

September 2006

Linking us with the ministries of our church

## Set Your Clocks Back



## Cookbooks Coming!

The Redeemer cookbook, *Sharing Our Best*, is at press and will be available for purchase in early November.

## Timely Gospel Tracts

The gospel tracts from ATS Tracts are a great way to share the good news of Jesus this fall and especially during the Halloween season. ATS produces colorful and attention-grabbing tools for evangelism as well as materials to equip believers in evangelism and discipleship. There is a limited supply of ATS tracts available at church, located by the



double glass doors near the playground. You may also contact ATS Tracts for more information. Visit their website at [atstracts.org](http://atstracts.org).



## Redeemer to Host *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement*

Beginning January 15, Redeemer's Missions Leadership Team will offer a dynamic, life-changing course called *Perspectives On the World Christian Movement*. If you desire a refreshed, transforming walk with God, you should prayerfully consider taking *Perspectives*. Missions Team Chairman **Paul Ramler** heartily recommends it. "I thought I was going to a missions class, but what I really went to was a life-changing class. It has filtered into every corner of my life." *Perspectives* is designed to equip and mobilize Christians to contribute their own unique abilities in their own strategic places of service to advance the Kingdom whether locally, nationally, or internationally. God's heartbeat is for the world. You will learn about His nature, purpose, and ways in the world and be enabled

to let Him grip your heart with the things close to His. Tens of thousands of students have learned of this purpose and have joyfully found their individual place within His plan. Class time includes lectures from interesting, committed, experienced professors and missionaries who strive to challenge the student to pursue the heart of God. The required reading and homework assignments will enrich your spiritual life. The class will be Monday evenings from 6:30-9:30 PM through May 7, 2007. The cost to Redeemer folks is \$100 plus a \$20 textbook. College and graduate level credit is available for an additional cost with extended homework requirements. Visit [www.redeemberbiblechurch.org](http://www.redeemberbiblechurch.org), or contact Paul at [paul@redeemberbiblechurch.org](mailto:paul@redeemberbiblechurch.org) or 972.742.7048.

## Missionary Comings and Goings

We are always blessed when our missionaries visit. **Miro and Milotka Cizmanski**, our missionaries in Serbia and Montenegro, serve with Yugoslavian Evangelistic Society. Miro shares the Gospel message effectively and enthusiastically to all ages through preaching, teaching, translating and the mobilization of visiting volunteers at the Christian Evangelistic Center. Miro will share how God is blessing this vibrant and versatile ministry on Sunday, November 12 in a combined ABF meeting, and during the worship service.



After 15 years of effective

missionary service in Ethiopia, **Vic and Cindy Anderson** have moved to Mesquite.



In August, Vic began serving as Professor of Homiletics at Dallas Seminary. Vic will use his cross-cultural experiences to

prepare future pastors and missionaries to communicate well across multiple cultures through teaching, curricula, and program development. Our missions team recently benefited from an insightful presentation by Vic on ways to effectively support missionaries on the field. Enjoy the opportunities to be encouraged by what God is accomplishing through the Cizmanskis and Andersons.

## In a Word

### We need to persevere!

Don Geiger, Senior Pastor

Hard as it is for some of us to believe, we have now begun our eighth year as a church! Considering our modest beginning — twenty-five of us meeting, first in **Milvern and Aloha Harrel's** home in June of '99, then in a succession of rented facilities — it's equally difficult to comprehend just how far God has brought us these seven years. Those early adventurous years called for the creative cooperation of us all, as together each Sunday we set up for Sunday school and church, then a few hours later, put it all away, sometimes wondering where we would next meet. We watched in awe as God directed our path — closing some doors, allowing us to wait, then opening others, all the while bringing to our fellowship families and individuals drawn by God's love expressed through our ever-growing Redeemer family. In his perfect time God gave us this just-right-for-us facility we now enjoy. I mention all this to stir grateful memories for some and give more recent family members a better sense of who we are and whence we have come. Then to remind us all that we need to persevere.

Most new projects and ventures — whether school semester, job, marriage, exercise program, hobby, sport, or church — are launched with optimistic dreams and plans, bursts of enthusiasm, and boundless energy. In time, those hopes and dreams inevitably collide with reality, the reality that nothing goes quite as planned, that almost everything is more difficult and pain-

ful, takes longer, and costs more than we planned or imagined. As time passes, that early enthusiasm must be strengthened and stabilized with dogged determination and patient perseverance. This is true of us as individual believers, and as a church family.

Like many of us, the believers to whom the New Testament book, *Hebrews*, was written, had walked with the Lord for years, many of them second-generation Christians. A major message to them is summarized in the opening words of 10:36 — *You need to persevere*. It is a message we need to hear and heed as well.

From time to time we all need the reminder I see on my study wall almost every day, *It's too soon to quit!* The call to perseverance permeates the Bible, both precept and example: *Blessed is the man (woman, youth, child) who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those that love him* (James 1:12). *Moses persevered because he saw him who is invisible* (Hebrews 11:27).

When you feel the need of a little encouragement to persevere, turn to Hebrews 10:19 and read slowly and prayerfully through 12:3. Note especially the *Let us . . .* clauses (10:22, 23, 24, 25, 12:1, 1). Respond to those simple, powerful challenges that tell us how to persevere, then watch God restore your dream and renew your enthusiasm for whatever it is he has called you to do. He will energize us to continue to run our race with perseverance and joy.

As a church I believe we are persevering, and with a passion born of love for God, fueled by heart-felt worship, and motivated by a desire to love each other and those God intends for us to touch.

In a word, we need to persevere!

## Men's September Challenges

On September 23 our men enjoyed a few laughs, some good biscuits, and good updates about construction, next spring's *Perspectives* course, and the **Kádar's** ministry in Hungary.



Course in Rockwall, Texas to enjoy the annual "Bible Church Challenge."

On September 9, 16 Redeemer men joined 80 men from area churches at the Buffalo Creek Golf



## Women's Fellowship Hosted Super Sunday Salad Supper

Our Redeemer Women's Fellowship held their annual Super Sunday Salad Supper on Sunday evening, September 17. This gala event marked the beginning of their multi-faceted year.



The ladies sampled a variety of delectable salads, and a handsome crew of Redeemer men wearing white shirts and red bow ties served coffee, water and raspberry tea. A men's quartet, women's trio and the **Higgins Singers** treated the women to a variety of music. **Shirley Bryan** inspired the ladies with a call

to remember Christ as their alpha and omega — their beginning and end. **Alice Geiger** outlined the many opportunities Women's Fellowship offers for study, fellowship, service and growth. Women's Fellowship meets every Tuesday morning from 9:30 AM until 11:30. Childcare is provided.





# Getting to Know You: Clarence George

**Tommie Loveless**

**Clarence George** was born in Collin County on December 11, 1921. "I had great plans to come to Dallas when I graduated from high school," he said. "However, my mom passed away when I was eighteen, so I stayed home with my dad to help with my sisters. After a year or so, I received a letter from my 'uncle' (Uncle Franklin D. Roosevelt), congratulating me for being selected to help defend our country! I was inducted into the Army in September, 1942."

After Clarence completed his basic training, he was transferred several times and ended up in the South Pacific. Clarence commented, "They told us it was 'destination unknown,' but we landed in Holandia, New Guinea. Later, we moved to Fenchheaven – where our missionaries, the **Doriot**s serve. Sometime later, Roger told me, 'You were on the east side, and we were on the west!'" Two of Clarence's unique military memories are seeing General Douglas MacArthur's car in Manila and being in the Philippines when the atomic bomb was dropped on Japan.

As special as his military memories might be, they pale in comparison to those of his wife of 57 years, **Jessie** (in whose honor Redeemer's pulpit was built). With a twinkle in his eye, Clarence spoke about a Saturday night in McKinney that changed his life. Clarence, his cousin, and a friend of his cousin were inside a store "when this red-headed girl walked in." With a smile, he added: "Wow! I thought she was the most beautiful young lady I had ever

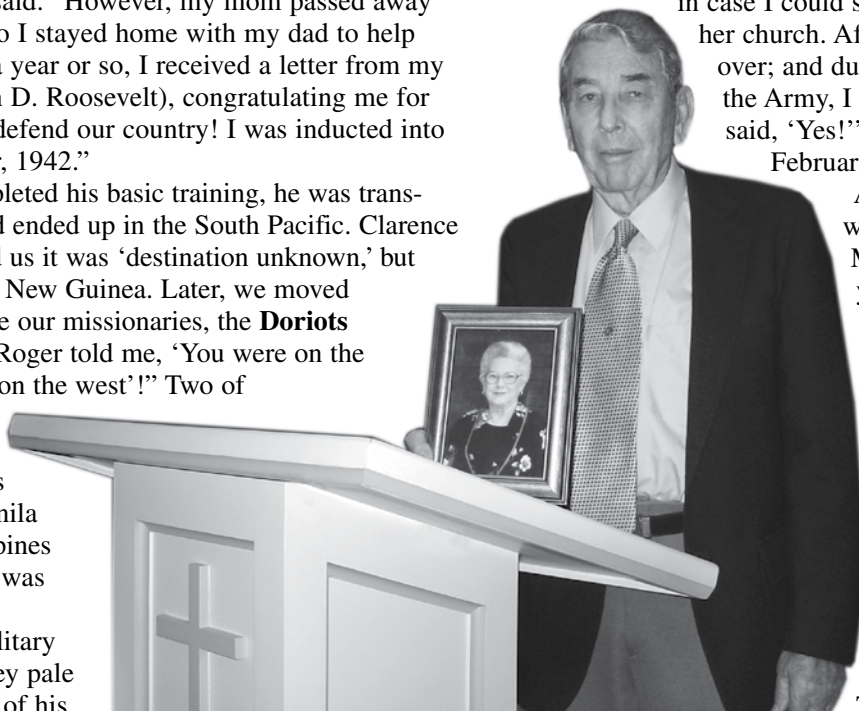
seen. My cousin and his friend knew Jessie and introduced us. After I met her, I would go over to my cousin's on Sundays just in case I could see her as she came home from her church. After about two years, I won her over; and during my first three-day leave from the Army, I asked her to marry me, and she said, 'Yes!'" Jessie and Clarence married on February 11, 1943.

After the Army, Clarence worked for Continental Electric Manufacturing for thirty-eight years. Living on Redondo Drive in the Casa Linda area, Clarence and Jessie attended Reinhardt Bible Church for years. Blessed by their Reinhardt experience, Clarence said, "When **Don** and **Alice** came back from Indiana and started Redeemer, we were thrilled and came right away.

**E.W. Cavender** told us that we were charter members! Jessie, **Evelyn Ward**, and Alice Geiger worked in the nursery together. This church has meant so much

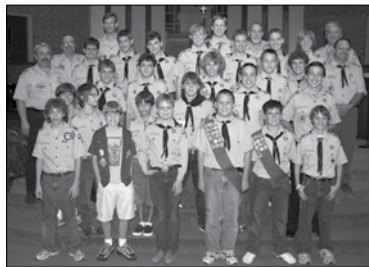
to us, especially when the Lord took Jessie to heaven on May 21, 2000. I miss her so much; but I am thankful that my daughter, **Charlotte**, and her family live in the area."

Clarence, we are thankful that God brought you to the Redeemer family, and it is good to know you a bit better. We love you.



## Scouts' Court of Honor

Twenty-two of our Redeemer Troop 48 Scouts were recognized at a Court of Honor Wednesday, September 13. Fourteen scouts advanced in rank and the troop earned a total of 73 merit badges, mostly earned during summer camp at Camp Hale in Oklahoma in July. After a productive summer, the troop elected scouts to 13 leadership positions for the next six months. Eagle Scouts are trained, motivated and equipped to always serve in the scouting program. An encouraging "first" for the troop is the recent placement of two of our own enthusiastic Eagle Scouts, **Grant Bridgman** and **Jonathan Raikes**, into the position of Assistant Scoutmaster. Amidst a busy fall schedule of campouts and projects, the troop is selling popcorn to earn money for activities, and preparing to serve a church-wide lunch on October 15.



## Take Time to Play

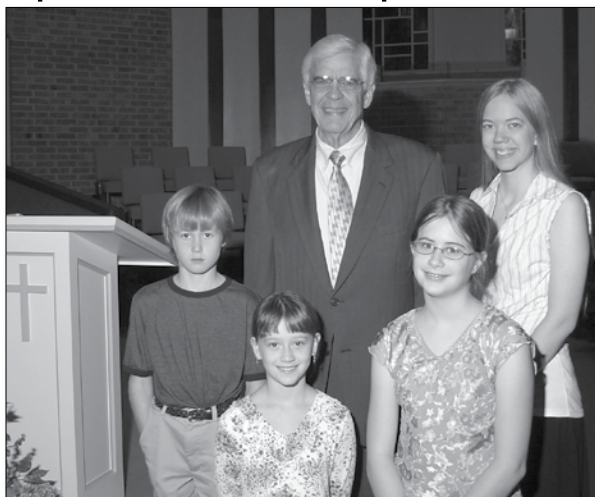
Fridays at Redeemer are family-focused, fun-filled times of fellowship, thanks to our First-Friday childcare and our Friday afternoon play days.

First Friday offers free childcare to regularly attending Redeemer families on the first Friday of each month, except January, 6 PM – 9 PM at the church. Mature college and career ABF ladies care for your kids, infants through sixth grade, so you can enjoy a romantic dinner with your spouse or catch a movie with friends. Just make your reservations in the church office or through the worship bulletin during the preceding week. Look for sign-ups for our next event on October 6.

Friday afternoon play days, 3 PM – 5 PM, is a time for kids to *expend* some energy and parents to *renew* their energy. No reservations are required, just show up to join the families that already meet regularly.

We target the whole family in each of these programs. While First Fridays allow couples the opportunity for marital enrichment, Friday afternoon play days seek to give parents a support network through other families. Each ministry aims to meet children's developmental needs through creative play. So go on that date with your beloved, get and give parental advice, or just take time to play!

## September Baptisms



September 24  
(front, right):  
Madison Chapman,  
Paul Adams



September 17 (l to r):  
Nathaniel Tatom, Ashley Higgins, Ashley Long, Joanna Martin

## Congratulations, Dr. Reed

Congratulations to **Dr. John Reed** for receiving the Dallas Seminary *David L. Edwards Servant Leader Award*. This is an annual award presented to the faculty member who best exemplifies servant leadership both in and outside the classroom. The recipient is chosen by fellow faculty members. Dr. Reed is Senior Professor Emeritus of Pastoral Ministries and Director of the Doctor of Ministry program at DTS. "I never thought I deserved this award," Dr. Reed remarked. "I was shocked. It's really an honor and a highlight." Before coming to the seminary, Dr. Reed was given the faculty-of-the-year award at Cedarville University in Ohio.



## Church Work Day Oct. 28

Our annual fall work day is right around the corner, and there are storage closets to straighten, blinds to be dusted, and more. No matter what your energy, mobility or ability level, your help will make a positive impact on our church family. Our church work day will begin at 8 AM on Saturday, October 28, and will continue until about noon, when we plan to break for lunch (provided by the church). If you are unable to spend the entire morning with us, consider serving for an hour. Mark your calendar, and we'll see you on the 28th!

## God's Love in a Shoebox

The Redeemer family will once again share God's love with the world's neediest children this year through *Operation Christmas Child*. You will be hearing more about this opportunity. For now: 1) pray about how God would have you get involved; 2) pick up a ministry brochure in the lobby or visit [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org); and 3) save shoeboxes, for you to use or share.

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