

Set Your Clocks Back



Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 2 at 2 AM. Set your clocks back one hour Saturday night.

Merry Mugs and Muffins

Redeemer ladies of all ages are warmly invited to festivities in the fellowship hall Saturday, December 6 from 9:30 – 11AM. That's when the annual "Merry Mugs and Muffins" will be taking place, and Women's Fellowship would like YOU to be there.

Delicious muffins and hot beverages will be served and delightful music and fellowship will fill the morning and be a blessing to you.

Buy your ticket for \$1 in advance and plan to be part of our joyful time together as we begin the season of celebrating our Savior's birth.

Santa's Day Out

With Christmas just around the corner, we would love to treat your children (babies through 6th grade) to a jolly good time on Saturday, December 6, from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Drop them off and pick them up during those hours at times convenient for your family. As parents shop, their children will be playing holiday games, making Christmas crafts, watching a seasonal movie on the big screen, and celebrating the birth of our King, Jesus. Please reserve your spot(s) by November 30 and make sure your child(ren) bring a sack lunch. There is no cost, but donations will be accepted.

Thanksgiving Banquet, Friday Nov. 21

Our tenth annual Thanksgiving banquet will be held on **Friday, November 21 from 6:30 – 8:15 PM** at the Dallas First Assembly of God Church on Northwest Highway (between Lake Highlands and Jupiter roads). Please help us prepare well by purchasing your tickets in the two weeks between Sunday, November 2, and Sunday, November 16. Cost for the banquet is \$9.00 per person for the first four members of the family



and \$5.00 for each additional person in the same household. Complimentary tickets are available through the pastors for those with special need. Our uplifting evening will include a satisfying meal, warm fellowship, a variety of toe-tapping and encouraging music. Make your family's holiday celebration that much more meaningful by enjoying the Thanksgiving banquet with your church family. See you there!

Finishers Forum, November 7 and 8

As we near the end of our lives and look back we'd all like to be able to say with Paul in 2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Redeemer has partnered with the Finishers



Project to enable some of our mid-lifers to do just that: finish well.

On Friday, November 7, and Saturday, November 8, hundreds of folks from around North Texas will

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Christmas Shoe Boxes Due November 16

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has shared the magnificent Good News of God's love with hurting children through humble shoe boxes. By filling a shoe box with items such as school supplies, toys, and basic hygiene supplies, you are introducing children to the life-changing love of Jesus Christ. Christians in the kids' home towns follow up the shoe-box

distribution with evangelistic programs, through which many boys and girls have trusted Jesus as their Savior.



If you would like to participate in this life-changing project, please pick up a brochure at the kiosk in the main lobby to discover what items are desired and how to pack them. Our church

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In a Word

Autumn is awesome!

Don Geiger, Senior Pastor

I love all the seasons. Each has its unique allure and charm, but there's something special about autumn. Those blistering, sultry, 100+ summer days that even die-hard Texans can't love have morphed into bright, crisp, fresh-air days that I call *the best of Texas!* To pull on a sweater and take a walk, savor the smoky scent of a neighbor's fire, enjoy the reds, yellows, and browns of colorful leaves is, well, downright invigorating. The State Fair begins it all, with the requisite artery-clogging Fletcher's Corny Dog, a chocolate-and-nuts ice cream bar, checking out the new cars (the 46-miles-per-gallon Prius looked mighty good!), a stroll through the arts-and-crafts building, and this year, King Tut crafted in butter. Autumn means Wednesday evenings at Redeemer are once again teeming with kids, youth, and adults, the activities all beginning with a tasty meal and good fellowship. And what about crisp Golden Delicious and tangy Winesap fresh-picked apples? Then there's football. There's nothing quite like a hard-fought, last-play-wins-it high school or college Friday night or Saturday gridiron game. And for us Cowboy fans? There's always next year. High on the list: the air conditioner is finally off!

But best of all, autumn heralds the advent of Thanksgiving. There's nothing quite like a grateful heart to lift the clouds and give perspective to life. When we take time to reflect, we're all more or less grateful for God's gracious, awesome goodness to us. All too often, however, not only do we fail to pause and ponder God's goodness and gifts, we focus on our problems and pains. A month devoted to thanksgiving can change all that. For many, this has been a difficult and painful year. In addition, the

economic tsunami we are experiencing is impacting us all in one way or another. It is wise, prudent, and biblical to deal with our difficulties, but it is also wise and biblical to do so with a spirit of thanksgiving. *Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus* (1 Thess. 5:16-18). As one of the old Puritan preachers put it, *Christ does the best of things in the worst of times.*

Again this year I am encouraging us all to get a little note book and in it each day in November list five things for which we are thankful. Keep it with your Bible, and each day review your list before you add the next five. In the words of the gospel song, *Count your many blessings – see what God hath done!* Let's all bring our lists to the Thanksgiving Banquet, Friday evening, November 21; and we'll share some of our blessings with each other around tables rich with delicious food and delightful friends.

Here's how one anonymous poet put it:

Count your blessings instead of crosses,
Count your gains instead of losses,
Count your joys instead of woes,
Count your friends instead of foes,
Count your smiles instead of tears,
Count your courage instead of fears,
Count your full years instead of lean,
Count your kind deeds instead of mean,
Count your health instead of wealth,
Count on God instead of yourself!

There's *always* something, someone for whom to be thankful. Snoopy was moping a little. It was Thanksgiving and everyone else was eating turkey and all the fixin's, while he was eating dog food. Then he brightened: "At least I can be thankful I was not born a turkey!" *In everything give thanks, for this is God's will for us in Christ Jesus!*

In a word, autumn is awesome!

Like a Good Neighbor, Redeemer is There

God reminded us last month through Pastor Geiger's sermon on the Good Samaritan that the one who has mercy on the needy is a "good neighbor." For several years, we have been involved with two neighborhood schools. Here are some of their current pressing needs. As you read, please ask God to help you know if and how you should respond to these needs.

Martha Turner Reilly Elementary

Helen Stetler, Community Liaison Coordinator: "Not only is there an opportunity but a *tremendous* need for tutors and mentors right now; and with the recent DISD cuts, these needs will only get greater." The second most pronounced need at the moment is school-related clothing. Helen said, "Some families may have 5 children but can only afford uniforms for 2 of them. The need is so great that our teachers have even used their own means to buy supplies and underwear for the children." Other needs at Martha Turner include: tutoring basic math and English skills, reading a book out loud, helping shelve library books, mowing and maintaining campus grounds, and providing Wal-Mart gift cards for special needs.



Highland Meadows Elementary

Interim coordinator and school counselor, Mrs. Montoro, said, "We will accept just about anything, and the people will gratefully receive it." She recalls giving a young female student a donated doll: to which the young girl said thankfully, "This is the first doll I've ever had!" Three good ways to help at Highland Meadows: 1) *Who* lessons. These tapes help children learn about practical life lessons such as not to talk with strangers. With 82% of this school being Hispanic, they have a special need for these tapes in Spanish for K-2nd. Unless these \$200 tapes are donated, the school has little hope of getting them; 2) Food for thanksgiving and toys for Christmas; and 3) K-5th tutors.

Both schools are very grateful for the many ways we have helped in the past, and are very eager and willing to help us find meaningful ways to serve in the future. If you would like to help in some way, contact **Kristen Raikes** or call the schools directly—**Martha Turner:** Helen Stetler, 972-749-7834; **Highland Meadows:** Mrs. Montoro, 972-502-5216.

Getting to Know You: Jerry Potts-Newman and Autumn

Tommie Loveless

Jerry Newman grew up in Avery, Texas, with three sisters and two brothers. Only three of her siblings are still living: none of them nearby. Jerry's parents were from rural backgrounds and possessed a very strong work ethic that impacted her to this day. Jerry accepted Jesus as her Savior at the age of twelve and was baptized in an outdoor pool located in a nearby pasture. She said "Thankfully, it was not during the winter!"

Jerry has always had a heart for, and involvement in, volunteer ministries. She currently serves as a volunteer chaplain at Doctor's Hospital and helps at the White Rock Center of Hope. At Redeemer she enjoys serving once a month in the baby nursery or children's church, helping with the Wednesday evening meals, and she is always willing to participate in other ministries as she has time, energy, and opportunity. She shared that being involved with the Koinonia Adult Bible Fellowship and hearing Pastor Geiger's sermons make Sunday her favorite day of the week!

Even though Jerry worked in public service for twenty-five years, she emphasized that her first calling and most important career path was to be a homemaker in loving charge of three daughters and one son. "From them, I have truly become the 'Matriarch.' I am expecting my thirteenth grandchild in November and my fifteenth great grandchild in January!" She reported, "All were out of the nest, when **Autumn**, then ten months old, graced our lives. We live at the same address, in



Casa Linda, where I have been for over 40 years." As Autumn has left the nest for Austin College in Sherman, Jerry now has custody of her eleven year-old Schnauzer, "Bopp," who is doing his part to fight off her loneliness.

When asked about what's behind her and what's ahead, Autumn replied: "After seven years in a Christian school, and being home schooled for three years, I attended Bryan Adams High school, and graduated with honors. Mom has been my greatest teacher, especially in Bible and as my Scripture memory coach!" She continued, "Mom and I are very excited that for my January term, 2009, I will be studying in London, England." Even so, Autumn looks forward

to being home for the holidays, to once again enjoy a house "bulging at the seams" with merriment and good food, but (most of all) being a part of the family circle when everyone is holding hands in prayer.

Autumn trusted Christ for her salvation at an early age and was baptized at the age of nine. Like Jerry, Autumn also has a servant's heart and enjoys volunteering her time and energy. At Redeemer Autumn has been active in Girls of Grace, the youth group, serving meals at the Gospel Union Mission, missions trips to Hungary, and now attends the College and Career Class when she's in town.

Jerry and Autumn, you're a great mother/daughter team. We are grateful for your love for the Lord, each other, and our church family. It's good to know you!

A Fun Boy Scout Weekend

Troop 4:8 took full advantage of the Oasis on October 17-18 with a game night, treasure hunt, and merit badge advancement. After a fun-filled Friday night, the boys used several hand-held satellite global positioning systems (GPSs) on Saturday morning to find hidden toys and trinkets within walking distance of the church. This increasingly popular, high-tech "treasure hunting" is called "geocaching" and most commonly involves finding creatively hidden boxes and containers after locating their coordinates on the Internet.



Saturday afternoon, City of Dallas Assistant Fire Chief, Tom Tanksley led the boys through the requirements to earn their fire-fighting merit badge.



Kudos Corner

With proud parents, **Tim and Debbie Long**, we celebrate **Ashley Long's** recent artistic accomplishment. Ashley placed 4th in the Junior Oil Painting (animal/bird) Category at the Great State Fair of Texas. Nice work, Ashley! Ashley's tiger painting is on temporary loan and display in the Oasis. Come on over and check it out.



Pastoral Search Committee Update

Having spent the month of October praying and planning, the pastoral search committee is ready to begin the search for our next senior pastor. They covet your involvement in three ways:

Follow their lead in praying: Search Committee members pray together weekly and also have committed to pray individually for the process, the church and congregation, the next senior pastor and each other.

Understand the process: The committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Elder Board. The elders have asked the committee to find and evaluate candidates who may be at Redeemer now or who may be outside the church.

The committee will keep the congregation informed of its progress. However, please understand that — to protect the privacy of those who may be under consideration — there may be some things that can't be shared during points of the process.

When the committee has identified the candidate that it believes God has called, that individual will be recommended to the Elder Board. The elders then will evaluate the candidate and, if they agree, will recommend him to the congregation for consideration. Church members will have ample opportunity to meet him and hear him preach before being asked to vote on the recommendation.

Send your thoughts: If you know someone whom you believe may be a good candidate for senior pastor, please send an e-mail to search@redeemerbiblechurch.org or contact one of the Search Committee members directly. Members of the Search Committee are: **Kent Barnard, Gene Burrows, Glenn Clark, Kris Dain, Don Geiger Jr. (chair), Stu Howe, Charlane Rack, Jim Raikes, Paul Ramler, John Reed, Lillian Rees, Heidi Regier, Hazel Sage and Scott Shaffer.**

Finishers Forum...

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gather at Bent Tree Bible Fellowship in Carrollton to investigate second career opportunities in missions. Conference sessions will involve topics like prayer for the nations, discerning your calling, and what to do next. More than thirty missions organizations will be present to discuss full- and part-time opportunities both stateside and abroad.

If you or someone you know is feeling unfulfilled in your current pursuits, this is a can't-lose opportunity that should not be missed. To learn more, please pick up a brochure in the lobby or visit www.finishers.org. Finishers prefers that you pre-pay by registering online or by phone. Cost is \$59/person, but scholarships are available through the pastoral staff.

Let's be in prayer for those who attend and, in the grace of God, may we all finish well!

Christmas Shoe Boxes...

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website, www.redeemerbiblechurch.org, also has a link to the main Operation Christmas Child homepage. **Please remember to include in the box your donation of at least seven dollars.**

Samaritan's Purse will begin collecting shoe boxes from around the country on Monday, November 17. Therefore,

our last day for drop-off in the main church lobby will be Sunday, November 16. Thanks, in advance, for packing a shoe box full of love. God continues to bless this simple, but powerful, ministry.



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