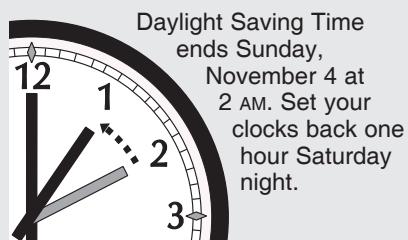


October 2007

Linking us with the ministries of our church

Set Your Clocks Back in November this Year



Annual Thanksgiving Banquet on Nov. 16

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend our annual Thanksgiving Banquet on Friday, November 16, at the Dallas First Assembly of God located on Northwest Highway between Jupiter and Lake Highlands. We'll enjoy a hearty meal, warm fellowship and great music. More information will be given in the bulletin and in the weekly email. We'll see you there!

Halloween

Redeemer will hold **all** our regular mid-week ministries on Wednesday, October 31, from a light supper, to coffee house, and everything in between. The children's ministry is preparing a fun-filled evening of games, prizes and treats. Kids, come dressed in your best costumes and ready for fun! Halloween tracts will be available in the lobby on Sunday, October 28.

Redeemer's Web Site Sends Event Reminders

See the CALENDAR page at www.redeemerbiblechurch.org You can have e-mail reminders sent to you automatically!

You Can Participate with Redeemer in Operation Christmas Child

This year Redeemer will again partner with the Samaritan's Purse to help needy children around the world receive a real Christmas gift. Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love to children around the world who are in desperate situations. Your gifts demonstrate God's love to families in difficult circumstances and prepare hearts to hear the Good News. As the gifts are distributed, national Christians also share the gospel. Area churches provide follow-up through appropriate Bible study materials.

Shoe Box: Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (**lid separately**), but wrapping is not required.

Boy or Girl? Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Fill out the appropriate boy/girl label available in the church lobbies. Mark the correct age

category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box.

Fill With Gifts: **DO** fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Include items such as small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, small books and candy. **DON'T** include used/damaged items, war-related items, chocolate, food, liquids, lotions, medicine, vitamins, breakable items or aerosol cans.

Include your donation: Use the envelope attached to the brochure to include a \$7 check. Make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse and write, "Operation Christmas Child" on the memo line. Place the envelope on top of gift items inside the box. Place a rubber band around the box and lid.

Drop Off: Bring your shoe box to our collection center inside the main church lobby. So that children can receive the gifts by Christmas, please bring your gifts by **Sunday, November 11.**

Children's Ministry, My Lifetime Dream

Lauren Raikes

Ever since I was a little girl, I knew I loved working with children and wanted to do that for the rest of my life, preferably in a ministry setting. When the opportunity to work at Redeemer presented itself, my dream of working at my home church had finally come true. My desire is to get to know both families and individuals at Redeemer and be involved in your lives, so together we can find



ways to meet needs in the church body and build on our fine children's program. I am focusing first on our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening programs, including children's choir, to see that they succeed as a fruitful ministry to your children, and to draw more kids into the church. Together let's dream big dreams for the children's program at Redeemer and utilize our unique talents to make those dreams come true.

In a Word

It pays to follow your good impulse

Don Geiger, Senior Pastor

It's 11:00 on Sunday morning; **Tony** has just launched his sermon, and I have just completed an invigorating 5K walk in the beautiful Morton Arboretum in the Chicago suburb of Lisle. Blue sky, crisp morning air, and hints of fall colors all contributed to a pleasant walk in the park. But it was more than pleasant; it was a delight, and here is why.

It all began when our granddaughter **Rachel Henry** (9) decided she wanted to do something to help her Uncle **Brian** fight his brain tumor. Rachel and her mother (**Margaret**) began to explore their options. Then on a walk with her mother one day, Rachel had an impulse — a good one, as it turned out. She would do a 5K walk and invite family members and friends to sponsor her by contributing to brain tumor research at the M D Anderson Cancer Hospital in Houston, where Uncle Brian's doctors spend half their time researching new treatments to cure brain tumors.

Rachel not only had a good impulse; she followed it. She first wrote a carefully worded letter. "As many of you know, my Uncle Brian has a brain tumor. He has been fighting it for eight years. I wanted to do something to help

him, so I have decided to walk in a 5K race to raise money for research for his kind of tumor. My mom will walk with me to keep me company. She is taking me on walks so I can work up to walking the 3.1 miles..." Then she started walking. Every day for a month they walked, a little further each day. I checked her calendar for a few of her entries: .8, 1.3, 1.5, 2.3, 2.5, 3.1!

Rachel's good impulse inspired many other impulses — all good ones. Brian's good impulse: "I've just got to be there!"

Mine as well. Rachel's other grandparents, Chuck and Jean Henry, followed their good impulses and walked with us. Arboretum staff and run planners got wind of Rachel's plan, followed theirs, and provided special parking and a place for **Brian, Jason, Sarah,** and young **Brian** to wait near the finish line, so they could walk the final stretch with us. An anonymous friend followed his (or her) good impulse to pay for Brian's and my trip to Chicago. To date, family and friends have followed theirs and contributed \$3900 for brain tumor research at M D Anderson.

I write this story, not only because I am proud of Rachel and grateful for what she accomplished, but also to encourage us all to — you guessed it — **Follow your good impulse!** I also write in hopes that it will encourage children and young people to know that they too can make a difference when they follow that good impulse. Amy Carmichael put it best: "A little thing is a little thing, but faithfulness in a little thing is a great thing." Indeed it is!



In a word, **follow your good impulse!**

Girls of Grace

The youth programs for teenage girls and boys have offered a full season of building biblical life skills and serving others, while having a lot of fun. After receiving over \$600 from Redeemer donors at the Girls of Grace bake sale, 14 girls joined their leaders, **Meredith Escobar** and **Diana Oudin**, at the Women of Faith Revolve Conference at the American Airlines Arena in Dallas, September 21-23. The weekend featured excel-



lent music and challenging speakers, who taught the girls the biblical roles of men and women and how to be a treasure and not a target. The girls

stayed at the home of **Gary and Patti Swearingen** and spent time relaxing and sightseeing in downtown Dallas. The girls expressed gratitude for the financial support Redeemer gave through the bake sale, and eagerly plan to attend the conference again next year.

Boy Scouts

After electing boys for various leadership roles for the next six months, the Boy Scouts recently started work on the *God and Country* achievement. The 6th-8th grade boys' program, *God and Church*, involves Bible reading, class-work, and multimedia projects related to knowing the person of Christ, worshipping God, witnessing, and ministering to others. The 9th-12th-grade program, *God and Life*, also includes Bible reading and studies, but includes five separate service projects. Each of the five units features a different event from the life of the Apostle Paul, relating it to the boys' deepening personal life of faith in Christ. Scouts who fulfill all of the demanding requirements will be honored at both the Court of Honor and Scout Sunday.

Getting to Know You: Arch and Kay Oldham

Tommie Loveless

WELCOME, Arch & Kay, to the Redeemer Bible Church family! The Oldhams were in our last new member class and they have “jumped in head first,” according to Arch! Members of another church for most of their adult years, they both wondered how they would adjust to a new church home. Kay answered that question as she shared, “We have been so happy, and we love making new friends and studying God’s Word together.” Arch and Kay have recently begun leading our Grief-Share ministry, which meets each Wednesday evening at 6:30.

Arch and Kay met in Denton at the University of North Texas. Even though they both graduated, Kay admitted, “I think I was looking more for an MRS. degree, than a B.S. degree! We met in 1947, the same year I graduated, and we married in 1949. We have four wonderful children — three daughters and one son. They are all married and have blessed us with grandchildren. We are thankful that our son and his wife live close by in Rowlett. They and their daughter Ashlei, who attends Texas A & M University, and son Addison, who is a junior in high school, are a joy, a close comfort, and a source of activities, sports, and school events.”

Arch, who was born in the Hill Country, moved with his family to Oklahoma and lived there through the dust bowl days.



Arch continued, “Our family moved to Denton, Texas, in 1943, where I finished high school, learned to fly airplanes, and met my wife! After being discharged from the Navy in 1946, I started college at the University of North Texas, majoring in business management, specializing in insurance. Kay and I married in 1949, and after moving many times in our first years together, we settled down in Dallas in January, 1962.” Arch was employed with Property/Casualty Insurance for years, until he decided to open his own independent insurance company in 1971. He retired fourteen years later in December 1993.

Kay: “Arch has loved planes and flying since he was seventeen years old.

He owned a small aircraft until two years ago, when he decided he had better sell it! We miss it because we flew in it to our condo in Red River, New Mexico, where we vacationed in the mountains. That is our favorite retreat!”

Arch and Kay have spent 45+ years worshipping, studying, and serving the Lord. We are so blessed to have them at Redeemer, where they share their love for God and the entire church family.

Images from September



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

ABFs: Gathering to Grow and Go

Most of us want “church” to fuel our passion for the living triune God, build deep and lasting relationships with others, and clarify our vision for sharing the good news and love of Jesus. In Redeemer’s Adult Bible Fellowships (ABFs) God has provided an excellent forum to do just that: gather, grow, and go.

Whether you are 18 or 108, there is a place for you in one of our seven ABFs. If you need people praying for you right now, you will find them in an ABF. If you have been looking for opportunities to use your God-given abilities like hospitality, encouragement, evangelism, or administration, you can find them in an ABF. If you are ready to dig deep into God’s Word and apply some new-found insights in your daily life, God is ready to challenge you in one of our ABFs.

Feeling the tug and wanting more from your church life? Consider and pray about hooking up with an ABF on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 AM. You might begin by showing up a few minutes early this Sunday, picking up our newest ABF brochure, and visiting an ABF that looks like a good fit. Then, visit several more ABFs until you find the one that feels comfortable. Guaranteed: God has put people in Redeemer’s ABFs who would love to get to know you and grow in Christ with you. Find your ABF to *gather* with others, *grow* in Christ, and *go* out to share Him. You’ll be glad you did.

[Note: you can also learn more about the various ABFs on the Redeemer Web site: Click on “Adult Bible Fellowships” on the MINISTRIES page of www.redeembiblechurch.org]

Cubhouse - a Timely Blessing

It’s called *The Cubhouse*. Investing many hours of hard work and creativity into restoring the camping equipment storage building, **Allen Sandlin** and several dads and



their sons created a meeting place for Cub Pack 48 that is now bright, clean, and attractive. The building is a timely blessing for our young boys and their leaders to share the love of God to 33 new Cub Scouts from our community.



Jesus Led Her All the Way



On her ninety-third birthday, September 6, **Mrs. Geraldine Walvoord** passed into the Lord’s presence. Dr. and Mrs. Walvoord had been long-time members of Reinhardt Bible Church, where she served as organist and taught women’s Bible studies. The Walvoords joined Redeemer soon after the church was founded. For fifty years Mrs. Walvoord sustained vital ministries at Dallas Seminary, where Dr. Walvoord served as Professor of Systematic Theology, then as President. She played a key role in the development of women’s ministries at the seminary, as well as ministering with Dr. Walvoord throughout the United States and on five continents. Her many friends knew her to be gracious, generous, kind, classy, funny, wise, and godly. We miss her, but rejoice that she is now with the Lord and reunited with her husband John, son Timothy and sister Harriet. She is survived by sons John, James, and Paul.

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