

September 2007

Linking us with the ministries of our church

Men's Breakfast, September 15

Men, make plans to enjoy Jerry Piering's eggs and Charlie Reibenstein's coffee on Saturday, September 15, at 8:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Some of our men will be sharing pictures and thoughts relating to their summer missions trips. In addition to special features like the missions recap, these breakfasts provide us regular opportunities to strengthen relationships with other men, pray for our church, respond to practical needs in the church and community, share some laughs, and grow in Christ together. They are also great opportunities to share an affordable, quality meal with a family member or friend. Come. Eat. Grow."

Volunteer Appreciation, September 23

Redeemer volunteers, your church family values you and your unique, Christ-honoring ministries. By now you should know that we are hosting a party in your honor at A.C. Musgrave's east Texas home/playground in three weeks: Sunday, September 23, from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. No matter your stage-of-life or interests, you will find an enjoyable niche at this event. For those who would like to use it, free bus transportation will be provided from/to the church. We look forward to celebrating God's goodness and enjoying your company on the 23rd.

Midweek at Redeemer Begins Sept. 12

Midweek Meal

This important night of ministry offers something for everyone beginning with a family-friendly meal which is served from 5:30 to 6:30. The cost is only \$3.00 for teens and adults and \$1.00 for children with a maximum cost of \$12.00 per family.

Midweek for Kids

During the evenings activities, loving and secure childcare is provided from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Sign up weekly by using the worship service registration card or calling the church office. The Pioneer Girls (grades 1-6) focus on Christian leadership, skill development, and having a closer walk with Christ throughout childhood. The girls earn badges, participate in fun activities, and spend time getting to know one another. For boys, the Cub Scouts also focus on skill development and achievement. Men from Redeemer lead short devotionals related to everyday life with Christ. There are several camping trips and fun outings planned throughout the school year.

Youth Midweek

The Girls of Grace, grades 7-12, will be examining the topic of "Knowing God" in their meetings. They also spend time in service projects, prayer, and singing. They look forward to deepening their relationships with each other and with the Lord as they take their annual fall retreat. The Boy Scouts, ages 11-16, seek to make Christ the central person of their lives, while learning servant leadership, outdoor skills, and friendships that often last a lifetime. The scouts enjoy frequent camping trips and high adventure trips. Youth midweek is from 7:45-8:45 PM in the Oasis. It is a time for teenagers, grades 7-12, to enjoy fun, fellowship, worship, prayer and topical devotions from the Bible.

Adults at Midweek

Opportunities for ministry and growth abound for adults at midweek. While all our ministries include a time of prayer, our formal prayer meeting supports all we do as

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September 16: Super Sunday Salad Supper with Sue

All ladies are warmly invited to the fifth annual Women's Fellowship Super Sunday Salad Supper on September 16. **Sue Edwards**, assistant professor of Christian Education at Dallas Theological Seminary, will be the featured speaker. The evening will also include music by the men's quartet who will do double duty as waiters! **Don Geiger** and **John**

Sparks in their top hats and red bow ties will warmly greet each lady as she arrives with her salad in hand. These salads turn the evening into a gourmet feast! So buy your \$1.00 ticket soon, and on

September 16 at 5:30 leave your cares behind, bring a friend and your favorite salad, and join the ladies of Redeemer for a Savory Super Sunday Salad Supper Supreme.



In a Word

We appreciate you!

Don Geiger, Senior Pastor

A little later this month the other pastors and I will try to express our appreciation to all of you who so faithfully and joyfully volunteer your time, treasure, and talents in serving the Lord by ministering to the Redeemer family and by reaching out to others in our neighborhood and beyond. Giving you and your families an afternoon in east Texas on Sunday afternoon, September 23, won't begin to convey our heartfelt gratitude for your selfless service, but we'll give it our best shot! I do hope you'll come. It'll be a blast (See sidebar for details).

I sometimes stroll the property, praying and thanking God for the children, youth, and adults who each week fill the rooms and halls, and spill outside. I just now wandered our buildings and grounds, thinking about and thanking God for the hundreds of volunteers who, working together, make Redeemer what it is. Your fingerprints are everywhere. That brings to mind a couple of you who each Sunday diligently remove stray fingerprints from glass doors, table tops, pulpits, and pianos! Frankly, my little appreciation excursion got to be a bit overwhelming, as I remembered first the small army that renovated, remodeled, painted, cleaned, maintained the physical property — and continues to do so. Latest handiwork: the lovely, comfortable sitting area just outside the sanctuary. I like to call it *The Nook*. As in, "Meet me in the Nook for coffee and a chat." Then came thoughts of those who serve in and around the sanctuary — greeters, ushers, sound and sight workers, choir members, and others On to the kitchen, then up to the children's floor, where 75 volunteers currently give

loving care to our kids. Downstairs to the Adult Bible Fellowships and out to the Oasis. Another army of volunteers energetically leads our many midweek ministries (see page one). Then there are the yard and landscaping crews. Committees that truly commit, boards, money counters, I remembered those who are unable to teach, rock a baby, mow the lawn, sing in the choir, tutor a kid, or work at the White Rock Center of Hope. They give, pray, and encourage.

"A bit overwhelming" is the understatement of the year. This place teems with volunteers!

It doesn't seem possible, but in August we began our ninth year as a church. We've come a long way and experienced many changes. But some things haven't changed. From our inception, Redeemer has been characterized and energized by willing volunteers who look for opportunities to serve. That has not changed, and by God's grace, it will not. In those early days when we met in a venerable old gym, a small army would converge early each Sunday morning — cleaning, setting up chairs and platform, coaxing a worn-out sound system into vibrant life. Others made sure first-time guests were warmly welcomed and loved. Thankfully, we no longer have to set up and take down every week, but that "everybody helps" spirit of sacrificial, joyful, caring service continues to this day. And I am grateful.

It is also true that God has led many of you to serve him in ways not linked directly with Redeemer. For you, the church is a haven of worship, refreshment, and fellowship. This is as it should be, and we encourage you to continue to follow God's leading in your service to him.

Some of you are new to the family. While this *In a Word* is one of appreciation and not recruitment, please know that we pastors are always ready and eager to help you find your place of service and fellowship. Welcome to the family.

In a word, we appreciate all you volunteers!

Thanking God for a Summer of Missions

What a joy it was to hear the "melody of missions" reverberating in our halls from early May until late August as our short-term teams came and went to share the love of Christ abroad! In all, Redeemer was the launch pad for twenty-nine short-term missionaries who made Christ known as they served orphans in Africa, encouraged missionaries in Germany, installed stoves in Guatemala [team pictured below], taught baseball and languages in Hungary, built a missionary home in Serbia, and hosted Bible clubs in Wales. The variety of ministries, countries, and short-termers represented in the preceding "summer snap-shot" not only bears witness to our church's heart, but also to the heart of the living God.

God **did** use your by-name prayers, garage-sale treasures, borrowed trucks, rides to the airport, etc. to get His message (and messengers!) to those He had been preparing to receive it. Isn't it a marvel that He can transform your dusty

Texas lamp into a hug for a Gypsy child? What a mighty and gracious God we serve!

In His grace, on Sunday, September 9, you will hear a bit more about what He did this summer through the Redeemer family. During the morning service, we intend to worship God by reflecting on some of the incredible things He did through us... and in us.



Jesus, our Savior and Lord, called us and equipped us for a mission: to go into the world and make disciples of the Triune God. We are blessed to be a part of a church that is eager to participate in that mission. Thank you for your regular ministry to our church family and through our church family abroad. Like the little boy's five loaves and two fish, God is indeed using our sincere, but meager, offerings to His great ends and His greater glory. Thank You, God, for a fruitful summer of missions!

Getting to Know You: The Sage Family

Tommie Loveless

The **Jim, Hazel, Joel, and Laramie Sage** family is one of the most loved, respected, and service-oriented families at Redeemer. Jim, Joel, and Laramie attended Reinhardt Bible Church from birth, along with Jim's mom, **Evelyn Sage Ward**, and sister, **Kay Paris**. Jim's dad, **Donald**, died in 1998. Hazel joined the Sage family when she moved from Ohio to Dallas and Reinhardt, where she met and married Jim. Jim's great-grandfather homesteaded the land where Casa View shopping center now stands! Joel and Laramie were the sixth generation of Sages to live in the community.



Jim attended Eastfield College and the University of Texas. He is an architectural electrical designer. He served as a Boy Scout Leader during Joel's path to Eagle Scout. True to his character, Jim can always be found, come rain or shine, in the parking lot of the church doing security during the Sunday school hour. He has also helped with projects at the White Rock Center of Hope. Jim added, "One of my favorite things to do is interact with the parents of my childhood friends."

In the early days of Redeemer, when people wore many hats, Hazel duplicated service tapes, served on the missions leadership team, and taught fourth-through-sixth graders.

"My continuing role," Hazel proclaimed, "is librarian. Also, the last two years I have enjoyed being included as one of the Women's Fellowship Bible study teachers." Hazel was a homemaker and PTA volunteer through Joel and Laramie's school years.

She presently tutors and teaches high school math. Hazel graduated from Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana. Her graduate studies at Stephen F. Austin University brought her to Texas.

Laramie graduated in 2003 with a bachelor's degree from Grace University in Omaha. Everyone who comes to Redeemer will meet Laramie; she is a lovely lady who loves people and serves as a greeter at the doors on Sunday mornings. On Wednesday evenings she is the cashier for the evening meal,

and then she helps with Pioneer Girls. She has assisted at CAM Intl. and Dallas Pregnancy Resource Center, as well as teaching English at the Word of Life Camp in Hungary. Joel is a graduate of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, and is on his way to settle in Boston as a first-year law student at Boston University. Joel was Redeemer's first "student cleaner" and a member of the first sound booth team. Joel remarked, "I have appreciated the pastoring of **Dr. John Reed** through my high school." He also remarked that he was glad that all of his family accepted Christ at an early age. All four of the Sages are charter members of Redeemer. We thank God for each one of you.

Opportunities for Service in Local Outreach

Tutoring

You can be a hero to a child in need of encouragement with his studies. Nearby Martha Turner Reilly Elementary School is asking for volunteers who could give just one hour a week helping a K-6th grade student catch up on reading and class work. Contact **John or Sandy Sparks** at (214) 503-0485 for information.

Henry Wade Juvenile Detention Center

Every Monday night from 6:30-8 PM, **David Wisley** and several others serve the Lord in singing, teaching, listening, praying, and giving treats to 50 teenagers at the Henry Wade Juvenile Detention Center. With just a few more Redeemer volunteers, we could open another class that would reach 24 more kids each Monday night. There is plenty of support, training and encouragement to use whatever gifts you have to share the love of God to these teenagers who attend class because they want help. If God is nudging you to find out more, call David at (214) 363-6956.

GriefShare

Stu and Dorothy Howe are excited about the third offering of Grief Share at Redeemer in early fall. The recently completed 13-week program offered ten people a place of connection, words of life and answers from God's Word. The program was so meaningful to these folks that they all plan to attend the next series of meetings. Redeemer is hosting a one-day GriefShare training seminar on September 8 for anyone interested. Stu believes that our prayers lay the foundation for this ministry of healing. You may call Stu or Dorothy at (972) 231-9040 for more information.

White Rock Center of Hope

Fourteen Redeemer volunteers serve at the White Rock Center of Hope the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM until noon. Several of them are on duty during weekdays as well. They all help families in temporary need by distributing food and clothing. Some of our volunteers serve as interviewers, trained to determine how the Center can best give financial assistance, while others greet clients, make appointments, or answer the phone. If you are interesting in the possibility of serving with them at the Center, please call our coordinator, **Ninva Barkham**, at (214) 324-4283.

Welcome New Members!



Sue Beerwinkle



Melba Conway



Ralph and Lois Geddie



Jim and Tracy Gray



Dan and Jean Millet



David and Susan Millet



Arch and Kay Oldham



John and Patti Quick

MidWeek at Redeemer...

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a church and it allows us to focus on individual needs within the church family. Join us in room 112 from 7:00-8:00 PM. Midweek is also the time our musical groups rehearse. The handbells play from 6:00-7:00 and the adult choir meets from 7:00-8:30 PM to sing, pray and fellowship. In addition to prayer meeting and music, you may wish to attend a midweek class on the book of Daniel, taught by **Pastor Geiger**. You've heard the stories of the fiery furnace and the lion's den, but what about the other 10 chapters? You'll find that Daniel is one of the richest books in the Old Testament. Come and learn how Daniel lived a life of integrity in a totally pagan culture. You must not miss this opportunity. That's midweek at Redeemer.

Goodbye, Stallings



family, you are appreciated and will be missed.

God has generously blessed Redeemer through the **Stallings** family for the last three years. Among other ministries, **Todd and Connie** have been faithful to the 24/7 Fellowship, Connie has been a pillar of VBS, Todd served as a deacon, and **John, Jil and Kate** have been active in our children/youth ministries. Just as God used them in our midst, He's moving them to Midland, Texas, to bless others. Stallings

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