

## Set Your Clocks Back



Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 7 at 2 AM. Set your clocks back one hour Saturday night.

## Looking Ahead to Christmas

Next month, Christmas spirit and worship will find its way into the celebration at Redeemer. The experiences will be varied and enriching, and a great opportunity to bring family and loved ones to hear the wonderful message of the birth of Jesus.

- Redeemer and Scofield Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 5, 6:00 PM. Join us at Scofield Memorial Church for a concert featuring the combined choirs, orchestra, ensembles and scripture readers from our two churches.
- Guitarist, Keith Cooper, will be in concert at Redeemer on Wednesday, December 8. Keith is a very entertaining guitarist and will present an hour-long concert beginning at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. Search for him on youtube.com and view some performances.
- Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, December 15
- Christmas Eve Worship service December, 24 at 6:00 PM

## Thanksgiving Banquet Nov. 19, 6:30 PM

It's hard to believe that the time has come for our annual Redeemer Bible Church Thanksgiving Banquet! This night has always been a warm and refreshing time of praise, being together and thankfulness. Again this year, we'll be treated to delicious food and fellowship along with lively music and uplifting singing reflecting our thanks. We'll also hear two testimonies and a word from our pastor. The banquet,

catered by Central Market, will take place at the First Assembly of God on Northwest Highway. Tickets are on sale now at church. The cost is \$9 each for the first four members of your family. After that, tickets are only \$5 for each additional person in the household. If this expense is burdensome, please let us know. We want the entire church family there. The deadline for purchasing your tickets is November 12.

## Partnering with Angel Tree for Christmas

During the Christmas season, reaching out to children and families in our area with love and the gospel is a perfect way to celebrate our Savior's birth. This is not only a privilege, it is a responsibility. This year RBC will be partnering with Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree. This unique program shares Christ's love by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners. Angel Tree Christmas works by connecting parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. That's where we come in. Later this month, we will begin collecting gifts that will be distributed to the children on behalf of their parents, and in the process share the love of Jesus, the real message of Christmas.

Each child will receive two gifts, a clothing item and a toy item. Each gift is new and valued between \$15 and \$20. These gifts are given on behalf of their incarcerated parents in celebration of the birth of Christ and to strengthen the relationship between the child and parent. The gifts will be distributed during a Christmas party at the church or delivered to their

homes along with a gospel presentation. This will be a church-wide effort. We have taken on 25 children in our neighborhood this season and will need gifts, gift-wrappers, shoppers, delivery people, and volunteers to meet this need. Prayerfully consider how you might be involved. Watch for more information, which will be available later this month.



## From the Pastor's Pen

### Rumors

Doug Hornok, Senior Pastor

For 13 years, **Connie** and I lived outside the city of Detroit in the suburbs. During our time there the sad story of Deletha Word went literally around the world. Deletha was a 33 year old Detroit woman who was beaten and originally thought to have been thrown over the Belle Isle bridge by her attacker.

It all reportedly happened following a minor automobile accident on Belle Isle. Deltha Word's car apparently hit 19 year old Martell Welch Jr.'s car in the early morning hours and rather than stopping and dealing with the accident, Word drove off and Welch followed, stopping her on the MacArthur Bridge. Welch pulled her from the car and beat her. Word managed to get away and then, fearing that Welch was coming after her again, jumped from the bridge and drowned.

Her death was both tragic and senseless. But what made her death seem even more unsettling was the number of false rumors originally reported by newspapers, television and radio. Originally, the 4 feet 11 inch Word, who weighs only 115 pounds, was said to have been stripped of her clothing and body slammed on the hood of her car by Welch who is 6 feet 1 and weighs 275 pounds. She was not. The most disturbing report was that a crowd of 40 onlookers encouraged the attack and did nothing. There was no cheering crowd. In fact, two bystanders plunged into the river in an attempt to save Miss Word's life. Yet the rumors once spread, can never be retracted. Around the nation and world, people heard the report that 40 heartless Detroiters

cheered on the death of another human being and did nothing.

Rumors. They spread like wildfire! That's why James says: "...the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. Behold, how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! The tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell" (James 3:5-6).

Often times people lacking authoritative facts and direct sources spread information that is loosely gathered, and spread it as truth. They find comfort in being only an innocent channel of the unsure information...*never* the source. Statements like "Have you heard?" or "They say" or "I understand from others" are used as a safety net for the rumor spreaders.

Let me offer 4 suggestions that come from the pen of Chuck Swindoll for silencing rumormongers:

1. Identify the *source* by name. If someone is determined to share information that is damaging or hurtful, request that the source be specifically stated. If they are unwilling to give that, don't listen.

2. Support *evidence* with facts. Do not accept hearsay. Refuse to listen unless honest-to-goodness truth is being communicated. You can tell. Truth is rarely veiled or uncertain. Rumors fade when exposed to the light

3. Ask the person, "*May I quote you?*" It's remarkable how quickly rumor spreaders can turn four shades of red! Equally remarkable is the speed with which they can backpedal.

4. Openly admit, "*I don't appreciate hearing that.*" This approach is for the strong. It might drive a wedge between you and the guilty...but it's a sure way to halt the regular garbage delivery to your ears.

## Barnabas Ministries

No one person or group can do it all. Christians want to love and care for one another deeply and often search out others who are in need of comfort and help. Wanting to enhance the caring attitude already present at RBC and to follow the Lord's direction to "comfort my people," Redeemer is starting a new ministry called The Barnabas Team, named after Barnabas whose name means "son of encouragement." This ministry will match up the use of those of us who have the "quiet" gifts – mercy, encouragement, helps – with those of us who have a need for special comfort. The Barnabas Team will be a ministry outreach for those of us who can commit to helping others on a regular basis with the "hands and feet" of encouragement – a ministry of comfort through "presence." Team members will be assigned to individuals who could use some type of encouragement on an on-going (short or long-term) basis. Team members will make regular telephone calls to check on the well-being of a care receiver, send a greeting card, make



home or hospital visits as deemed appropriate, and/or otherwise "encourage." Team members will be asked to communicate with the coordinator of the Team when a specific need arises for which appropriate assistance can be provided. For instance, if a care receiver needs a ride to a doctor's appointment, the Team member would follow a pre-arranged procedure to find a driver

for the care receiver for his/her medical appointment. This is a ministry for those of us able and willing to have a presence in the lives of those who are going through a challenging time – such as illness, being homebound, unable to drive, the birth of a child or the loss of a loved one. The purpose of the Barnabas Team will not be to replace the outpouring of love and encouragement which is so often given by friends, family, ABF's, the Women's or Men's Fellowships, or even our pastor. Instead, Barnabas Team members will ensure that encouragement is given on a regular and consistent basis while there is

# Getting to Know You: Cathy Williams

**Tommie Loveless**

Faith, Family, Finance, and “Fixing-up,” are accurate adjectives which describe our November “GTKY Celeb!” **Kathy Williams** revealed that her “real” name is Calvelene, nevertheless, she said we can continue to call her Kathy! She grew up in a small farming community in South Louisiana. She shared that her parents were Christians and very active in the Baptist church, where her dad was a deacon, and her mom taught Sunday school. She had two sisters and two brothers who stayed in the Louisiana area. Kathy commented that although her dad was her “hero,” her brother, who died in March of this year, was also a favorite! She added: “I was very sad when we lost him, as he was someone I could always go to with any trouble or joy that came my way.” When Kathy was seven she joined the Baptist church with a friend. She remembered how that helped to keep her on the “straight and narrow,” through her high school years. However, she was twenty-one before she accepted Christ as her Savior and Lord. Kathy recalled: “I was blessed with several Christian mentors, along the way, other than my dad; a pastor, a Sunday school teacher, and a basketball coach gave me great insight into my faith!”

Kathy revealed, “Most of my education was in Louisiana, when I earned my “PHT degree,” in 1965. (She laughingly explained that PHT stood for “Putting *him* through” degree.) She



continued, “Although my marriage did not work out, I was blessed with three wonderful children, and now six beautiful grandchildren, whom I adore!”

Kathy also explained that her financial career, and her ability to repair things and remodel houses, is a result of learning to manage a household and three children, on her own!

She continued: “One of my passions is buying *unloved* houses, redesigning, and remodeling them, and staging them to SELL!” Kathy is one of the few who actually enjoys moving, if necessary, while she completes the remodeling project!

She also takes great pride in her tool chest, which she says would make the best carpenter smile!

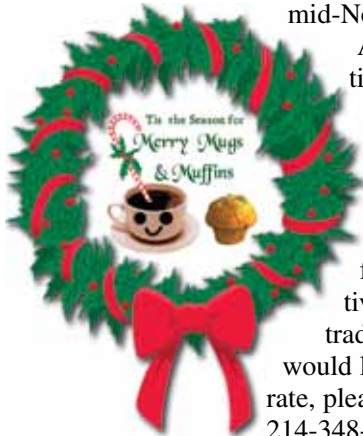
Being a financial advisor has been Kathy’s career path for many years. “Nothing is more satisfying to me, than helping individuals achieve their goals. She continued,

“I especially enjoy meeting and helping “left behind” spouses, who have lost their mates through divorce or death, and are struggling through settling their affairs.” Kathy enjoys being a part of The Seekers Adult Bible Study, has taught Sunday school, served on two financial committees, and has worked in divorce/death seminars and care groups.

Her grandchildren lovingly call her, “BOPPI.” But we lovingly call her a dedicated saint and dear sister in Christ, and we are thankful Kathy is a member of the Redeemer family.

## Merry Mugs & Muffins

Ladies, come join us on Saturday, December 4 from 9:30 – 11:00 AM, as we usher in the holiday season with MERRY MUGS & MUFFINS. Enjoy a bounty of tasty muffins, festive drinks, along with Christmas music and entertainment. Bring your favorite mug, and a friend (or two!) Tickets are available mid-November for \$1.



A “new twist” to the tradition this year is **Merry Mugs TABLES** which will be made available for groups (2 or more) to decorate! Cull through your Christmas boxes and let your imaginations soar! Categories for judging will be “most festive,” “most creative,” “most traditional,” and “most fun.” If you would like to reserve a table to decorate, please contact **Carol Pratt** at 214-348-1103 (limited tables available!).

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a need. The Team will do its part in fulfilling the mandate of the old Anglican benediction to “strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering – and to love and serve the Lord in the power of the Holy Spirit.” Coordinators of this new caring outreach ministry will be **Gene** and **Verena Burrows** (pictured), along with **Kent Barnard**. If you are interested in comforting and supporting others, wherever and whenever the need, or simply knowing more about the team, please contact one of them.

## Santa’s Day Out

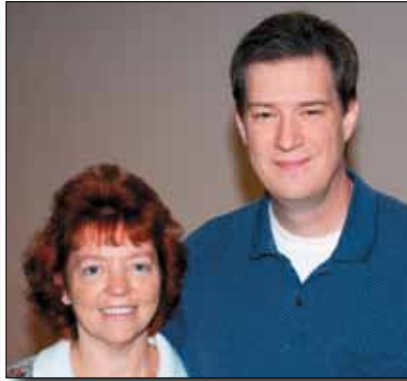
Parents, take this time to be together or get last-minute shopping done while your kids enjoy a day of Christmas festivities at Redeemer. Infants through fifth graders are invited to come and experience how people around the world celebrate Jesus’ birth. Look forward to games, projects, a seasonal movie on the big screen, a birthday party for Jesus, and more. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 4, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM**. Bring a sack lunch and a jacket for your child. There is no cost, but donations are accepted. **RSVP to Kristen Raikes by Sunday, November 28** to ensure your child a spot.



## Welcome, New Members!



Susan Notess



Joe and Tracie Preston

## Reed-Johnson Wedding

On Sunday, October 10, Redeemer Bible Church hosted the beautiful wedding ceremony of **Josh Reed** and **Elizabeth Johnson**.



courtesy of Jon Hoggat, wedding photographer

## Behind the Curtain

When the McDonald's hamburger chain first opened, various stores would advertise, "more than one million hamburgers sold." Today the figure is 245 billion! Going with the most conservative of figures, since the beginning of our Wednesday night family meal the cooks of RBC have served more than 13,000 meals. McDonalds may have served its billions – but our cooks are gaining! Each week these faithful servants use their culinary skills to provide wonderful meals that vary from week to week. We all have our favorites, but no meal is ever a disappointment. Heading up that ministry is **Karen Kennedy**, who organizes the workers and sees that everything is done decently and in order. This year's cooks are **Glenn and Angie Clark**, **Bebe Kennedy**, **Jerry Piering**, and **Charlie Reibenstein**. Working



with them have been the "sweet saints" **Jerri Lynn McCormack** and **Ina, Jean Millet, Trayce Percival**, and **Dorothy Robinson** who provide the most wonderful desserts ever cooked. Each team has a host of workers that include: **Robbie Robison, Janet Reibenstein, Don and Peggy Durfey, Ed Smith, Nancy Higgins, Jerry Newman, George and Audrey Carson, Buddy Wallace, Phyllis Tatum, Herb and Millie Cavender, Martie Syms, Laramie Sage, Cathy Gentle, Carolyn Owens, Alice Dakin and Sue Beerwinkle. Max Hardesty** faithfully collects the money each week.

Jesus said "man shall not live by bread alone" and that's true. Far more important than physical food is the spiritual nourishment that we need daily. But each Wednesday, a wonderful meal is prepared to refresh our bodies. Thank to all who make this ministry possible!

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