

January 2015



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

The Master's Touch

From the Pastor's Desk

*"If we are 'out of our mind',
as some say – it is for God"
- 2 Corinthians 5:13*

Is your life messy? I am not asking if things around your house are **physically messy**, although I'm sure some of us have to do some post-Christmas cleaning. No, I am asking if your life is messy in all areas. Are things not perfectly ordered in your spiritual life, or in your mental state, or in your life goals? If so, you are not alone. All of us are messy. The good news is the Bible will show us that God is present in the mess.

The theme at Redeemer for 2015 will be **"God Bless This Mess."** I decided on the theme early this fall when I heard a speaker discuss multi-ethnic churches. One of the things he said was if you are in a multi-ethnic church, just plan ahead to offend and to be offended by others. He said that multi-ethnic ministry is messy. That resounded with me and I decided to make it our 2015 theme. I hope the theme will give us the

courage to stick it out in relationships that are not easy, to try (and possibly fail) at new adventures, and to see that God can still use brokenness. Most importantly, I hope that people begin to understand there is no such thing as a perfect church. There is however, a **FORGIVING** church. And the more we get used to **"messes"** in our lives, the more forgiving we will be.



I'll go a step further. Not only is God in the mess, I think sometimes God CAUSES the mess. The reason isn't that He wants to hurt or disappoint us but rather because it can be the mess that transforms us. So to kick off 2015, I challenge to look at your own life. No doubt it's not perfect. But do you have the courage to pray "God Bless this Mess?"

— Pastor Mark

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Join Us on Sunday, January 25

Soup-er Bowl Cook Off!

12:00 P.M.
(Immediately after the worship service)

Join us in Fellowship Hall for a lunch of a variety of homemade soups and vote for your favorite one! Cooks: Watch for sign up sheets in the foyer to enter your soup into the cook off. **Will you win the "coveted prize" this year?**

Everyone is welcome!



Congregational Meeting

12:45 P.M.
(Immediately after Soup-er Bowl lunch)

Join us in the sanctuary for updates on 2014 ministries, Renovate, and the land deal. Members: You will vote on 2015 Budget, the council nominating committee, and welcome new members.

Non-members are welcome to join us and learn more about Redeemer.

Join us for Bible Study

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 P.M.

The Wednesday Night Bible study will be starting a new book of the Bible in 2015. Join Pastor Mark and others as we go through the **Book of Acts**. **We'll get started on January 7th**. Anyone is welcome to join us. And **don't forget** – there are other Wednesday night activities at Redeemer as well - prayer groups, Soul Sisters, ESL, and activities for kids.



Taking Down the Greens

Saturday, January 10, 2013, 9:00 A.M.

We need your help! Your participation will make it fun!

- Put away Christmas decorations
- Start 2015 out fresh and clean
- Enjoy a continental breakfast
- Get to know each other better



Please help us prepare Redeemer for the new year!

Contact Jim Martin at [Jim401k \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:Jim401k@yahoo.com)

Celebrate Recovery at Redeemer Starts This Month!

You have heard a lot of talk about Celebrate Recovery. Beginning Thursday, January 15, Celebrate Recovery officially begins!

- Dinner (pizza) 6:00 P.M.
- Large group and worship 7:00 P.M.
- Small group sharing time 8:00 P.M.
- Coffee shop and hanging out 9:00 P.M.

Do you struggle with a hurt, habit or hang-up? Consider **giving God a chance, come visit our group and we'll walk alongside you on the road to recovery.**

Celebrate Recovery:

- **is based on God's Word, the Bible**
- is forward looking
- emphasizes personal responsibility
- emphasizes spiritual commitment to Jesus
- utilizes the biblical truth that we need each other in order to grow spiritually and emotionally
- addresses all types of hurts, hang-ups, and habits



Talk to Steve and Lyn Hall or contact the church at RedeemerECC@gmail.com.

Cookie Bakers Wanted!

We are looking for people willing to bake cookies for our Sunday morning fellowship time after church.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Kathy Joiner at [kjlnjj \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:kjlnjj@yahoo.com) (or contact the church office).



Get Your Gift Cards!

CREW youth group is selling gift cards for a variety of restaurants, stores, and entertainment venues. For each gift card you buy, CREW earns a percentage – at no extra cost to you! All proceeds support CREW ministries, like the upcoming CHIC 2015 conference. Contact Pastor Haley for details and to buy your gift cards now! Feuerbacherh@gmail.com



4.) The Misfits that Fit Together:

- Step: Close relationship with God and with fellow believers
- Keyword: *Accountability*

3.) The Comfort Zone

- Step: Begin to participate regularly with church & God
- Keyword: *Socialization*

2.) The Plug-In Stage

- Step: Take the initiative to come to church or spend time with God
- Keyword: *Participation*

1.) The Name-Tag Stage

- Step: Get to know God & Redeemer
- Keyword: *Introduction*



The Ladder of Discipleship

The Vision: *Walk Alongside* Anyone Seeking Healing or Wholeness in Christ.

The Goal: Help each person take one step closer to God and to each other.

ALWAYS INVITE. NEVER IMPOSE.

Bless our Children!

We have a growing ministry to children and their parents. You can be a part of this exciting ministry! The church pays for background checks for volunteers and tries to have more than one adult with every group, so that the work is rewarding and fun!

Wednesdays, 7-8:30 P.M. - We need volunteers to babysit our little ones while parents go to ESL class, Bible study, or prayer. Volunteer once a month or weekly, contact Jayme at [JaymeLWright \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:JaymeLWright@yahoo.com).



Sundays, 9:30-10:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.-12 P.M. - We need volunteers to work once a month on a rotating basis with either our infants or our toddlers. Contact Julie Muncy at [JKMuncy \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:JKMuncy@yahoo.com).



Assistants for elementary grades: Will you be the 2nd adult in the room to help the Sunday school teacher or Redeemer Kids leader? Contact Julie at [rjpersson \(at\) verizon.net](mailto:rjpersson@verizon.net).



Notes of Thanks

ADVENT DINNER & CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Thank you to the untold number of people who helped with these two events by getting the word out, selling tickets, moving furniture, decorating tables, providing food, entertaining us, running the sound, cleaning up, and in so many other ways! — Kathy Joiner

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Parents of Redeemer kids, thank you for your support for our Christmas Program. We appreciate the time you spent practicing with your child or children, as well as bringing them to rehearsals. We are blessed to work with the children of Redeemer. — Heather Erickson and Julie Persson

CHRISTMAS PLAY AND SILENT AUCTION

Thank you to all who helped make our play a delightful success and to all who attended! Thank you to those who contributed to our silent auction through your generous donations and your participation. — Haley Kroboth

We Need Your Contact Information!!!

In case of emergency: We would like to be able to email you and let you know if there is an emergency closure or the like.

Updated photo directory: We also want to create an updated photo directory (available at the congregational meeting on January 25). So please let us know what information you want included. You can also give us a photo to include.



Prayer partner email group: We will update our mailing list for those who want to receive special prayer requests via email.

Newsletter email group: Let us know if you want to **receive a pdf copy of The Master's Touch newsletter** via email each month or if you want to be removed from the mailing list.

Special dates: If you give us your birth date and/or anniversary date, we will add you to our special dates list so we can send you a card.

If we want to walk alongside each other, we need to be able to contact one another! But please NOTE: If there is any contact information you would like the church office to have, but do not want in the church directory, please make a note for Lori.

To recap, we would like:

- Your home address
- Your phone numbers
- Your email address
- A photo for the directory
- Instructions as to which email lists should include you
- Birth date
- Anniversary date



Please fill out the form in the bulletin on Sunday and put it in the offering basket or in the church office.

OR, you can email Lori at the church office:

RedeemerECC@gmail.com

News and Tidbits

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 31 at 8:30 A.M.



Men of all ages are invited to meet for breakfast, devotions, and building friendships. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. For more details, contact Mike Castelli at [fmcastelli \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:fmcastelli@gmail.com).

Redeemer's Book Club

Sunday, January 18, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.



Everyone is welcome! The book club meets in the conference room on the 3rd Sunday of the month. We choose one book a month from a wide variety to read and discuss. Our next meeting will be to discuss *The Confessions of Saint Augustine*. Contact Lori Vriend at 972-466-0054 or RedeemerECC@gmail.com.

ESL Class

On Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 P.M. in the old library



We are offering a weekly ESL (English as a Second Language) class for beginners. It is for anyone who wants to learn the basics of speaking English. If you would like to help, or

know anyone who might benefit from the class, please contact Pastor Dieula at DieulaPrevilon@gmail.com.

Free Women's Exercise Class

Wednesdays, 6 P.M. in room 113



Ladies, please join us for a free YOGA exercise class (via DVD instruction). Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat.

(Then stay for Bible study, Soul Sisters or prayer group!) Questions? Contact Cindy Martin at [Cindy401k \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:Cindy401k@yahoo.com).

Ladies' Luncheon

Monday, January 12, 11:30 a.m.



This fun group of women meets once a month to share a potluck lunch and get to know each other better. Join them in the Fellowship Hall on the 2nd Monday of each month at 11:30 A.M.

Contact Ana Belville at [Ana \(at\) LDBtech.com](mailto:Ana@LDBtech.com).

Redeemer's Denomination



Redeemer is a member of The Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC). To learn about our denomination, what we believe, our college and seminary, and various Covenant ministries, departments, and activities, visit our webpage www.covchurch.org. You can also find the ECC on facebook at www.facebook.com/#!/covchurch.

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Redeemer: www.facebook.com/#!/redeemercarrollton

Redeemer Men's Ministry: www.facebook.com/#!/groups/177117385741727/

Redeemer Women's Fellowship Marys and Marthas: www.facebook.com/#!/groups/226778084046250/

Redeemer CREW: www.facebook.com/#!/groups/157436294355726/

January Dates

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

Happy Birthday!

- 1/04 Erin Hull
- 1/04 Michaelle Schwarz
- 1/07 Ben Nielsen
- 1/08 Niam Sachdev
- 1/14 Nancy Donley
- 1/14 David Petty
- 1/16 Luisa Salazar
- 1/16 Adam Thweatt
- 1/24 McKenna Moore
- 1/26 Jennifer Burdett
- 1/30 Lyn Hall

Happy Anniversary!

- 1/14 Steve & Julie Walker
- 1/16 Matthew & Marcia Seebachan
- 1/21 Eddie & Duana David
- 1/23 Jerry & Erica Jaime
- 1/31 Claude & Amy Judd

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

Announcements for CREW Youth Group

The Jars of Love Fundraiser Is Back!



Order a Valentine's gift for your loved ones, co-workers, friends, etc., through CREW Youth Group's Jars of Love fundraiser. Jars are decorated and filled with

delicious candies and include a personalized note. Order forms will be available in mid-January! Watch for more **information!** Proceeds go towards the youth's trip to the CHIC Youth Conference in July 2015.

Youth Leadership Team Meeting

Sunday, January 18, 5:45-7:30 p.m.

Everybody is welcome to attend! We will be discussing **DiscipleNow**, a summer service opportunity, **Harvey's Kids**, room renovations, and fellowship activities. Meet in the CREW room. Dinner will be served.

A Special Thank-You from Haley

To all of the volunteers, parents, staff, and students who helped my family and me during our illness this past month. Your patience, leadership in my absence, prayers, care, and concern mean the world to us. What wonderful blessings you are! "I thank the LORD for you every time we think of you." (Philippians 1:3)

Dinner Downtown & Scavenger Hunt

Friday, January 30, 6:30 p.m.

CREW will meet at Twisted Root for dinner to fuel up for a Scavenger Hunt like no other! Get to know our local businesses, discover the quirks of Carrollton, and take on challenges that will have you blushing, laughing, and making great memories! Students can be picked up at Twisted Root at 10 p.m. Let Haley know if you need a ride, and please feel free to invite friends!

Harvey's Kids

Saturday, January 10, 4:40 - 8:15 p.m.

Join us at Holy Covenant United Methodist Church! Come serve as leaders and friends for young people with special needs and for their siblings as their parents enjoy a kid-free evening!

Fight Club Will Resume!

Sunday, January 4, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Calling all high-school girls! This semester, we will be getting down to the FIGHT! Come join us at Café Brazil from 7-8:30 p.m. as we discuss issues that we as young people – and particularly young women – face in this world.

Contact Pastor Haley at Feuerbacherh@gmail.com.

Renewing Our Acquaintance with Covenant Missionaries

The World Covenant Mission sponsors a number of foreign missionaries and Redeemer Church participates in their support. From time to time we feel it is useful to feature an individual or couple who benefit from our support.



One such couple is Francisco and Stephanie Ramos who serve in Paris and their focus is the artistic community in their locale. They practice fellowship evangelism, trusting that the interest shown will move people of

the artistic community to consider the claims of Christ. They have been involved in this ministry for 18 years.

Currently, they solicit prayer support regarding establishment of relationships being developed and opportunities to go deeper in sharing their faith. They feel the need of specific guidance, wisdom, discernment and strength regarding their work.

We would like to feature them sometime in late January and hope to arrange a Skype call during the worship service so that we can have direct contact with these servants of God.

To learn more, see their latest newsletter on the missions bulletin board in the hallway by Fellowship Hall.

Contact our missions committee chair, Joe Wakeman, for more information.

[Joellewakeman \(at\) Verizon.net](mailto:Joellewakeman@verizon.net)



Sundays at Redeemer

Prayer Ministry

9:00-9:30 A.M. - We meet in the Prayer Room to pray for our worship service, visitors, leaders, and ministries.

Nursery Care for Infants and Toddlers

9:30 A.M. - noon - Infants from birth to age 1 are cared for in room 115 and toddlers in room 114

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

Sunday School for All Ages

9:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. -

Preschool – Kindergarten age meet in room 113

Grades 1-5 meet in room 109

Grades 6-12 meet in room 110

Adults meet in Fellowship Hall

Children's Church

We provide age-appropriate opportunities for children to learn and have fun during the worship service.

The toddlers meet at 10:30 A.M. to noon in room 114.

Preschool—Kindergarten meet from 10:30 A.M. to noon in room 113.

Grades 1-5 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.

Contact our Discipleship Chair

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

Contact our Nursery Coordinator

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

Wednesdays at Redeemer

Prayer Ministry

7:00 to 8:00 P.M. - Women meet in the Prayer Room.

Men meet across the hall from them. For more

information contact Lori Vriend at

RedeemerECC@gmail.com.

Bible Study

7:00 to 8:30 P.M. - Everyone is invited to join Pastor

Mark in the Fellowship Hall for a study of the book of

Acts. PastorMark@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org

Community Wednesday Classes

7:00 to 8:30 P.M. - Currently we are offering an ESL Class

for Beginners. It meets weekly and is taught by Pastor

Dieula. Contact her at DieulaPrevilon@gmail.com.

Soul Sisters

Resumes meeting on January 14

7:00 to 8:30 P.M. - This small group of women meet in

the conference room for encouragement, support,

study, and prayer. Contact Jayme Wright at

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

CREW Youth Group

7:00 to 8:30 P.M. - Middle school and high school stu-

dents are invited for a fun time of activities, study, and

service to others. Contact Pastor Haley for details at

Feuerbacherh@gmail.com.

Redeemer Kids

7:00 to 8:30 P.M. - Elementary age students get together

for snacks, Bible learning, and a variety of activities.

Contact Julie for details: [rjpersson \(at\) verizon.net](mailto:rjpersson@verizon.net).

January, 2015 Sunday Morning Teaching Hour 9:30 -10:30 A.M.

Date	Adults (Fellowship Hall)	Youth (Youth Room 110)	Children (CE Wing Room 109)	Prayer Room
January 4	To be determined	Elements of Christian Living: What is a Mission Statement?	Mark 1:4-11 John Baptizes Jesus	Open for prayer
January 11	To be determined	Elements of Christian Living: Redeemer's Mission Statement	John 1:43-51 Disciples follow Jesus	Open for prayer
January 18	To be determined	Elements of Christian Living: CREW's Mission Statement	Mark 1:14-20 Disciples Follow Jesus	Open for prayer
January 25	To be determined	Elements of Christian Living: Composing Your Mission Statement	Mark 1:21-28 Jesus shows His authority	Open for prayer

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PURPLE = Fellowship Hall BLUE = Conference Room RED = Sanctuary GREEN = CE Wing PINK = Whole Church	PLAN AHEAD: February 18 - Ash Wednesday March 20-22 - Midsouth Family Camp July 5-10 - Vacation Bible School July 12-17 - CHIC Youth Conference August 2-8 - Midsouth Camp			1	2	3
4 Fight Club 7pm	5	6 Celebrate Recovery leader meeting	7 Yoga 6pm 7pm: ESL Class Redeemer Kids, CREW, Men's & Ladies' Prayer Groups, Bible Study,	8 Council Meeting 7pm	9	10 Taking Down the Greens 9am Harvey's Kids 4:40pm
11	12 Ladies' Potluck Luncheon 11:30am Missions Team 7:30pm	13 E-Team 7:15pm PRC 7pm	14 Yoga 6pm 7pm: ESL Class Redeemer Kids, CREW, Men's & Ladies' Prayer Groups, Bible Study, Soul Sisters	15 Begin Celebrate Recovery! • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Small Group 8pm • Coffee Shop 9pm	16	17
18 CREW Youth Leadership Meeting 5:45pm Book Club 7pm	19	20	21 Yoga 6pm 7pm: ESL Class Redeemer Kids, CREW, Men's & Ladies' Prayer Groups, Bible Study, Soul Sisters	22 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Small Group 8pm • Coffee Shop 9pm	23	24
25 Soup-er Bowl Cook Off 12pm Congregational Meeting 12:45pm	26	27	28 Yoga 6pm 7pm: ESL Class Redeemer Kids, CREW, Men's & Ladies' Prayer Groups, Bible Study, Soul Sisters	29 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Small Group 8pm • Coffee Shop 9pm	30 CREW Downtown Dinner & Scavenger Hunt 6:30pm	31 Men's Breakfast 11:30am

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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.

January Sermon Series

Redeemer's Mission & Vision

January 4 - "A Multi-ethnic Community Committed"

Text: Acts 6:1-7

January 11 - "To Walking Alongside Anyone"

Text: Acts 13:1-3

January 18 - "Seeking Healing or Wholeness"

Text: Acts 16:11-34

January 25 - "In Christ"

Text: Acts 26:9-18

Master's Touch Submissions

To submit information or an
article, e-mail it to Lori at
RedeemerECC@gmail.com.

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