

August 2011

Linking us with the ministries of our church

August Sermon Series

- August 7 Dr. Abe Kurvilla,
Professor DTS
- August 14 Dr. Roy Zuck
- August 21 The Courage to
Witness – Philip
(Acts 8)
- August 28 The Courage to Face
Death – Stephen
(Acts 6-7)

Promotion Sunday

Mark your calendars for our
Promotion Sunday on August 28.

More information will follow!

Choir/Bells/Orchestra Starting Wed. Aug. 17

The music programs at Redeemer will kick-off on Wednesday, August 17 with a brief rehearsal in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, you are invited to come.

Save Dates for Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship Kickoff:
"Ladies Night Out" — Sept. 18,
6:00 PM Guest Speaker: Author,
Amy Simmons Alford

Tuesday Bible Study: Begins
Tuesday, Sept 20, 9:30 AM
Teacher: Barby Bailey — Women
of the Bible

New ABF for Millennials!

The single largest age demographic in the US is known as the millennials (80 million plus)! According to the experts, this group of young adults was born between 1977 and 1995 and is marked by a celebration of diversity, optimism and reality; they're self-inventive and individualistic; they rewrite the rules, embrace technology, have a killer lifestyle and are oriented towards multitasking because they've juggled sports, school and social interests as children. Because they've been given a great deal of attention by their parents, they display a great deal of self-confidence to the point of appearing cocky. They are typically team-oriented, work well in groups and respond to personal

attention. Because they appreciate structure, millennials respond well to formal settings and a most authoritative attitude on the part of those who lead them. ([What you need to know about the New Generations](#), Diane Thielfoldt and Devon Scheff.)

RBC wants to be responsive to this age group, therefore beginning Sunday, August 7, a new Adult Bible Fellowship class will begin in room 105. This class is designed for those who are part of this age group. This class is for both those who are married and single and fit into this category of "young adults" or as the experts call them, Millennials. **John Pettitt** will be the beginning teacher (see GTKY – page 3).

Hawaiian Falls Family Day

Come cool off and enjoy a great time with other Redeemer families at our annual **Hawaiian Falls Family Day!** The park will be open from 10:30am-6:00pm. Come when you wish and stay all day if you like!

Redeemer has reserved 50 tickets at \$12.99 each. Children 2 and under get in for free and do not need a ticket. *You must reserve and purchase your tickets through Redeemer in order to receive our group discount.* You may reserve

and pay for your tickets after the worship service on Sunday, August 7 and Sunday, August 14.



From the Pastor's Pen

Respecting the rule book

Doug Hornok, Senior Pastor

In the world of sports, acts of true sportsmanship are rare. Most professional athletes are over-paid spoiled brats. What's more, their attitudes towards the games they play have filtered down to the amateur level. Additionally, there is a mind-set that winning is the only thing that counts. That's why the actions of Cornerstone Universities soccer coach Joe Veal, are so refreshing.

During the first round of the Cornerstone Classic held on the campus of the school in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Cornerstone was playing Olivet Nazarene University of Bourbonnais, Illinois. The Golden Eagles of Cornerstone had fallen behind 2-0, but had come back strong to tie the score 2-2 with 21:27 left in the game. After it was announced that the goal was scored by "number 5, Jeremy Johnson," Olivet coach, Larry Cary, noticed that neither a Jeremy Johnson nor a number 5 appeared on the Cornerstone roster. He pointed out the omission to Veal during a break in play.

Coach Veal of Cornerstone realized immediately that he had neglected to include Johnson's name and number when he drew up his roster the night before. As the game continued, he found the passage in the NCAA rules book that seemed to cover this sort of situation. Veal asked the referee to stop play and, during a midfield conference that included the opposing coach, said that Johnson would have to be removed, though Cornerstone would not have to play a man short. The referees and Cary agreed and the game continued.

However, when Veal returned to the sidelines he kept reading and discovered in the fine print an additional stipulation that any goals scored by a non-listed player could not stand.

Veal signaled the referee to stop play a second time and a midfield conference was called again. Veal informed the referee that Cornerstone's tying goal had to be disallowed. The ref agreed, and Cornerstone now trailed 2-1. Eventually the game ended in a poetically just 3-3 tie. For Joe Veal the choice was simple, "You have to play with integrity. If that's what the rules state, then you have to abide by them." Joe Veal is a man of integrity.

As Christians, the Bible likens our lives here to an athletic event and tells us that if we are going to win, we must not only complete the race, but we must also compete according to the rules. Paul wrote to the believers at Corinth: *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize* (1 Corinthians 9:23-27).

As we live our lives here we need to live them according to the rules — we need to be men (and women) of integrity. The rule book is not written by the NCAA rules committee or a Church — it's written by God. All of us have a copy of it or surely access to it. It's called the Bible — God's special revelation to man. Let's read it, love it, and obey it.

More Than Two Hands

The Math teachers among our church body will surely be shaking their heads when I admit that I use my fingers to count and keep track of certain things. This was certainly the case when it came to remembering all the full-time missionaries we support at Redeemer. There were ten in all, until recently, when we added **Kristen Raikes**, who left for East Asia on June 26 and **Nathan and Emily Ramler**, who headed to Bogotá, Colombia on July 20. Kristen has now completed orientation in Singapore and is engrossed in Thai language school in Lopburi, Thailand. She anticipates six months there and will continue her language studies in the city of Mae Sai, where her target people group — the Shan — live along the northern boarder.

Nathan, Emily and little Josiah Ramler have settled into their new home in Bogotá, where they will minister through Christian education and discipleship. Nathan is on faculty at El Camino Academy, where he will be teaching Bible and Theology to high school age Third Culture Kids and Missionary Kids,

focusing on Bible Study methods and Hermeneutics. He and Emily will also take an active role in evangelism and discipleship in their church and community at large, emphasizing the importance of spiritual disciplines and accountability as they endeavor to follow Jesus Christ together. Emily will dedicate much of her time to the nurture of their son, Josiah, but also intends to host small groups in their home to foster relationships with female



students and those in their community. If you have met Emily, you know that her smile is infectious and her peaceful demeanor is both calming and inviting. They both display God-given gifts and strong desires to disciple and mentor Colombian youths and missionary kids and to foster strong biblical foundations in their lives. Kristen, Nathan and Emily remind us that the spiritual needs of this world reach far and wide and are more diverse than we can imagine. We are privileged to add to our missionary family in financial, prayer and spiritual support —

even if it means we've run out of fingers!

Getting to Know You: John & Diane Pettitt

Tommie Loveless

I Corinthians 9:24-25 tells us ... *“run in such a way that you might win your race...”* and ... *“exercise self-control in all things...”*

John and Diane Pettitt desire to incorporate this wisdom into their everyday lives! Diane relayed, “John and I enjoy outdoor activities like kayaking and cycling, and John is a serious triathlete, having competed in two Ironman Distance Triathlons, and Olympic and Sprint Distance Triathlons! I enjoy doing Sprint Distance Triathlons, but just to maintain good physical fitness!” John confirmed that he trained six years for the Ironman triathlons, which consists of Swimming 2.4 miles, 112 miles Bike, 26.2

mile Run! Growing up in Houston, he competed in the Houston Marathon the last five years. John’s father worked for NASA during the Gemini, Apollo, and Skylab years! His family moved to Dallas when he was in Jr. High, and his mom is currently working at Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS). His brother is a flight director for Mark Cuban’s air fleet. John graduated from Stephen F. Austin, and has worked for the United States Marshals Service (USMS), the past 19 years. Having begun his law enforcement career in 1988, with the U.S. Border Patrol, he is currently the Inspector in the Tactical Operations Division of the USMS. Diane, growing up in the Oklahoma City area, where her mother and sister still live, graduated from Baylor, and the University of North Texas, as well as DTS, where she earned a Certificate of Graduate Studies. She laughingly added, “This means I didn’t have it in me to complete one of the lengthy master’s programs they offer!”



She continued, “I use my seminary training to teach both children and ladies.” Having a degree in Human Development and Family Relations, she shared, “I have worked with both very young children, birth to age six, and with the very old. Presently, I volunteer at Golden Acres Nursing Home, with a hospice agency.” She continued, “I have a heart for ministry with the Jewish community, so I chose Golden Acres because it was, at that time, the Dallas Home of the Jewish Aged.” Both John and Diane grew up in strong Christian homes and accepted Christ as children. John stated: “We enjoyed significant spiritual growth in our 30’s; Diane through

her studies in Bible Study Fellowship, while the Lord blessed me with an excitement and passion for studying His Word. This passion led to a desire to take seminary classes, in order to actually teach His Word to others.” John has taught for Dr. Zuck, and Dr. Waters, commenting, “I am immensely grateful for the opportunities to teach at Redeemer Bible Church, especially for these two Godly scholars, who have a PhD behind their names, while I do not! However, John’s credentials are within reach, as he’s 2/3 way through a master’s degree program from Tyndale Theological Seminary! John and Diane were married at Park Cities Baptist Church, on October 10, 1992. Diane revealed, “We do not have any children, but we do have our wonderful “Vizsla” dog, named Riley!” **John and Diane, thanks for being such significant members of the Redeemer family, and for your inspiring and challenging example.**

Scenes From Vacation Bible School (July 11-13)



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

Kudos to Sharon Geiger

Sharon Geiger was recently promoted to Program Director of KCBI-FM (90.9) in Dallas. Sharon has held various positions at KCBI, where she began as a news reporter in 1984.

KCBI's Senior VP/General Manager Mike Tirone said, "This is an historic day in KCBI's 35 years of ministry. I'm joyful to promote Sharon Geiger to the position of KCBI Program Director. Sharon's skill and experience will lead KCBI to greater heights. Her success is tied to her love for God. I'm thrilled that our Program Director is a prayer warrior at heart!"



Molly Mandell is Published!

Molly (Jones) Mandell, charter member of Redeemer and daughter of **Mike and Jan Jones** has written and illustrated a children's book called **Mom's Sock is Missing!** The book is a fun and helpful resource for parents/teachers who are home-schooling or for teachers in the public and private sector who may be substituting and need a lesson in a hurry!

Molly is a teacher of PK and TAG (Talented and Gifted) children at Zaragoza Elementary (at Worth and Carroll, near DTS!) in Dallas ISD. Contact Molly about the book at mollymandellauthor@gmail.com.



Summer Sundays in Genesis

On Sunday mornings this summer, the senior high class has been working through the story of Genesis, focusing on a few themes that are central to an understanding of God's plan for humankind. It has been incredibly enriching to give our time to better understand this key biblical book, and some of the foundational truths in Genesis that form the basis of our understanding of God and ourselves.



Seasoned Saints Luncheon

The Seasoned Saints Luncheon on July 24 featured some fanciful "vacation" pictures from **Glenn Clark**. From the looks of this sample picture, it was a mix between "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" and "Survivor."



Glenn explained the "vacation" picture to the left: "**Jerry** promised **Tommie** a cruise, and he is a man of his word!" So true.

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