

September 2011

Linking us with the ministries of our church

## September Sermons

- September 4 *Scapegoat: getting away with sin*  
Leviticus 16
- September 11 Farewell to the Baileys  
  
Message:  
*Worship: Does it Really Matter?*
- September 18 Gideon Sunday  
  
Message: *A 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worth Celebrating*
- September 25 Message: *Small in Stature, Big on Faith*  
Luke 19:1-20

## CPR Training

Equip yourself to assist others in emergencies! Mark your calendars for our CPR/AED and First Aid course that is coming to Redeemer on September 23 and 24. These classes will be led by our very own **Steve Paris**. For those who are being re-certified in CPR, your course is Friday evening, September 23 from 5:30-9:00 PM. If this is your first time to be certified, your class is Saturday, September 24 from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please contact **Heidi** to sign-up (call 214-340-3633, extension 205).

## This Fall — The Past, Future and Present

In the Peanuts comic strip, Charlie Brown's little sister Sally is writing a theme paper for school entitled, "Church History." Charlie, who is at her side, notices her introduction, "When writing about church history, we have to go back to the very beginning of our church. Our pastor was born in 1930." Charlie Brown can only role his eyes toward the ceiling.

Many Christians are like Sally — their understanding and appreciation of the past is pretty poor. The time between the Acts of the Apostles and today is one giant blank.

This Fall, our midweek program is going to try and correct that ignorance by surveying the first 300 years of church history. It will be a "birds-eye" view of the beginning of Christianity — Looking at the Past — focusing on key people and significant events. These lessons will be taught by **Pastor Hornok**.

Following our look at the past, we will focus on the future. **Dr. Roy Zuck** will address five critical issues over the course of five weeks beginning October 5. Those five issues will be: When will the Rapture Occur? Will the Church go through the



Tribulation? Who is the Antichrist? What will the battle of Armageddon be like? What will the Millennium be like?

The last 5 weeks of our Fall program will look at the present. The church today is facing critical issues that challenge fundamental teachings of our faith. Rob Bell's book *Love Wins* is an example. Mr. Bell, 40, whose Mars Hill Bible Church in

Grand Rapids, MI, has 10,000 members, is a Christian celebrity who was selected by Time magazine as one of the most influential young evangelicals. His latest book describes as "misguided and toxic" the dogma that "a select few Christians will spend forever in a peaceful, joyous place called heaven, while the rest of humanity spends forever in torment and punishment in hell with no chance for anything better." Is that what the Bible teaches? In the end does God's love of humanity win out over His holiness and justice and does he let everyone into heaven?

Our midweek program will begin with dinner served beginning at 5:30 PM, followed by a prayer time at 6:45 and then teaching at 7:15 PM.

## From the Pastor's Pen

### Change

Doug Hornok, Senior Pastor

The hymn *Abide with Me* was written by Scottish pastor, Henry F. Lyte. Lyte was inspired to write this hymn as he was dying of tuberculosis. He finished writing it the Sunday he gave his farewell sermon in the parish he served so many years. The next day, he left for Italy to regain his health. He only got as far as Nice, France, where his health became worse and he was forced to stop. Three weeks after leaving his pulpit and church he was ushered into the presence of God. Earlier he had written:

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

For over a century, the bells of his church at All Saints in Lower Brixham, Devonshire, have rung out "Abide with Me" daily. This hymn has been sung at thousands of events outside the church including weddings and funerals and was reportedly played by the Titanic's band as the ship was sinking.

There are many truths of that hymn that I appreciate and love, but my favorite comes from the second stanza which reads:

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

Read those words again — slowly and reflectively. We live in a world of constant change and transition. Programs and personnel change. And yet, in the midst of all that change one thing stands unchangeable — The sovereign eternal God of the universe.

Change is an unavoidable part of life. The part of change we all hate are the changes brought about by deteriorating health, social upheaval, and intrusions into our comfort zones. Sometimes we react so strongly against the change we dislike we either try to ignore them or use all our resources to reverse them.

But change can be good. Without change, life would soon become intolerably dull. We welcome the different seasons of the year, variety in food, new experiences, and the fulfillment of dreams for ourselves and those we love.

In the midst of it all, we need to be reminded that our God is unchangeable; He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. God is infinitely above and beyond finite human changes. His character and attributes are set. His standards are absolute. He is the one fixed point in our fast moving drama of life.

But God is also sovereign — He's in control. He orders and accomplishes His will in human affairs and is deeply involved in our lives and circumstances. In the midst of everything — yes everything — God is at work in and through change to accomplish His purposes and His will. It is this confidence in God's stability and involvement that allows me to walk confidently and expectantly through a world and church of inevitable change.

As RBC moves into change and transitions let's do so with confidence and assurance that since this is His church and He is its head, we're not left alone. He will build His Church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it!

## Thankful for Josh Bailey's Eleven Years of Service

After 11 years leading Redeemer's worship and music, **Josh Bailey** is responding to God's clear call to grow his ministry at Christ Chapel Bible Church in Fort Worth.

Josh's last Sunday at Redeemer will be Sept. 11. The church will recognize **Josh and Emily** during the worship service that day and at a reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. He will begin his new job as associate minister of music at Christ Chapel on Sept. 15.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for Josh and Emily," Senior Pastor **Doug Hornok** said. "Even though we're sad to see them go, we are genuinely happy for them and excited to see how God is going to work in their lives."

Josh has served as Redeemer's worship and music minister

since he was a first-year seminary student in 2000. Redeemer at that time was barely a year old, and the church was renting space for Sunday morning services.

"We all had to have a pioneering spirit and pitch in every week to make church happen," Josh said. "That was a very exciting time for Redeemer and for us."

Emily said, "Redeemer became our family. That's due to the people here and how they embraced and fostered community with us and have gotten involved with our lives."

"We're so grateful for the opportunity not only to have worked here, but to have been members, served and grown here," Josh said. "We're thankful for all the people who served alongside us. We love everyone like they're our family."



# Getting to Know You: Milton and Patricia Bradley

**Tommie Loveless**

“February, France, and Finance” have been a prevalent part in the lives of **Milton and Patricia Bradley!** To begin ... both have February birthdays, and they were married on Valentine’s Day, 1987. Milton, born in Dallas, grew up in the Lakewood area, where he lived for 40 years. He shared, “I was in the nursery at East Grand Baptist Church, and a member there for thirty years, accepting Christ as Savior, when I was nine.” An only child, he was close to his parents, and loved to fish, hunt and play golf with his dad, before his dad passed away. Milton was a “straight A” student at Woodrow Wilson High school, and graduated at the top of his class from Southern Methodist University (SMU), majoring in Commercial Art. His final job was with the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, where he worked for twenty-four years, in publications. Patricia, also born and raised in Dallas, graduated from Samuell High school, and SMU. Pursuit of her Master’s degree was interrupted by her mother’s cancer; eventually she received her master’s, in French, from North Texas University. Patricia shared, “Teaching was my spiritual gift, and my job, and French was my subject! Through this, God directed my life in a direction I never considered!” Patricia traveled to France many times and finally moved there, where she taught French for 18 months. She then went to work for Rothschild Bank, and became a Financial Analyst, Options Specialist and In-House Stock Trader. She continued, “After the Socialists took over the bank, I worked at the Headquarters in Paris, France, of the Banque Populaire. After twelve years, I felt led to return to the states, but before doing



so, I created the World Market Equities, a stock brokerage for the French.” When she returned, God brought Milton into her life. Together they sold the first brokerage and established another, only 19 days before the market crashed, October 19, 1987! Before retiring, Patricia taught as an Adjunct Instructor at the Community Colleges. Milton shared, “At the age of 50, I married my beautiful wife, whom I felt was sent by God. Because we were older, we decided not to have children, but we have had a wonderful life, including travels to France; also to other states and Mexico.” Later, for six years, Milton & Patricia volunteered with

the International Friendship Program (IFP), at SMU, placing French students in area homes for three weeks, during the summer. Patricia added, “IFP was and is a family of students who keep coming back. How wonderful God has been to all involved in this ministry; many have come to Christ!” Milton & Patricia agreed that studying God’s Word and their prayer time, is of daily importance to their marriage. They came to Redeemer three years ago, and enjoy **Dr. Zuck’s** Adult Bible Study. Milton is involved in a Friday morning, Men’s Bible study and prayer time. Patricia is active in the Women’s Bible Study. Perhaps... *“Oo La La”* is an appropriate way to describe how blessed and happy we are, Bradley’s, that you are members of the Redeemer family!

## Plan to Join Our Women’s Fellowship!

Women’s Fellowship kicks off the year with “Ladies Night Out,” Sunday, September 18 at 5:30 PM. The \$5 admission includes a tasty catered meal, review of the upcoming 2011-2012 program, along with live music and guest speaker, Amy Simmons. Author of two popular books (available for sale that evening), Amy will share insight on how she came to know that *“God Knows Best.”*

Fall Bible Study begins Tuesday, September 22 at 9:30 AM. We welcome back teacher and speaker, Barby Bailey, who will bring to life ten *“Lesser-Known Women of the Bible.”* Barby’s unique style of presentation brings these women to life, linking their lives to ours with concrete applications. During the second hour, Small Groups will meet to dig deeper into our Study while building



each other up through prayer and friendship. Complimentary babysitting is available (up to age 5).

Do you need a “thought closet make-over?” Jennifer Rothschild’s seven week DVD study, *“Me, Myself, and Lies”* teaches

how to replace hidden negative thoughts with positive truths from God’s Word. This women’s group will start Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30 PM. Contact **Carol Pratt** (214-348-1103) to reserve your study book.

We invite you to join us this Fall as we grow and nurture relationships with each other, and most importantly, with our Lord.



## New Family Bathroom

If you have not seen our new family bathroom downstairs in the educational wing, take a quick stroll to see the newly remodeled room. Thanks to many gracious people for donating the funds to complete the project. This bathroom is a wonderful blessing and will help meet the needs of many families at Redeemer.



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## Summer Missions Rewind

If you're new or spent the bulk of your summer trying to think of ways to beat the heat and missed the action, here's what happened in the way of foreign missions at RBC this summer. Our first team made their way to Guatemala to bring wood-burning stoves to rural Mayans. The plan was to install efficient wood-burning stoves to needy people in remote areas. When the stoves didn't arrive in time, they set out to improve the local Christian radio station and complete home improvements for families in the area.

Next, **Dr. Larry Waters** led a team to the Philippines. They joined missionaries there and spent their time teaching God's Word to both children and adults, engaged in evangelism in the prisons, and discipled and ministered to the needs of those in the local churches. **Pastor Doug** returned

to Dallas encouraged by the vitality and spiritual vigor of the Filipino believers.

A final team enjoyed the cooler temperatures of Hungary ministering to the youth at Word of Life summer camp with our Redeemer-supported missionaries, **Laci and Szandra Kadar**. They taught English and baseball skills to teenagers

from all over the country, all while sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. There were 25 who indicated commitments of faith in Christ and 32 dedications. Each team brought back special memories and stories from their adventures abroad and will be sharing those with us Sunday, September 4 in a combined ABF

beginning at 9:15 in the sanctuary. Be there to hear the exciting things God did this past summer through Redeemer missions!



You can find links to our Summer Missions Blogs by pointing your browser to the MISSIONS section of [www.redeemerbiblechurch.org](http://www.redeemerbiblechurch.org)

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