

October 2011

Linking us with the ministries of our church

## Sermon Series

- October 2 Observance of the Lord's Table
- October 9 Introduction to 7 Letters  
Revelation 2-3
- October 16 Ephesus: "Do you Love Me?"
- October 23 Smyrna: "Persecution"
- October 30 Reformation Sunday  
"The Morning Star of the Reformation"  
John Wycliffe

## Senior Saints Luncheon

Sunday, October 16, right after church, the Senior Saints will meet for their quarterly luncheon immediately after church in the Fellowship Hall.

## Thanksgiving Banquet

Please reserve Friday, November 18, for our annual Thanksgiving Banquet. This year's banquet will be in a new location: The Radisson Hotel. A very special program is being planned. Tickets will be on sale later this month.

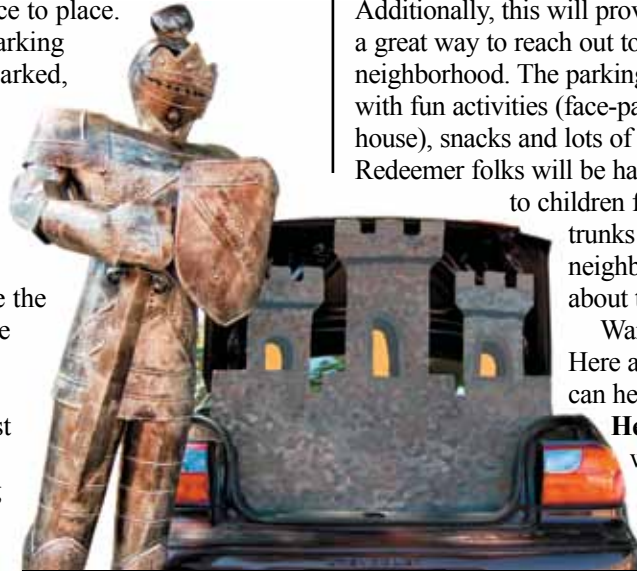
## Christmas Concert

Please reserve on your calendar Sunday, December 11, for our musical Christmas concert with Scofield Memorial Church. Our combined orchestras, choir and Bells promises to make this year's concert a memorable one and a great way to begin the Christmas Season.

## Trunk or Treat

Picture this: A beautiful fall night with just a touch of chill in the air. A large portion of our parking lot safely roped off and filled with several hundred children, parents and grandparents from our church and the surrounding neighborhood skipping and strolling from place to place.

Throughout the parking lot, strategically parked, are scores of cars and vans with the trunks and back doors opened and decorated in a variety of fun themes. Inside the trunks and cars are games, treats and enough candy to make every dentist in Dallas smile! Inside the parking lot is an inflated bounce house, face painting, someone doing magic tricks and many other exciting activities. From babies on up to grandpas and grandmas, there is something for everyone. What a fun way to spend the evening as a family!



Find more Trunk or Treat ideas at <http://trunkortreat.homestead.com>

What we're describing is what we hope and pray will happen on October 31, from 5:30–8:00 PM, as RBC hosts our first Trunk or Treat. A Trunk or Treat is a safe alternative to children going from house to house on Halloween sponsored by our church. Additionally, this will provide our Church a great way to reach out to families in our neighborhood. The parking lot will be filled with fun activities (face-painting, a bounce house), snacks and lots of candy. Best of all, Redeemer folks will be handing out candy

to children from their own car trunks and letting our neighbors know we care about them!

Want to participate? Here are two ways you can help. First, contact **Heidi** ASAP if you are willing to participate with your car. We need lots of cars to make this work! If you own two cars – bring both! Plan a fun theme for

your car and gather decorations to make your car the most inviting. Next, collect candy to hand out from your car, (no peanuts please!)

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## Evantell Training

Edward Kimble was a Sunday School teacher that was afraid to witness. He went into a shoe store and laid a trembling hand on the shoulder of a young store clerk and tried to lead him to Christ. He left that day thinking his witness was a failure. The shoe salesman went to the back room and thought *if that Sunday School teacher is that interested in my life and soul, then I*

*should care as well.* The young clerk bowed his head and committed his life to Christ. The shoe salesman's name was Dwight L. Moody, who went on to become one of America's greatest evangelists and founder of the Moody Bible Institute. What most don't know is that Moody went to England

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## From the Pastor's Pen

### Misinformation

Doug Hornok, Senior Pastor

Years ago a woman was travelling by train through one of the northeastern states. It was a very wintry day. Outside a terrific storm was blowing, snow was falling, and sleet covered everything. The train made its way along slowly because of the ice on the tracks. The woman seemed very nervous. She was to get off at a small station, where she would be met by some friends. She said to the conductor, "You will be sure and let me know the right station, won't you?"

"Certainly," he said, "just remain here until I tell you the right station."

She sat rather nervously, and again spoke to the conductor, "You won't forget me?"

"No, just trust me. I will tell you when to get off."

A businessman who sat across the aisle leaned over and said, "Pardon me, but I see you are rather nervous about getting off at your station. I know this route well. These conductors are very forgetful with a great many things to attend to. He may overlook your request, but I will see that you get off all right and will help you with your baggage."

"Oh, thank you," she said. She leaned back greatly relieved.

By and by the brakeman called the name of the various stops, "Yours is the next station. Better get ready and I will assist you to get off," the businessman said.

The train moved on and shortly afterwards came to a full stop. The woman hurried to the end of the car, along with the businessman who was helping her carry her bags. When they reached the vestibule, there was no one there. "You see," said the stranger, "these trainmen are very careless. The conductor has forgotten you." But he opened the door, assisted the woman with her baby down the steps, and just as he boarded the train again it moved on.

A few minutes later the conductor came through the train and looking all about, said, "Why, that's strange! There was a woman here who wanted to get off at the next station. I wonder where she is?"

The businessman spoke up and said, "Yes, you forgot her, but I saw that she got off all right."

"Got off where?" the conductor asked.

"When the train stopped."

"But that was not a station! That was an emergency stop. I was looking after that woman. Why, man, you have put her off in a wild country district in the middle of this storm, where there will be nobody to meet her!"

Sadly the woman was later found, frozen on the ground, her

little baby dead in her arms. She was the victim of wrong information.

As I read that story, I was reminded of the need to make certain we have all the facts when

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it comes to sharing information and second, to be extremely discerning in evaluating the information given us. Wrong information can be both dangerous and, at times, even deadly.

When receiving information from others, ask the person where he got his information. If it's "come down the line" from many different sources, chances are the information is distorted. Second, ask the person, "May I quote you?" Many people backpeddle on the information being shared, when they are going to be quoted. Third, if the information needs to be shared, check with more than one source. Truth, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. Finally, before you share the information with others ask yourself, "Is this harmful or helpful to the body of Christ?" "Does this information build up or tear down?" Put to practice Psalm 141:3, "*Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.*"

## Missions Leadership Team Opportunities

Over the last several months, we have reported on the missions conference, church garage sale, summer mission teams and their trips. As you can tell, it has been a busy and fruitful year for Missions at Redeemer. Now, with autumn at our doorstep and winter right around the corner, we're getting set for another season of exciting events. That's where you come in! If you have ever wanted to learn more about or get involved with missions at Redeemer, this is your chance! The Missions Leadership Team, which includes **Don Geiger, Jr., Paul Ramler, Sugar Estes, Steve Paris, Charlane Rack, and LeEtta Detrich**, is responsible for overseeing and coordinating missions at Redeemer. We are looking for individuals with a heart for missions and a willingness to serve. Opportunities abound when it comes to planning

our annual conference, organizing short term trips, praying for our missionaries and ministries as well as maintaining communications with them, serving on subcommittees, executing special projects, and promoting, encouraging and communicating missions to the church body. Maybe you are new to Redeemer and just want to know more about us or maybe you have ideas you want to share. Some of you may simply want to lend a hand where one is needed. If this describes you in any way, now is the time to contact Paul Ramler to learn more. We are excited to see what the Lord has in store for us in the coming months as we continue in obedience, to be Christ's witnesses both locally and abroad. Don't let this season of opportunity pass you by — get involved in Redeemer missions. You won't regret it!

# Getting to Know You: Gordon and Stephanie Robinson

**Tommie Loveless**

**Gordon and Stephanie Robinson** recently celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary. Their loving marriage includes two beautiful children, **David** and **Lydia**, and is definitely a product of God's good plan and perfect timing! Yes...even though Gordon and Stephanie were born in the same area of Dallas, and grew up attending the same schools and activities, they did not actually meet until 1986, after High School. In fact, a 1990 Dallas Morning News article included a Kindergarten class picture of them, sitting side by side! Their meeting was facilitated when Gordon and **Russell**, Stephanie's brother, became best friends, which led to their friendship. However, it wasn't until three years later that Gordon revealed his romantic feelings, for her, just before he left on a short-term mission trip to the Middle-East. He explained, "She was dating and I was afraid she would find someone else, so I told her I would like to date her when I returned!" They dated for four months, after his return, including a picnic at the Arboretum. Gordon shared, "I asked her to get my dessert, but when she reached into my lunch sack, she found an engagement ring! By that time, I was on one knee asking her to make me the happiest man in the world!" Stephanie remembers how she screamed and everyone around was laughing; but that day her dream came true, and they married on September 8, 1990. In 1993, Gordon and Stephanie, while on a personal mission trip to Punjab, India, witnessed for Christ at the Golden Temple in Amritsar. Stephanie admitted: "I spent a sleepless night in the home of a Hindu priest, aware of the crushing evil surrounding us!" She continued, "We were



also carjacked by drunken men with rifles, and should have been killed! In these intense situations, our faith was tested and strengthened, and we experienced joy in God's protection!" Gordon and Stephanie were raised in Christian homes. Stephanie added, "**Maybell Roth**, my first grade teacher at Dallas Christian Academy, led me to the Lord, and she remained a Godly influence until she passed." Gordon relayed: "I dedicated my life to Christ in 1986, when a co-worker (whom I had called a "Jesus freak") told me he had seen my face, and

prayed that I wouldn't sleep until I accepted Christ! I prayed that day, and have never looked back!" Even so, Gordon attributes his salvation to the constant prayers and influence of his mother. Gordon earned an Associate of Arts & Science degree at Eastfield College and a Bachelor of Science at Amber University. He has been employed with the City of Dallas for twenty-seven years. Stephanie earned an Associate of Arts degree at Eastfield. She recently taught for two years in downtown Dallas, and volunteered at Dallas Pregnancy Resource Center. Currently, she substitute teaches and enjoys being a cleaner and childcare worker at Redeemer. The Robinsons love to laugh and spend time with their family. David loves Boy Scouts and Tae Kwon Do, and Lydia is very artistically talented. Gordon has been instrumental in Redeemer's Scouting Program since 2006, serving as Scout Master of Troop 4:8 since 2009. Thanks, Robinsons for loving God, each other, and the Redeemer family. **WE LOVE YOU TOO!**

## Orphan Sunday, Nov. 6

How do you measure an authentic faith? There are many ways, but among them according to the Apostle James is how we treat and care for the most vulnerable among us. "*Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world*" (James 1:27). We all want a faith that is to be real and pleasing to God. Sunday, November 6 has been designated Orphan Sunday. RBC is partnering with Buckner International to bless orphans and needy children by having a shoe drive for *Shoes for Orphan Souls*. The drive will be from Sunday, October 2 through Sunday, November 6. How can you help? Purchase a new pair(s) of athletic shoes or sneakers to donate and place them in the bins in the foyer of our church by November 6. You may also place a note or picture inside the shoes for the child who you are blessing!

Web extra: <http://www.shoesfororphansouls.org>

## Gideons Report

Since they began more than 100 years ago, Gideons International has placed or given away close to 1.7 billion Bibles in 194 countries and in over 94 languages. Those Bibles are provided free of charge to military personnel, Junior and High School students, college and university students, law enforcement officers, firefighters and EMT's, medical professionals and to anyone interested in receiving a Bible. Bibles are also placed in hotels and motels around the world for weary travelers to read. Through their ministry, millions upon millions have read the Bible and come to faith in Jesus Christ. On Sunday, October 18, RBC participated in Gideon Sunday and gave an offering of \$1522.00



## Welcome New Members



Philip Paris



Nick and Sheryl Sears  
(with son Wyatt)

## September 18 Baptism

On September 18, we witnessed the baptism of **Arturo Gomez, Sheryl and Nick Sears** (pictured with their son, **Wyatt**).



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On October 31, show up early in Redeemer's parking lot and get your car ready. Sit by your car and have fun showing the love of Jesus to children as they come by for candy! We will also make a wide variety of Gospel tracks available for you to hand out to children and adults in both English and Spanish.

Because we anticipate a good crowd you can also help by donating candy for this event. Bins will be in the church lobby from October 9-30 for you to drop off your candy.

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and had a profound influence on an English pastor named F.B. Meyers. Through the influence of Moody, Meyers fully surrendered to Christ. When Meyers came to America, he influenced Jay Wilbert Chapman who later discipled an ex-baseball player named Billy Sunday who mentored and invested in Mordecai Ham who God would use in 1934 to lead a young man to Jesus Christ. That young man was Billy Graham. Today, through the

ministry of Billy Graham, millions upon millions have heard the gospel and countless numbers will be in heaven because of his witness. And it all goes back to the faithful witness of a Sunday School teacher. Only God knows the level and extent of our impact in witnessing.

All of us can improve our skills in witnessing which can have an impact on millions for all eternity. On Sunday, October 2, RBC will be sponsoring a free training seminar on **How to Lead a Child to Christ**. Sarah Bowler, Ministry Assistant & *You Can Tell It!* Coordinator from Evantell, is coming to share with us about this important subject. This is a wonderful opportunity to equip yourself to share God's plan of salvation with the children He brings into your life as a Sunday School teacher, children's worker, parent or grandparent. Lunch will be provided from 12:00-12:30 and the training will take place from 12:30-3:00. This is training you don't want to miss! If you have not RSVP'd to **Heidi Regier** (Director of Children's Ministry) and would like to come, please let her know as soon as you read this!

Meeting Location:  
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