

September 2012

Linking us with the ministries of our church

Search Committee Update

The search for a new senior pastor has been under way for several months now, and, while the Search Committee doesn't know when a candidate will be recommended, it is making progress.

Committee members have reviewed the resumes of nearly 70 men. In many cases, if their resumes reflected the qualifications outlined by the Board of Elders, members have listened to their sermons. Committee members have met face-to-face with some men and have visited churches to observe potential candidates in the pulpit.

The search has been active about four months. It's not unusual for pastoral searches to last up to a year. God has the right person for us, and we all look forward to the time when he can be introduced to the Redeemer family.

Fall Sermon Series: Nehemiah

Pastor Don Geiger on Sept. 16 will begin a sermon series on Nehemiah. "Nehemiah helps us learn to really care about God's work and the welfare of others, and to learn what to do with that desire to make a difference," he said.

In addition, Dr. Ron Allen, a Dallas Seminary professor, will minister on Sept. 9 and Oct. 21. Dr. Jeff Bingham, also a DTS professor, will preach on Oct. 14.

Midweek Programs Begin September 12

Redeemer is a busy place on Wednesday evenings, as many in our church and community come together for fellowship, fun, prayer, Bible study and plenty of other activities. The fall programs begin on September 12. Please join us!

Fellowship Meal: 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious light supper and time of fellowship. This is an ideal place to gather prior to other evening activities. The menu rotates from week to week and includes kid-friendly foods. The cost for the meal is \$4, with a maximum of \$12 for a family.

Youth: 5:45-6:45 p.m.

For youth in seventh through 12th grades. Contact **Jeremiah Bakk**, student pastor, for details.

Childcare: 6-8:30 p.m.

Provided free for those participating in midweek activities.

Library: 6-7 p.m.

Visit our library, which has more than 5,000 volumes, and deepen your walk with the Lord.

Music

- The Grace Notes Handbell Choir practices 6-7 p.m. in the room above the sanctuary.
- The Sanctuary Choir practices 7-8:30 p.m. in the choir room.

Prayer Meeting: 6:30-6:50 p.m.

Please join us in this encouraging and high-priority ministry.

Bible Study: 7-8 p.m.

Come join us for Truths to Live By, featuring **Dr. Roy B. Zuck**. This will be a great follow-up to The Truth Project!

Pioneer Clubs: 6:45-8 p.m.

- Scooters - for boys and girls in pre-kindergarten through first grade.
- Pathfinders - for girls in second through sixth grade. Contact **Heidi Regier**, director of Children's Ministries, for details.

Parenting class: 7-8 p.m.

Join our new program to learn biblical wisdom and practical parenting skills.

Boy Scout Troop 48: 7-8:30 p.m.

For boys in grades six through 12. Meets in the Oasis.

Women's Fellowship Kicks Off Fall Events

On Sunday evening, Sept. 16, Redeemer will kick off Women's Fellowship for the fall. Our kickoff begins with a Super Salad Supper. Bring a large salad to share with others; drinks and dessert will be provided.

In her presentation — My Hands, His Glory — artist **Dawn Waters Baker** will encourage us to use our gifts and talents to glorify



God. She is the daughter of **Dr. Larry and Mary Waters**. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets, which cost \$1, will be available in the foyer on two Sundays — Sept. 2 and Sept. 9.

The Tuesday Women's Fellowship begins on Sept. 18.

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Gideons at Redeemer

Serving as an outreach of the church

Don Geiger Jr., Chairman, Board of Elders

‘What attracted me to Gideons was the opportunity to win others to Christ’

John Gibson, a retired engineer, estimates that he has personally handed out more than 50,000 Bibles in the 34 years since he joined Gideons International. He’s one of more than 287,000 members and auxiliary members in more than 190 countries who have placed or distributed more than 1.7 billion Bibles and New Testaments since this remarkable ministry was founded more than 100 years ago. About 78.9 million copies of God’s Word were distributed in 2011.

Four Redeemer members — **Don Rose, Don Owens, J. Lon Kimbrell and John** — are active members of Gideons. A representative gave a brief overview of the ministry during our July 22 worship service, and *The Link* spent a few minutes with John to learn more about his involvement.



Why are you a member of Gideons International?

What attracted me to Gideons — and still does — was the opportunity to win others to Christ. A pastor told me not long ago, “We don’t save anybody. The Word of God does that.” I had to agree with him. That’s what happens.

What do members of Gideons do?

We put Scripture in the traffic lanes of the world where people who would never darken the doors of a church will come across it and God will use it. ... The Gideons can do things and go places a church can’t go. For instance, a hotel would never let a church put Bibles in their hotels. They might be concerned that they would have to let everybody put all kinds of stuff in there. But the Gideons can go there as business and professional men, and they’ll let us put Bibles in their hotels. We really are an outreach of the church.

Where else do you place and distribute Bibles?

In addition to hotels, we distribute Bibles in schools, universities, hospitals, nursing homes, jails and prisons, airplanes and ships, to police and firefighting personnel, and to the offices of lawyers and doctors.

For more information, visit www.gideons.org or call John Gibson at 972-270-4383.

Short-term Mission Teams Minister to Hungarian Youth

Redeemer sent two short-term mission teams to Word of Life Hungary to minister at summer camps and reach out in the love of Christ to the youth of that country.

Teaching English and baseball, the teams experienced wonderful opportunities and gathered treasured memories. Many thanks to Janet Ramler, John and Barbara Arms, Michael Wade, Homer and Anita Corley, Tom and Chris Newcomer, and Charlie and Janet Reibenstein for going forth in the love of Christ.

Camp Director Laci Kadar, a missionary supported by Redeemer, said at least 40 campers made professions of faith while the teams ministered there.

This trip’s success was the result of much planning, experienced team members and the ability to come together as a church.

Churchwide effort

“This was truly a churchwide effort,” said Paul Ramler, chairman of the Missions Leadership Team. “Prayers, financial and material support, and everyone’s involvement saw

the lives of Hungarian teens changed for all eternity. The person who brought a bag of clothes to the garage sale played a part, as did the person who helped clean up, and the people who prayed prior to, during and still continue to pray all played essential roles. This is the body of Christ on display at Redeemer Bible Church.”

Pray for campers

And while we celebrate, at least 40 new Christian teens in Hungary now face trials. At camp, they were surrounded by Christian love, fellowship and nurturing support. Now, away from camp, they most likely face disapproval from family members, friends and secular society. Most have no church nearby for support or fellowship. Despite Hungary being Christian in culture and history, only 6 percent of Hungarians attend church and only 2 percent are born-again believers. Our sincere and continuous prayers for these new believers are essential.

Could the Lord be prompting you to go in 2013? That is our prayer!

Getting to Know You: Joe and Tracie Preston

Tommie Loveless

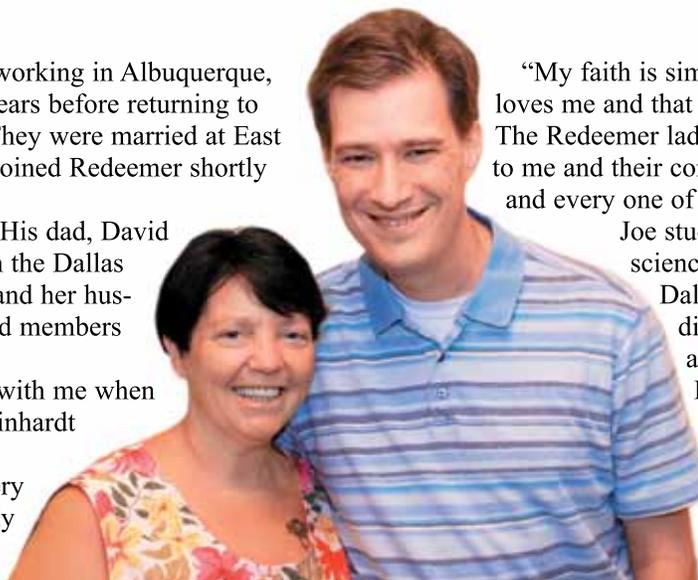
Joe and Tracie met while he was working in Albuquerque, N.M. They dated for more than two years before returning to Dallas when his job was completed. They were married at East Dallas Christian Church in 2010 and joined Redeemer shortly afterwards.

Joe was born and reared in Dallas. His dad, David Preston, and his only sister still live in the Dallas area. Joe's mom is **Judy Crelia**. She and her husband, **Ray**, are long-time and treasured members of Redeemer.

"Mom shared the Gospel message with me when I was a little guy, and I grew up at Reinhardt Bible Church, where I received great Biblical teaching," Joe said. "I was very active in the college group and actually taught **Heidi Regier, Laramie Sage** and others in my first-grade Sunday school class. It has been fun to see them serve so faithfully at Redeemer."

Tracie was born in Saginaw, Mich. She is the third of five children. "I considered myself the baby girl of the family since I was the last daughter born, after my two sisters and before my two brothers," she said.

Tracie was the first in her family to graduate from high school, and she attended Central New Mexico College and Eastfield College. She did not grow up in a Christian home and was 13 before she started attending church and found Christ as her Savior.



"My faith is simple," she said. "I know God loves me and that He is in total control of my life. The Redeemer ladies have been a great influence to me and their concern over me is true. I love each and every one of them."

Joe studied chemistry and computer science at the University of Texas at Dallas and Eastfield College, and did graduate work in applied math at Southern Methodist University.

For the past nine years he has been employed with Boeing Co., specializing in software development and embedded systems.

Joe and Tracie have a busy household — her brother and his family began living with

them after he was injured at his job in West Virginia. Joe's sons, Josh, 17, and Connor, 10, live in Carrollton with their mom and also visit very frequently.

Joe is an avid reader and loves volleyball. "I was focused on technical things in school, so now I enjoy the areas that I ignored in school and play in a couple of leagues," he said. Tracie volunteers at the Dallas Arboretum's gift shop, and she recently played with the Redeemer's Grace Notes Handbell Choir.

Prestons, we are happy you are a part of the Redeemer family. It is a joy to get to know you better!

Scouts and Students Enjoy a Busy, Fruitful Summer

This summer, Boy Scout Troop 48 participated in the ultimate Scouting trek: Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, N.M.

Covering a distance of more than 55 miles in 10 days, the boys and their leaders, **Gordon Robinson** and **David Tatom**, endured hot temperatures, climbed challenging Black Mountain, and enjoyed group activities such as blacksmithing, climbing, horseback riding and shooting. The boys worked well together and came away with a sense of personal accomplishment and successful teamwork.



The Student Ministry also enjoyed a great summer of building relationships and having fun at Swim n' Study, hosted on Tuesday nights by the **Harrells** and the **Armitages**. Our study examining the courage of people in the Bible was challenging and fruitful. Thanks to all who made it a great summer of youth ministry!



Welcome, New Members!



Eddie and Jan Boyd



Jonathan Smith

Paris-Rack Wedding

Congratulations to **Rebecca and Phillip Paris**, who were married at Redeemer on Saturday, Aug. 4. Their officiating pastor was **Dale Shaw** (Charlane Rack's brother).



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Eva Bleeker, DTS graduate and chaplain at Baylor Hospital, will speak at the first meeting. In her presentation, Spiritual Care During Crisis, she will give practical information that will be useful as we minister to one another. Our Tuesday group meets 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Both the Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening groups will participate in a video study by **Chip Ingram** this fall. In *Rebuilding Your Broken World*, he uses James 1 to speak about suffering and our response to it.

After watching the video segment each week, ladies will have an opportunity to discuss the video and to share prayer requests in small groups. The cost of the video guide is \$6. This eight-week study will begin the first week of October for both the Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening groups. The Wednesday evening group will meet 7-8:15 p.m.

Come, be a part of Women's Fellowship and experience the joy of giving and receiving Christian comfort and care.

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