, to borrow Paul's words in Philippians 3. But occasionally it's good to heed God's word through Isaiah to reminisce a bit (chapter 46). In that rich chapter God reminds his people, including us, that *I have upheld you since you were conceived and have carried you since your birth, even to your old age and gray hairs... remember the former things, those of long ago. I am God, and there is none like me. I make known*

the end from the beginning. Our vacation last month gave us opportunity both to remember and celebrate the past and to plan for the future. At the risk of boring you or inciting a little jealousy because I get to tell our vacation story in the LINK and you don't (life isn't fair, is it?), here's what made this one so special.

All our vacations are eagerly anticipated, relaxing, fun, and rejuvenating. But this one was, well, in a class by itself. It was special, first, because our four children and their families joined us at one of our favorite spots on earth — Dale Hollow Lake in Tennessee — in celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary. We "camped" near, but not on, Geiger Island (There's no air conditioning on the island.). For Alice and me each day began with hot coffee, cool breeze, a Courier and Ives view of the lake, a little bird watching, and quiet, early-morning calm, broken only by the welcome intrusion of a grandchild or two or three. A good book was always handy but seldom read, neglected in favor of prized family time together. Days included swimming in the



lake's warm, clear water, tubing and skiing for the two younger generations, walks, tasty meals, conversation and laughter, and almost always a campfire. The joy of assisting fathers Jason Henry and Joe Poer baptize two more grandchildren was the spiritual highlight.

One afternoon we drove the twenty-five miles to Cedar Lake Camp and the Geiger home place, where it all began fifty summers ago. Sitting with Alice on the poolside boulder where I proposed, now surrounded by our four children, their spouses, and nine grandchildren (one was at Boy Scout Camp), evoked a sense of deep gratitude to God for blessings above anything we could ask or think. Strolling the well-groomed camp grounds filled with lively and contented campers stirred memories of the many summers invested there and the countless kids who have enjoyed a carefree week at camp these

sixty-seven years of its existence. The product of my parents' unwavering vision and perseverance, unstinting labor, and God's unfailing grace. Old rock walls Dad and others had built, still solid, and good for yet another seventy years, reminded me of the value of taking the time and effort to do it right the first time. I remembered my own youthful impatience as he would try first one stone,

then another and another, till he was satisfied he had it right. Therein lies a lesson worth learning. That evening we took family pictures on one of those walls, down by the creek where as a very young child I loved to wade and catch crawdads. It doesn't get much better.

Late in the week, thoughts of home and church, and ideas for the fall began to share time with the pleasures of the moment and memories of the past; and when it was time to leave, we were ready to return. It was good to *remember the former things*. Now it's time to *press on*.

In a word, take time to remember.

Missions Reports

Our summer mission trips have been safe and effective times of sharing God's love around the world. In early June, **David Wilson** joined with Fellowship Bible Church Arapaho in helping **Miro and Milotka Cizmanski** in Serbia with the construction of their home. The work and the interaction with a different culture made a lasting impact on David.



For a week in mid-June, **Ian and Matthew Bridgman** and **Charlie Reibenstein** taught baseball to twenty campers at the Word of Life Camp in Hungary. The kids, ages 7-13, progressed from no knowledge of the game, to being able to play an entire game. Free time was spent honing their skills and interacting with the campers. During the week, thirty-five children made decisions to trust Christ.



A team of six people will teach conversational English at Word of Life Camp in Hungary July 27-August 5. During this time, **Tony Gomillion** and **Paul Ramler** will visit the Cizmanski family in Serbia and **Brian and Amanda Regier** in Germany.

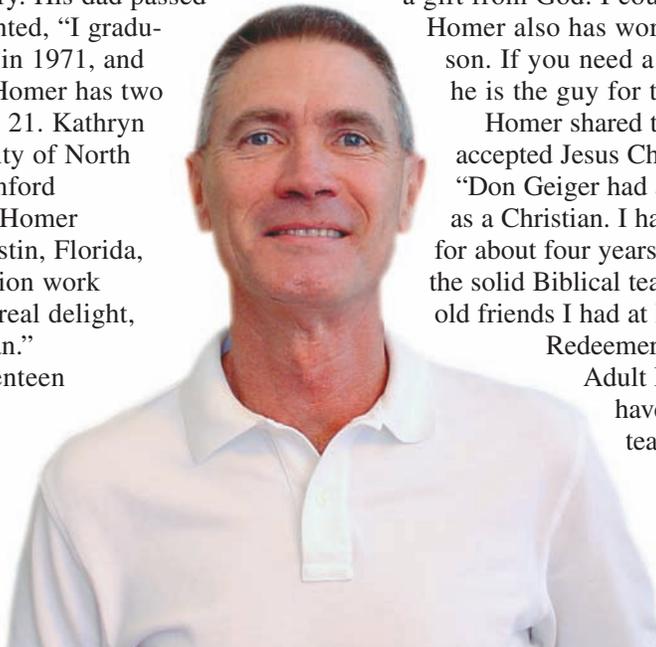
August 11-19, a group of 14 from Redeemer will serve the needy in Guatemala by installing 51 indoor stoves in homes in villages near Lake Atitlan in a program through Helps International. Continue to pray for your brothers and sisters serving in these life-changing short term trips.

Getting to Know You: Homer Corley

Tommie Loveless

Homer Corley was born and raised in Dallas. He has one sister, Cynthia, and his mom, Mary. His dad passed away three years ago. Homer commented, "I graduated from Bryan Adams High School in 1971, and then attended Tyler Junior College." Homer has two daughters, Kathryn, 23, and Rebekah, 21. Kathryn is graduating in August from University of North Texas, and Rebekah is a senior at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. Homer proudly related that Rebekah is in Destin, Florida, this summer, working and doing mission work through her school. "They are both a real delight, and we get together as much as we can."

Homer was self-employed for seventeen years, remodeling homes. He added, "For about ten years I also did the rodeo thing! I was trying to earn a little extra money, and I love that type of sport. However, all I got was a broken collar bone!" He continued, "I am working for a natural gas company now, and it



pulls all of my skills together. I enjoy it, and I know it was a gift from God. I couldn't have found a better job."

Homer also has worked with computers as an IT person. If you need a horse broken or a computer fixed, he is the guy for the job!

Homer shared that he was eighteen when he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior. He continued, "Don Geiger had a major influence on my foundation as a Christian. I have been worshipping at Redeemer for about four years and a member for two years. I love the solid Biblical teaching, and it is great to be with old friends I had at Reinhardt, who have also come to

Redeemer. One of the blessings of 2007 is the Adult Bible Fellowship I am attending. We have great fellowship, and we enjoy our teacher, **Tony Gomillion**.

Homer concluded, "Looking back, there have been some crazy times, but God faithfully sees us through life, and He works things out for our good and for His glory."

Youth Highlights from July



Twenty Scouts and leaders shared adventure and learned useful outdoor skills at Camp Constantine on Possum Kingdom Lake, July 8-14.

In June, twelve Scouts and leaders hiked almost 70 miles through the rugged and beautiful Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

Twenty of our youth and leaders were counselors at West Dallas Community Church during a two-week evangelistic outreach program to 300 local children.



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The "Wow! What's That Room For?" Room

Got a few minutes for a cup of coffee and quiet conversation? Meet me in the newly remodeled nook just off the sanctuary! This beautiful, cozy conversation corner was funded by the proceeds from Redeemer's cookbook sale and the craft auction in February, both sponsored by Women's Fellowship. Thanks to **Fran Fletcher, Jim Raikes, Charlie Reibenstein, Bill Shepherd** and all of you who bought cookbooks, contributed to, or bid at the auction.

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