

August 2013

Linking us with the ministries of our church

Fall Midweek Programs

Tuesday 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Women's Fellowship

Wednesday 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Fellowship and Meal (5:30-6:30 p.m.)

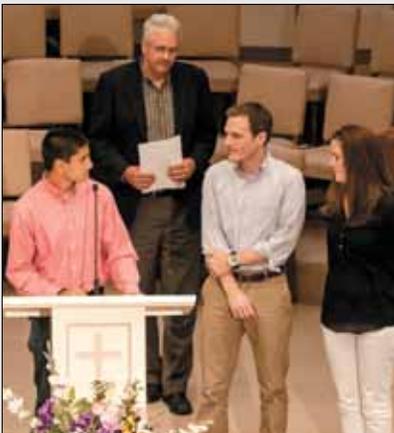
Adults: Bible Study (6:30-8 p.m.)
Women's Fellowship (6:30-8 p.m.)
Handbells (6:30-7 p.m.)
Choir (7-8 p.m.)

Children: Chimes (6:15-6:30 p.m.)
Children's Clubs (6:30-8 p.m.)

Youth: Youth (5:30-7 p.m.)
Boy Scouts (7-8 p.m.)

A Hard Act to Follow

Redeemer recognized Jeremiah Bakk and his wife, Ellie, on July 7 as they prepared for a new ministry with Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs. Jeremiah, who graduated from Dallas Seminary in May, served as Redeemer's student pastor for two-and-a-half years. Jeremiah did a great job leading our Student Ministry — working with families to create disciples of Christ among our junior high and high school students.



Fall Means Back to School and Back to Church

On Sept. 8, we'll kick-off the fall season at Redeemer with *Back to Church Sunday*.

Mark that day on your calendars now because you'll not want to miss it. Among other things, we'll start a new four-part miniseries on the love of our Savior titled, "Extravagant Love, Intimate Fellowship."

It will also be move-up Sunday for the kids. And after church we'll enjoy a church-wide picnic, complete with great food, fun and fellowship.

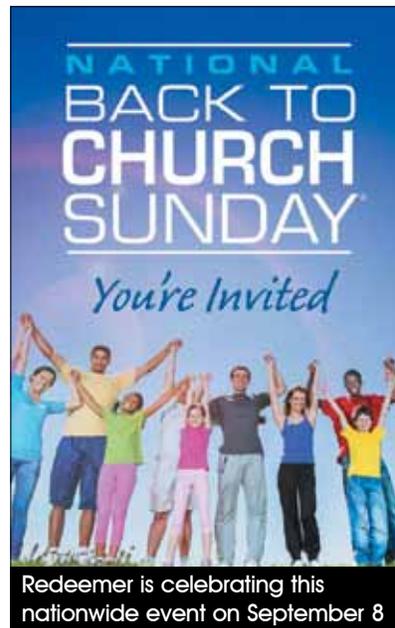
The week of Sept. 8 also marks the fall kick-off of your other favorite ministries, including RBC Family Night on Wednesdays. This is a time when we gather with our Redeemer family over dinner (served 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall)

and connect with others through a ministry activity of our choosing.

We've got something for everyone from 1 month to 100 years old! And we're working hard to make sure that all Wednesday night activities start at the same time and end by 8 p.m. — regardless of what you're doing — so that everyone in your family can come and go together (see the complete schedule in the sidebar).

This fall promises to be an exciting time at Redeemer Bible Church! So make sure you get back into the routine of including church as a regular part of your week. And

don't forget to invite your friends and family to come with you. You'll be happy you did!



Children's Ministry Sets Plans for Fall Programs

On Sunday mornings this fall, Children's Ministry teachers will guide Redeemer's children into God's Word using *Gospel Light* curriculum. We are blessed to have faithful Redeemer volunteers caring for our children every Sunday.

The children will continue to participate with their parents in the Sunday morning worship service until they are dismissed for Children's Church, which is designed for children 4 years old through second grade. We will be learning from *The Gospel Project* from Lifeway. This curriculum is a Christ-

centered Bible-study resource that examines the grand narrative of Scripture and how the Gospel transforms the lives of those it touches. Over three years, each session immerses participants in the Gospel through stories, theological concepts and a call to missions from Genesis to Revelation. This will be a great addition to our Sunday mornings.

The fall Wednesday-evening program will offer clubs for boys and girls age 4 and up. Children will learn and grow together through Scripture memory, Bible lessons, games and crafts.

From the Pastor's Pen

Sometimes Simple is Better

Mark Fortney, Senior Pastor

Earlier this week I saw a sign in front of an auto repair shop that said, "Born once, die twice. Born twice, die once." I loved the sentiment; it was pithy and clever. In eight simple words a profound truth of the Bible was communicated for those willing to see it. In the final four words, we're reminded that being born again through faith in Jesus Christ leads to eternal life. Yeah! However, in the first four words we're reminded of a hard truth. Being born only once, without experiencing a rebirth in Christ, leads to eternal death or separation from God.

That got me thinking. If we truly love our neighbor, we won't only offer them a cup of sugar or help them change a flat tire. That's a good starting point, but we can't stop there. We've got to take the next step and speak the Words of life too! It's always good for your friends and family to hear the Good News directly

from you. But church is also a place where the Word of God is proclaimed every week.

So, let me encourage you to invite your neighbors and family members to church on Sunday, Sept. 8. We're calling it "Back to Church Sunday." I promise you that those you love will hear the Truth they secretly hunger for. We're joining 18,000 churches around the country that — simply stated — are inviting folks to attend church.

Perhaps you're thinking that sounds a bit silly or won't make a difference. But I believe that the power of a simple invitation is significantly underestimated! Why? Believe it or not, research shows that 82 percent of un-churched people would be at least somewhat likely to attend church if invited ... but only 2 percent of regular church attenders have ever invited someone to come to church. What an opportunity! What untapped potential!

So why not take this opportunity to invite your family and neighbors to Redeemer Bible Church on Sept. 8? We promise to take good care of them and, along with your help, to make them feel valued and welcomed. And most importantly, they just might begin a journey of life-changing significance as they encounter the Words of the living God!

Small Groups Offer a Way to Connect

Senior Pastor **Mark Fortney** has been exhorting us to live life off the bench. A great way for you to get started is by connecting with one of our small groups, which meet on a weekly, biweekly or monthly basis.

Redeemer Bible Church continues to expand our small-group ministry so that we can help one another build a dynamic and growing faith through service, fellowship, Bible study and prayer. When you gather *with* Christians *as* Christians in an informal small-group setting, you'll be putting feet to your faith.

You'll also get to meet new friends and expand our community of believers. Small groups connect you to others who, in the Spirit and love of Christ, will care for, pray over, encourage, inspire and provide you opportunities to share life experiences.

In addition to growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, you'll develop a deeper sense of community and have opportunities to participate in all that we have been called to do as believers.

To connect with one of our small groups, contact **Bert Howard** in the church office at 214-340-3633.

Women's Ministry Kicks Off Sept. 15

Mark your calendars for the Women's Fellowship Fall Kick-Off on Sept. 15, 6-8 p.m. The evening will begin with a Super Salad Supper, and ladies are asked to bring a favorite salad to share.

After a brief overview of fall activities, ladies will be inspired by guest speaker Sandra Glahn, who is an author and adjunct professor at Dallas Seminary. Learn more about Sandra and her ministry at her website, aspire2.com or her blog, aspire2.blogspot.com. Her medical thriller, *Informed Consent*, is available in the Redeemer library.

God's Wisdom: Get It and Pass It On is our theme for the fall. The intent of both the Tuesday

morning and Wednesday evening studies will be for women to mine nuggets of wisdom from Scripture, make application to their own lives and teach those truths to future generations.

The Wednesday-evening study, written by Lysa TerKeurst, is called *Unglued*. In this study, women will learn how to make wise choices in circumstances that normally elicit a raw emotional response. Join us for this study on Wednesdays 6:30-8 p.m. beginning on Sept. 11. The Tuesday morning study will dig into Proverbs. Join us for this study on Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 17.

Women's Fellowship Fall Kick-Off
SUPER SALAD SUPPER
 SEPTEMBER 15, 6:00-8:00 PM



SPEAKER: SANDRA GLAHN

Getting to Know You: William and Laramie Matthews

Tommie Loveless

Congratulations to **William and Laramie Matthews**, who will celebrate their first wedding anniversary on Sept. 23.

Laramie is the daughter of charter members **Jim and Hazel Sage**. Her brother, **Joel**, and his family live in the Washington D.C. area.

William and Laramie were both born at Baylor Hospital in Dallas and grew up in the Garland area. However, they did not begin their dating relationship until six months before they married.

Many of Laramie's favorite books and movies feature a prince and princess who married and lived happily ever after, and they like to think that is their story, beginning with their beautiful wedding at Redeemer. The couple credit their mature perspective of Christian marriage to the advice of former Redeemer pastoral staff member **Tony Gomillion** and his wife, **Melissa**. "They talked about 'love days' and 'commitment days,' and how one needs to be connected to God's Word to battle the storms life may throw at us," Laramie said.

William and Laramie love to play board games, especially Scrabble. "When I proposed to Laramie, I wrote it on a Scrabble board and presented it to her at the Dallas Arboretum," he said.

William is the son of Shelley and Karen Matthews, and he has two sisters, a brother and two nephews. He accepted Jesus as savior in 1991 at Bethel Baptist Church, where he grew up and was baptized. Laramie was led to the Lord at age 5 by her mom.

William attended Eastfield College and studied acting at Richland College. He works for a check-processing firm and would like to entertain children professionally some day.

Laramie attended Eastfield for three years and received a degree in Bible and an associate degree in office technology from Grace Bible College in Omaha, Neb. She works part-time as an office assistant and also serves as a caregiver to an elderly lady.

"When I was 2, I was severely injured and almost died from being kicked by a horse," Laramie said. After a long recovery she was able to regain her verbal and motor skills. "I believe my miraculous recovery was a result of many faithful prayers from my church family and others. I also believe my love for everyone and my desire

to be a caregiver is a result of this experience."

Laramie has enjoyed traveling to Alaska, Canada, England, Austria, Germany, Ireland and Scotland. "I have gone to Hungary for three years on Redeemer mission trips, and I hope William and I can return together someday."

It is a blessing to see young couples actively serving God at Redeemer; especially those who have grown up in the Redeemer Church Family. **We love you, William and Laramie!**



2013 Hungary Mission Teams Return With New Perspective



For Team One (the Regiers), doing evangelism "by all possible means" included winning hearts with ice cream bars and capturing the attention of campers with 3-D pictures.



Team Two braved 102-degree weather to share the love of Jesus in English Camp and Baseball Camp. They witnessed God's amazing work in the lives of the 150 children and camp workers/volunteers (pictured above).

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

Identifying with Christ Through Baptism



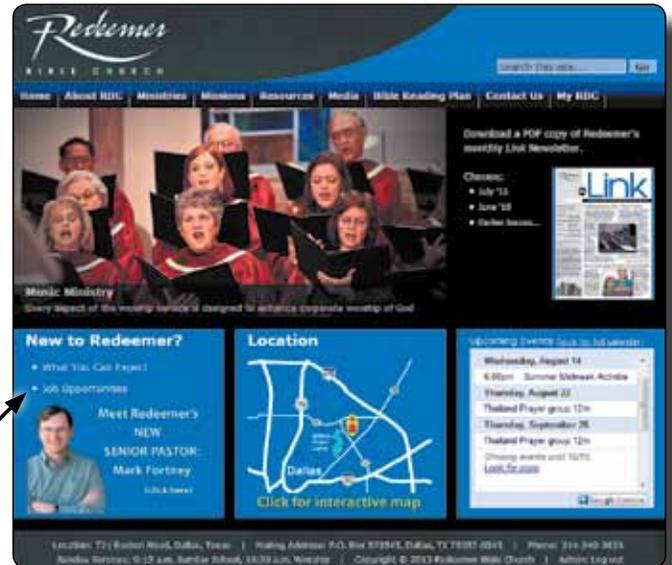
On July 7, we celebrated as Bert Howard baptised Lorena Avila and her daughter, Ella, and Joe Watron baptised his son, John

Jobs Posted on Redeemer Website

Two job opportunities are currently posted on our website:

- Pastor/Director of Student Ministries**
 This is a part-time (averaging 25 hours per week), exempt position with the primary responsibility of making disciples among the students in our body and community. Salary commensurate with experience.
- Temporary Position: Administrative Assistant**
 This is a part-time (30 hours per week), temporary position with the primary responsibility of supporting the ministry staff in the church office. It will last twelve weeks and begin around August 19. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a half-hour lunch break.

www.redeemerbiblechurch.org



Meeting Location:
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