

August 2014



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

# The Master's Touch

## From the Pastor's Desk

***"As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn!" - Ezekiel 33:11***

For most of 2014, I have been encouraging you to learn how to say "No". None of us is God which means that none of us can do it all. None of us can meet every demand that is placed on our lives. As odd as it may sound, I have been pleased to hear "No" coming from a few surprising places.

Redeemer members have shared with me stories of making the difficult (but necessary) choice to put up good boundaries. I had to eat my own words when a ministry committee shot down an idea I had. Why? Because they needed to say "No". I am proud of them - it was not easy, but following Christ faithfully is not easy.

Having said that, I hope everyone remembers that the reason we say "No" is to focus on God's "Yes". No one wants to be around a naysayer. The book of Ezekiel makes this clear. After pronouncing impending doom

and watching his hometown of Jerusalem get destroyed, Ezekiel does an about-face. He starts to proclaim a vibrant future. After years of "No", Ezekiel closes out his calling as a prophet by giving us some of the most beautiful images of God's brilliant future. I will be preaching through these passages in August.

After spending half of the year on "No", we will now begin the transition to God's "Yes!". God makes it clear that the only reason He says "No" is to point us toward something better. His heart is that they live.



**What is God's "Yes" for your life? What are His purposes for you? What is He calling you to do? Having spent half of the year learning about "No", I hope you will take the time to seek out God's "Yes".**

— Pastor Mark

[PastorMark@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org](mailto:PastorMark@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org)

## Hearts and Soles Outreach

**Sharing God's love in a practical way!**

Sunday, August 10, from 7:45-10 A.M. Once again, we are partnering with Metrocrest Services and Payless Shoes Stores to provide new shoes for children going back to school. Volunteer (sign up in the foyer): Help children find that special pair of shoes that will make them smile! Training begins at 7:45 A.M. at the Payless store on Josey at the Bush Tollway.

Help by donating funds:

We need funds to buy shoes. If you want to help, please make a check out to Redeemer and put "Hearts and Soles" on the memo line.

Please pray:

Pray for these children and their families. Pray that this outreach will be a success! Contact Julie Walker for more information: [jwalker51 \(at\) Verizon.net](mailto:jwalker51@Verizon.net)



## Renovate Update

*Note: This update was written on July 17<sup>th</sup> – things may have changed since then. Current updates are located in the foyer.*

Thanks everyone for your patience and support of our Renovate campaign. As you can all see, the concrete foundation for a new marquee sign

**along Frankford Road has begun. Here's what will take place over the next few weeks:**

- The new sign will be completed – masonry and electrical.
- **The old sign will be demolished. (Pastor Mark's note – Yay!)**
- The flower bed on the east side of our driveway (the right hand side as you leave Redeemer) will be removed. This flower bed currently blocks our new sign.



Once the sign is completed, we will look to add some landscaping this Fall. The landscaping will consist of irrigation and trees along Frankford and McCoy Road as well as landscaping on the north side of our building.

For those wondering, after the sign is completed we expect to have between \$8,000 to \$10,000 left toward our initial Renovate fund. In addition, we have also designated \$30,000 of our \$100,000 gift towards Renovate. We are in the process of receiving quotes now for the next phase.

Pray that the work on our sign goes safely and smoothly, that we have a successful fall planting for our landscape, and that we get accurate quotes for the next phase of the Renovate Project.

## Land Deal Update

*Note: This update was written on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Current updates are located in the foyer.*

On July 9<sup>th</sup> we officially signed a contract to sell a portion of our land to a developer who will use the land to build homes. The land we want to sell is 3.5 of our 7.1 acres. It is the southern half of our land. As some have been confused I will reiterate – we are keeping the intersection of McCoy and Frankford.

**The advantage for us it that we can use land that isn't valuable to us to pay down a significant portion of our mortgage with the proceeds of the land.**

We were able to negotiate an acceptable price with the developer. In addition, the developer agreed to move



Harvest Community Garden to a new place on our property and to put up a mason fence and tree line separating the two properties at their expense.

While all of these are exciting developments, this deal is still in the baby-stages and could fall apart. The developer will be doing surveys and soil tests and may back out if he finds any obstacles to his plans. After that, both the City of Carrollton and CFB-ISD will have their say - either of whom may say no and kill the deal immediately. This is far from a done deal.

Pray for good results from the survey and for favor with the city council, CFB-ISD, and the planning/zoning commission. **Pray for God's will to be done in this deal.**

## Pray for Midsouth Covenant Camp - August 3-9

Pray for Spiritual Growth

- That counselors will communicate the gospel clearly
- For focus during Bible study and devotional times
- That campers reflect on their relationship with God

Pray for Safety

- For safe travel to and back from camp
- For protection at the water front, riding horses, riflery, archery, ropes course, etc.



- For protection in the heat and from critters
- For skilled first aid for any injuries

Pray for Fun

- That they will all have a good time
- For their relationships - both with old friends and new friends they make
- For any homesick campers

Pray for a great week for everyone--staff, CILTs, and campers.

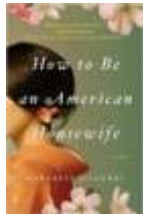
## Please Join Us!

### Men's Breakfast



Saturday, August 30, 8:30 A.M.  
Men, please join us in Fellowship Hall for our monthly breakfast. Come early to have a cup of coffee and catch up with friends. If you like to cook, you are more than welcome to come early and help out. For details, contact Mike Castelli at [fmcastelli \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:fmcastelli@gmail.com).

### Redeemer's Book Club



Sunday, August 17, 7 -9 p.m.  
*Everyone is welcome!* The book club chooses one book a month to read and discuss. We meet in the conference room and will discuss *How to Be an American Housewife* by Margaret Dilloway.

Contact Lori Vriend at 972-466-0054 or [Lori.Vriend@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org](mailto:Lori.Vriend@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org).

### Soul Sisters

Wednesdays, 7-8:30 P.M.



Ladies, you are all welcome to join us in the conference room for study, encouragement, support, and prayer. We are current studying: *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Liz Curtis-Higgs. Contact

Jayme Wright at [JaymeLWright \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:JaymeLWright@yahoo.com).

### Secret Sisters



August is our final month to encourage that special sister. Remember you **don't have to spend a lot of money to be an encouragement, and don't forget**

to check the table for notes and goodies for you!

\*\*Mark your calendars for the Reveal Party on Friday, September 5, at 6:30 P.M. Watch for details. Questions? Contact Jayme at [JaymeLWright \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:JaymeLWright@yahoo.com).

### Ladies' Potluck Luncheon

Monday, August 11, 11:30 a.m.



Ladies, bring a friend and a dish to share for a great time getting to know **each other**. After lunch we'll have fun playing bingo. (Sorry no childcare will be available.) Contact Ana Belville at [Ana \(at\) LDBtech.com](mailto:Ana@LDBtech.com).

## August Dates

*Please join us in praying for these people on their special days:*

### Happy Birthday!

- 8/02 Luke Lawrence
- 8/02 Marshall Wright
- 8/04 Sinclair Braley
- 8/06 Krystopher David
- 8/09 Neil Milbrandt
- 8/17 Dieula Previlon
- 8/17 Coby Sparks
- 8/18 Joyce Boyce
- 8/18 Joe Thweatt
- 8/19 Phillip Milbrandt
- 8/20 Alesha Thweatt
- 8/21 Jayme Wright
- 8/23 Sharon Lawrence
- 8/23 Alexandra Vriend
- 8/24 Steve Hall
- 8/24 Jacob Hull
- 8/25 Gene Zelawski
- 8/27 Ron Persson

### Happy Anniversary!

- 8/09 Stan & Bernice Campbell
- 8/09 Ron & Julie Persson
- 8/10 Mike & Joan Seeley
- 8/11 Mike Plouff & Amy Ceritelli-Plouff
- 8/13 Tom & Ann Maxwell
- 8/14 Neil & Luetta Milbrandt
- 8/14 Tom & Julie Muncy
- 8/14 David & Lori Vriend
- 8/15 Roland & Joyce Boyce
- 8/17 Mike & Sheryl Smith
- 8/26 Cliff & Jan Erickson
- 8/26 Coby & Shari Sparks

*If we do not have your special day, please let us know so we can add you to the list.*

## HARVEST Community Garden

[www.HarvestCommunityGarden.org](http://www.HarvestCommunityGarden.org)  
[grow@HarvestCommunityGarden.org](mailto:grow@HarvestCommunityGarden.org)

Check out our organic community garden at the south end of our property, next to Rainwater's playground!

# CREW Kick-Off Party!

Since your brains will be stimulated with all the new and exciting knowledge you will be fed at school...

Harness those brain powers for a

CREW SCAVENGER HUNT!!!

Wednesday, August 27

7-8:30pm

Redeemer Covenant Church

Whoever brings a friend (who has come to CREW events fewer than 3 times in the past 12 months) will earn points for his/her Scavenger Hunt team!

## CREW to Serve with HARVEY'S KIDS

A Respite Ministry for Children with Special Needs and Their Families

Saturday, August 9, 4:45-8:15pm

Please meet at Holy Covenant United Methodist Church at the corner of Peter's Colony and Josey!

We will be providing childcare for the children while their parents enjoy a night out.

*Youth and Adults welcome!!!*

## CREW Kids' Club @ EdenTree

Wednesdays, August 6 & 20

Meet at Redeemer at 7pm to walk to the apartment complex, and prepare for a great time of partnering with our neighbors to seek God in our community!

See Pastor Haley for more information: [feuerbacherh@gmail.com](mailto:feuerbacherh@gmail.com)

## CHIC Night

*For students entering 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades and their parents!*

*\*A night of food, fun, and information about the Covenant's triennial national youth conference!\**

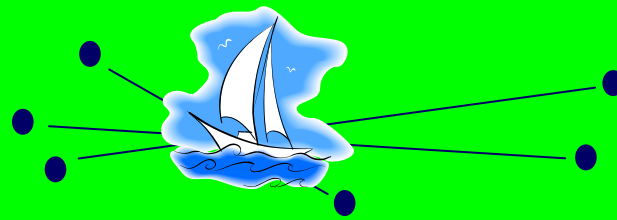
*Friday, August 15, at Redeemer*

*6:30-8:30pm*

**“CHIC acts as a catalyst in students’ lives, helping them see the big pictures of God’s Kingdom and inspiring them to dive deeper in their faith – together. Through dynamic speakers, relevant messages, small groups, Base Camps, and worship CHIC Inspires students to live transformed lives – even giving of their time and resources to impact local communities and the world.”**



# CREW Luau on the Lake



CELEBRATE AN AWESOME SUMMER with  
**CREW's Third Annual Luau on the Lake!**

Enjoy an evening of swimming, kayaking,  
and fun in the sun with your CREW friends!

The fun sets sail Saturday, August 16, at  
5:30pm.

Feel free to invite friends and family.

If you wish, bring a side,  
drink, or dessert to share.  
Main course provided!



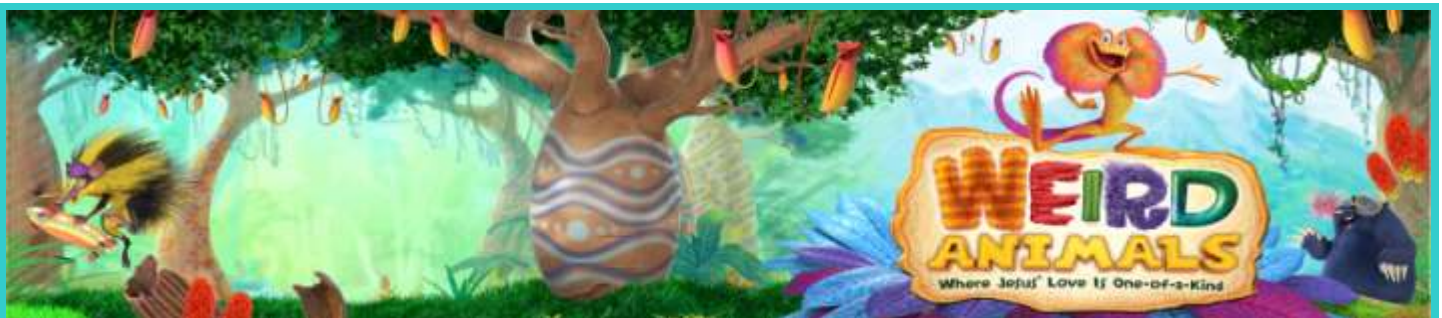
Contact person:  
Haley 214-394-7799

Date: Saturday, August 16

Time: 5:30pm

Place:

**Shelbie White's House**  
320 Hardwicke,  
Little Elm



## Thank you!!!

Thank you to *all* who helped us to have a wonderful week  
at our Weird Animals VBS!

We were blessed by so many who helped with decorating, clearing out the sanctuary, donating items and materials, publicity and registration, leading worship and stations, working with groups of children, taking photos and running technology, fixing snacks and preparing Friday night's dinner, and cleaning up afterwards.

Most of all, thank you to those who prayed for the week!

Over 40 children participated and over 60 people were at the Open House!

Julie Persson, [rjpersson \(at\) verizon.net](mailto:rjpersson@verizon.net) & Kathy Lemay, [klemay \(at\) verizon.net](mailto:klemay@verizon.net)

# Discipleship Ministries

## Nursery Care on Sundays

9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

We provide nursery care for infants and toddlers in room 115 during the Sunday school hour.



10:30 A.M. to noon

During the worship service, parents sign their children in and leave instructions for the nursery care providers.

**There is also a "Cry Room" at the back of the sanctuary** for parents with fussy babies.

Care for infants from birth—Age 1: Room 115

Care for toddlers: Room 114

## Sunday School for All Ages

9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

Infants and Toddlers: Nursery (Room 115)

Preschool – Kindergarten: Room 113

Grades 1-5: Room 109

Grades 6-12: room 110

Teacher: Pastor Haley

Adult Classes:

- **Where Is It Written?:** Conference Room

This class is currently studying apologetics and being taught by Chuck Lamb.



- **Tupos:**

This class is taking a break for the summer... For more information, contact Taylor Petty at [teepee.usa](mailto:teepee.usa@verizon.net) (at) [verizon.net](http://verizon.net) or visit

## Children's Church on Sundays

during the worship service

We provide age-appropriate opportunities for the children to learn and have fun in God's house.

Toddlers: 10:30 A.M. to noon in room 114

Preschool—Kdg.: 10:30 A.M. to noon in room 113

Grades 1-5: Elementary students join their parents during the first part of the worship service at 10:45 A.M. Then, during the offertory, they are dismissed to room 109 for their own worship time.

## Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Everyone is invited! Join Pastor Mark in the Fellowship Hall. They are studying the Gospel of John. Childcare is provided.

Contact: [PastorMark@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org](mailto:PastorMark@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org)

## Soul Sisters

Wednesdays 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Women meet in the Conference Room for study, encouragement, and prayer. The current study is *Created to be his Help Meet* – By Debi Pearl. Beginning June 11 we will study *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Liz Curtis-Higgs. Contact Jayme at [Jayme.L.Wright](mailto:Jayme.L.Wright@bankofamerica.com) (at) [bankofamerica.com](http://bankofamerica.com).

## Prayer Ministry

Sundays at 9:00 A.M.

Meet in the Prayer Room to pray for our worship service, visitors, leaders, and ministries.

Wednesdays at 7-8 P.M.

Men meet in the Library.

Women meet in the Prayer Room.

For more information contact Lori at [Info@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org](mailto:Info@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org).



## Redeemer Kids

Wednesdays 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

**Wednesday night, it's not just for adults and teens anymore!** Elementary age students, come join Redeemer Kids.

## Community Wednesdays

Coming soon on Wednesdays at 7-8:30 P.M.

Beginning August 20, we hope to offer an ESL class for beginners and a job training class for job hunters.

Watch for more information. To volunteer or to learn more, email Pastor Dieula: [DeiulaPrevilon@gmail.com](mailto:DeiulaPrevilon@gmail.com).

Contact our Discipleship Chair

Email Julie Persson at [rjpersson](mailto:rjpersson@verizon.net) (at) [verizon.net](http://verizon.net).

Contact our Nursery Coordinator

Email Julie Muncy at [jkmuncy](mailto:jkmuncy@yahoo.com) (at) [yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com).

# August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PURPLE = Fellowship Hall BLUE = Conference Room RED = Sanctuary GREEN = CE Wing PINK = Whole Church					1	2
3 CREW Fight Club 7-8:30pm  C4 5pm	4	5	6 7pm: <b>Men's &amp; Ladies'</b> Prayer Groups, Redeemer Kids, CREW (Edentree), Bible Study, Soul Sisters	7	8	9 CREW to Harvey's Kids 4:45-8:15pm
← Midsouth Covenant Camp		← Mark's Vacation			← Haley's Vacation	
10 Hearts & Soles 7:45am <b>Justin Christopher's</b> visit  C4 5pm	11 <b>Ladies' Potluck</b> Luncheon 11:30am	12	13 7pm: <b>Men's &amp; Ladies'</b> Prayer Groups, Redeemer Kids, CREW, Bible Study, Soul Sisters	14	15 <b>CREW's CHIC2015</b> Night 6:30-8:30pm	16 CREW Luau on the Lake 5:30pm  Outreach to The Tallows Apartments
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17  C4 5pm  Book Club 7-9pm	18	19	20 7pm: <b>Community</b> <b>Wednesday begins</b> <b>Men's &amp; Ladies'</b> Prayer Groups, Redeemer Kids, CREW (Edentree), Bible Study, Soul Sisters	21	22	23  C4 5pm
24 Tupos Sunday School resumes 9:30am C4 5pm	25	26	27 7pm: <b>Community</b> <b>Wednesday Class</b> <b>Men's &amp; Ladies'</b> Prayer Groups, Redeemer Kids, CREW (Scavenger Hunt!), Bible Study, Soul Sisters	28	29	30 <b>Men's Breakfast</b> 8:30am
31 End Secret Sisters C4 5pm						

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## Redeemer Covenant Church

Our vision is to be  
a multi-ethnic community  
that is committed to  
walking alongside  
anyone seeking healing or  
wholeness in Christ.

## Worship at Redeemer

### Worship Service

Please join us in worshipping our Lord on Sundays at 10:45 A.M.

### Summer Sermon Series

#### **God's Naysayer: The Prophet Ezekiel**

August 3

Ezekiel 34:1-16 "Search and Rescue"

August 10

Isaiah 43:1-19 "Are You Through Fighting with God?"

August 17

Ezekiel 37:1-14 "Your Friend Here is Only Mostly Dead"

August 24

Ezekiel 47:1-12 "God's Yaysayer: Bigger Dreams than Memories"

August 31 - **Beginning the Fall Sermon Series "I'm Not Okay. Your Not Okay. And That's Okay."**

### Master's Touch Submissions

To submit information or an article, e-mail it to [Lori.Vriend@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org](mailto:Lori.Vriend@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org)

Submissions are due no later than the 20th of the month in order to be considered for publication in the following **month's newsletter**.

Submissions will be reviewed by RCC leadership for approval and are subject to editing.

### Office Hours

Monday: 9 AM — 4 PM  
(Pastor Mark's day off)

Tuesday: 9 AM — 4 PM  
(Staff meetings 1 — 2 PM)

Wednesday: 9 AM — 4 PM

Thursday: 9 AM — 4 PM

Friday: 9 AM — 4 PM  
(Lori's day off)

Saturday: Closed