

October 2010

Linking us with the ministries of our church

## *Reformation Sunday: October 31*

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 propositions to the church door where he served as the parish priest challenging the church authorities to a debate. Last year in honor of that event, Pastor Hornok delivered a message on Martin Luther. This coming "Reformation Sunday" we will look at the second most influential person of that movement: John Calvin. Noted Church historian Philip Schaff describes Calvin as not as much of a genius as Luther or Zwingli but as having "surpassed them in consistency and self-discipline, and by his exegetical, doctrinal, and polemical writings, he has exerted and still exerts more influence than any other Reformer upon the Protestant Churches of the Latin and Anglo-Saxon races." That is indeed high praise! That Sunday's message will be unique, but also highly informative and encouraging.

## *Thanksgiving Banquet*

An annual highlight for the RBC family is our Thanksgiving Banquet. The evening includes a wonderful meal, singing, special music, testimonies and a challenge from God's word. Please mark your calendar NOW, Friday November 19. More information will be forthcoming. Also, if you are willing to help with this year's banquet, please contact Karen Kennedy.

## Redeemer Ministering Through Angel Tree this Christmas Season

Every child has a story. For 1.7 million American children, that story is filled with the abandonment, loneliness, and shame that comes from having a mom or dad in prison. For many, it may also include following their parents down the same destructive road to incarceration.

As part of this year's Christmas ministry, RBC will be participating in the ministry of Angel Tree that reaches out to the children of inmates and their families with the love of Christ. This unique program will give our church an opportunity to share Christ's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners.

Angel Tree works by connecting parents in prison with their children through the

delivery of Christmas gifts. Our participation will help brighten the lives of countless children by purchasing, wrapping and delivering gifts on behalf of their incarcerated parent — not only delivering a message of love from parent to child, but also the true meaning of Christmas — the good news of Jesus Christ.

Christmas connection can be the beginning of a rewarding ongoing relationship with these children and their families. We are hopeful that this ministry will continue throughout the year to help these children and their families grow in their faith, strengthen their relationships with imprisoned parents, and fulfill the purposes that God has for their lives. You can learn more about Angel Tree at [www.angeltree.org](http://www.angeltree.org).

## Gideon Sunday at Redeemer

On Sunday, September 19, Redeemer welcomed the Gideons, who gave an excellent presentation and report of their ministry both in America and around the world in 180 countries. Gideons International is a volunteer organization that distributes millions of Bibles each year. At the end of the worship service, our Redeemer Gideons received an offering totaling \$1300,

which will provide 1000 New Testaments for use around the world! Praise the Lord for this important work.

Our Redeemer Gideons and Gideons representatives



## From the Pastor's Pen

### Effective Leaders

Doug Hornok, Senior Pastor

The other day I came across a rather interesting memo. It was obviously fictitious and was reportedly written to Jesus, Son of Joseph from the Jordan Management Consultants. It read:

Thank you for submitting the resumes of the 12 men you have picked for management positions in your new organization. All of them have now taken our battery of tests, and we have not only run the results through our computer, but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultant.

The profiles of all tests are included, and you will want to study them carefully. As part of our service we will make some general comments. They are given as a result of staff consultations and come without any additional fee.

It is the staff's opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education, and vocational aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We recommend that you continue your search.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership. The brothers, James and John, place personal interest above company loyalty. Thomas has a skeptical attitude that would tend to undermine morale. It is our duty to tell you that Matthew has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau. James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus have radical leanings and show a high score on the manic-depressive scale.

Only one shows great potential ability, resourcefulness, a business mind, meets people well, ambitious, highly motivated. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right-hand man.

The first time I read that I had a pleasant laugh and then thought immediately of the verse in 1 Samuel 16 where the prophet Samuel is asked to pick the next king of Israel. The sons of Jesse are paraded before him and while outwardly many of David's older brothers looked the part, God rejected them. Then God says to Samuel: "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart (1 Samuel 16:7 NIV)."

God is looking at the heart. But there are some definite "heart" qualities that are found in effective leaders. John Maxwell, in his book *Developing the Leaders Around You*, suggests the following qualities to look for in leaders. Positiveness: the ability to work with and see people and situations in a positive way. Servanthood: the willingness to submit, play team ball, and follow the leader. Growth potential: a hunger for personal growth and development; the ability to keep growing as the job expands. Follow-through: the determination to get the job done completely and with consistency. Loyalty: the willingness to always put the leader and organization above personal desires. Resiliency: the ability to bounce back when problems arise. Integrity: trustworthiness and solid character; consistent words and walk. "Big picture" mind-set: the ability to see the whole organization and all of its needs. Discipline: the willingness to do what is required regardless of personal mood. Gratitude: an attitude of thankfulness that becomes a way of life.

As I reflect on RBC, I am grateful for those who serve as leaders. As I look through the qualities needed for effective, long-term growth, I see these qualities in our Elders and Deacons and those who serve at various levels.

By the world's standards, they may not be selected as leaders, but neither would the disciples. May I encourage you to keep them in your prayers and thank God daily for their sacrifice and devotion.

## Kristen Raikes' Report

[Editor — **Kristen Raikes**, our Director of Children's Ministries, traveled to Thailand August 29 – September 21 for orientation to future missionary work in East Asia. Following is her report upon returning to Dallas. You can read more about her experience at her blog: [journeytoeastasia.blogspot.com](http://journeytoeastasia.blogspot.com)]

Arriving home, my first instinct was to remove my shoes at the door. The motion became second nature during my vision trip to SE Asia. To help guide my travel, I was given a book that provided a prayer walk for each city I entered so I could walk and talk with our King about the spiritual battle at hand all around me. The Gospel has been present in Thailand for over 160 years now, yet still less than 1% believe its message. Many people do not know how to explain what they believe except that to be Thai is to be



Buddhist and there is no other option.

Walk down any street in Thailand and you will see a "spirit house." One such house we passed by had many bright and beautiful colored ribbons tied around a tree to attract the good spirits to look favorably on the people who worship there.

Thai people live in constant fear of their gods and spirits. They desire to welcome "good" spirits and prevent "evil" spirits from entering any building. One

method they use is to make the first step of every staircase twice as large as the others. They believe the evil spirit will not want to make its way up a step that is so large and therefore, they will be protected.

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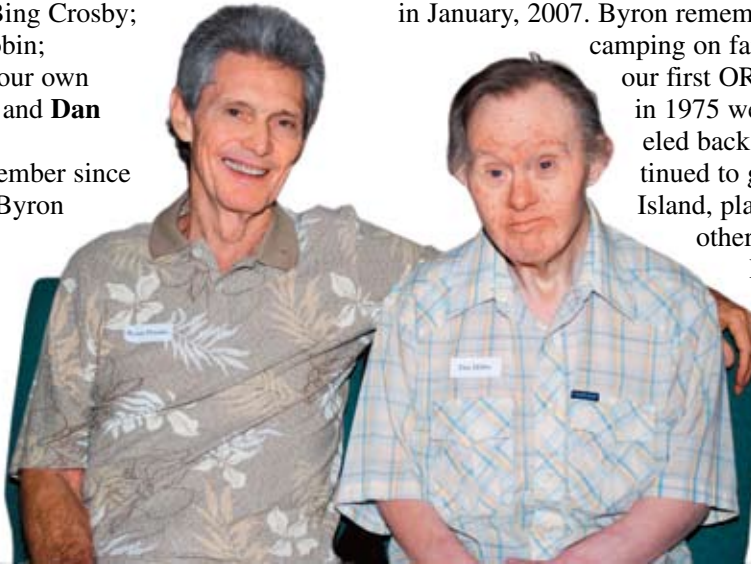
# Getting to Know You: Byron Donaho and Dan Hibbs

**Tommie Loveless**

Hollywood has Bob Hope & Bing Crosby; Comic Books have Batman & Robin; and Redeemer Bible Church has our own "Dynamic Duo," **Byron Donaho** and **Dan Hibbs!**

Byron has been a dedicated member since 2001. (You might already know, Byron loves orange and does a "mean" imitation of Elvis!) And it is our pleasure to welcome Dan; one of our newest members, and proud to be so!

Byron Donaho was born in Floresville, TX (southeast of San Antonio). For seven years he lived on his dad's dairy farm, enjoying loving grandparents, and family. Byron recalled, "I had five wonderful years with my sister, until polio took her life. After her death, and my parent's divorce, mom and I moved to Wichita Falls, where I grew up." Byron, age nine, told his mom he wanted to talk to the preacher and get baptized! He explained, "As I look back on that day, I know I was saved right then, but it was years later, when I recommitted my life to Christ, that I understood the responsibilities and privileges of my decision! Byron attended Midwestern University twice...the first time he called, "the party years," admitting, "Consequently, I flunked out, and joined the Marines!" After completing his military years, he returned to the University and earned a Business Administration degree in 1967. He and **Claudette Fletcher** were married during that time. In 1968, Byron began his 32-year career with Colgate Palmolive. The Donahos were blessed with two sons, **Christopher** and **Jason**, and four grandchildren, before Claudette's home-going



in January, 2007. Byron remembered: "We had such fun, while camping on family vacations. In 1974, I bought our first ORANGE runabout ski boat, and in 1975 we went to Geiger Island. We traveled back year after year." Byron has continued to go to — and care for — Geiger Island, planting trees and re-constructing other camp facilities. As Director of

Family Camp, he also helped start the Redeemer Teen Camp in 2000. He maintains camping equipment as well as the youth building, along with his other ministries, including his support of missions, Teen Ministries, Sunday morning prayer time, and opening his home to visiting missionaries. (The **Hornoks** stayed in

his home, when they first arrived.) Byron loves to travel and will take anyone, anywhere, when needed. He recently traveled to Hungary, where he taught baseball and English at the Word of Life Camp. Since 2008, Byron babysits his granddaughter, Lexie, and now as Dan becomes a part of his family, he plans to spend more time at home! Dan Hibbs, a step-cousin to Claudette, was born in 1945, with Down syndrome. Byron explained, "Claudette assured Dan's mom she would take care of Dan, if and when Irene (now 90), could not. That time has come; Easter Sunday, I moved him to Dallas. I assume he will be with me until the Lord calls him home." Dan was saved at sixteen, in Wichita Falls. He enjoys The Seekers Adult Bible Fellowship, and Sunday morning prayer time.

He has already made his first trip to Geiger Island! Redeemer is indeed blessed, to have this "Dynamic Duo!"

## Raikes' Place in Mesquite, Saturday, November 6

Fall is here and five acres of land await you. Come enjoy a festival at the Raikes' Ranch. Children, families, and friends are all welcome! There will be a hamburger/hot dog cookout for supper. Please bring yourself, chairs or blanket to sit on, and a side dish to share. There will be a hay-ride, s'mores to roast by a fire, face-painting, zip-line, swings, hills to roll down, archery, carnival games, and lots of prizes to win. This day of fun and fellowship takes place on Saturday, November 6, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM at the Raikes Ranch, 5325 Milam Road, Mesquite TX 75181. See you there!

## Stu and Dorothy – Thank You!

"Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share" (1 Timothy 6:18). Ever since they began attending RBC, **Stu and Dorothy Howe** have modeled that verse by serving in a variety of ministries. For years they have sacrificially served the ministry to our Seasoned Saints. The quarterly Senior Luncheons have required hours of preparation and hard work and Stu and Dorothy have done it as "unto the Lord." Because of health concerns, Stu and Dorothy are stepping aside. Stu and Dorothy, "Thank you for giving to and serving the Lord." We have been truly blessed!



## Welcome, New Members!



Chris and Tom Newcomer

## Dedication

On August 29, we joined **Jay and Laura Leigh Majernik** in dedicating ourselves to teaching their two boys, **John Andrew** (3 yr.) and **Noah Aaron** (3 mo.), how to love and follow Christ.



## Kristen Raikes' Report

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Despite the many discouraging sights, God is working and moving to draw people to Himself. In south Thailand, I was part of a church service where I had the privilege to witness the baptism of a village elder! We packed 19 people in a truck to travel to the waterfall where he was baptized. What an exciting day! I was also able to assist with children's ministry in northern Thailand.

Your prayers were vital to this journey. Thank you!



## Youth at Group Dynamix

The youth group is going to Group Dynamix again on the weekend of November 13! This is always a fun time of spending time with friends, involving games, group/team building initiatives, and an incredible indoor high ropes challenge course. This event is open to Jr. High and High School youth. We need to know that you can come! If we have a small group, we will go on Saturday during the day. If we get enough people, we will be able to turn this event into a Friday night – Saturday morning lock-in as in the past. Lock-ins include an inflatable obstacle course and boxing ring with hilariously huge boxing gloves, laser tag, video games, movies, and much more. The price for a lock-in is \$36/person. A day event is \$25. Contact **Josh Reed** in the church office to sign up, or for more information. Feel free to bring your friends! Learn more about Group Dynamix at [www.groupdynamix.com](http://www.groupdynamix.com).

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