

March 2015



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

The Master's Touch

From the Pastor's Desk

"Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways" – Proverbs 4:26

At the Church Annual Meeting at the end of January, you heard me mention a few things that we were going to work on in 2015. Many of those things you have heard about multiple times such as launching small group ministries or the land deal. There was one thing I mentioned however, that we haven't talked about as much even though it is important. That is learning to do things ***"The Redeemer Way."***

Let me start with a pop-quiz: How does someone become a Sunday School teacher? Who should be a greeter at the door if Glenn or Fausto is sick on Sunday? How do you turn in a reimbursement form? Who should you contact if part of the building needs repair? I would venture to say that most Redeemer members (even long time members) do not know the answers to these questions. Making matters worse, often times the ones who do know how to do these things get burnt out and quit (because

they are the only ones doing them) and as a result no one knows how to do these things.

For 2015 and beyond we as a church will be working on establishing **"The Redeemer Way."** The Redeemer Way is a set way we do things at Redeemer (set-up rooms; manage finances; recruit Sunday School teachers). But not only is it that, it is a set way that is communicated to the entire congregation. **Let's face it: No one likes a policy manual.**



But we also need to remember – no one likes feeling like the outsider either. No one likes to be on the sidelines, unable to use their spiritual gifts, because they do not know the right person to call at Redeemer. **Let's make sure to invite others to the table by clarifying how we do things at Redeemer.**

— Pastor Mark

PastorMark@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org

Council Corner - Jayme Wright

Greetings friends,

I offer this note to introduce myself as Redeemer's Council Financial Secretary, a position I have held since last summer. My husband, Jeremy, and children, Marshall (kindergarten) and Ammelia (pre-K) have been members of RECC since we moved to Texas following graduate school in Chicago at North Park University. I have been highly involved in RECC's Women's Ministry as well as a



voice advocating childcare provisions by the church in order to support and encourage participation of pre-school and school-aged parents in church activities.

Early on, I was an Army "brat," following my dad's career through the Pacific NW and even Germany, where I

learned German on the playground as preschooler. But from 3rd grade on, I am a Kansas girl, growing up in a farm town. I played softball in high school and

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Council Corner - Jayme Wright, continued

college; and it's a game I continue enjoying today. Dad was a mechanic and mom works for a farm seed and fertilizer supplier.

I owe much of the successes I have enjoyed as an adult to **the hard work and prayers of my grandfathers**. My dad's dad, who adopted him at a young age, gave me one of my first real jobs at his insurance company while I was in college. His leadership and encouragement have been the base I have used to develop my career at Bank of America over the last 9 years. My mom's dad was a farmer and at 95 years old, still is an oak of faith. His prayers and steadfast love helped bring me to following Christ at 21 after a strong opposition to the church as a teenager.

As your Financial Secretary, I have been working closely with Deb Christopher, our Treasurer, and Pastor Mark to update our accounting practices. Over the last year, we have sought professional help to do this and as a result have reduced the workload for future Financial Secretaries and Treasurers by reducing the giving buckets to a manageable level. Going forward, I plan to develop a position description and policy manual for the position.

Thanks for welcoming us to the church and community over the last four years and for your faithful giving to the mission of RECC.

Grace and Peace, Jayme
[jaymelwright \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:jaymelwright@yahoo.com).

Redeemer Missionaries - The Olsons

Among the devoted band of missionaries that the Redeemer congregation supports is Ken Olson. He, along with his wife Jessica and two children, Peter and Anastasia Anya, live in Paris. However, since they are associated with Wycliffe Bible Translators, their focus is on Africa. The family recently made a trip to Cameroon. Ken monitors and mentors cooperators in Africa as they work together to develop tribal linguistics in preparation for translating Scripture. Redeemer Missions



Committee would like to feature this family and their mission sometime soon. We are hoping to arrange a Skype call during an upcoming worship service. Please pray for Ken and his family. There are always personal needs for prayer as well as supporting in faith the work they are called to do. Thank you.

Joseph Wakeman, Redeemer Missions Chair. [Joellewakeman \(at\) verizon.net](mailto:Joellewakeman@verizon.net)



REMINDER:

Change your clocks:



Daylight Saving Time
begins
Sunday, March 8

Planning & Zoning Meeting

Thursday, March 5, 7:00 p.m.

- Our Planning and Zoning meeting is on for March 5th (Thursday evening).
- Please be in prayer for the meeting: that **God's will would be done**.
- **If you can, it's not too late to attend.** The meeting is at Carrollton City Hall and it begins at 7 p.m. (although we are not sure when exactly our case will be heard).
- Carrollton City Hall is located at 1945 E. Jackson Road, Carrollton, Texas 75006



Join Us!

Church Work Day

Saturday, March 28, 9 A.M. to noon



It's time for Spring Cleaning! Please come help us as we fix up the church building and grounds. We want to be a welcoming place for all who join us in worshipping God! Breakfast will be served.

Everyone of all ages is welcome to help!

Contact Steve Walker at [jswalker \(at\) Verizon.net](mailto:jswalker@verizon.net).

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29



Palm Sunday, or "Passion Sunday", acknowledges the momentary elation of the followers of Jesus as He rode into the city of Jerusalem one week prior to Easter Sunday. The celebrative nature of the day gives rise to expressions of joy, like waving

palms. However, as we worship, we are aware of the tension between triumph and passion, because the events of the coming week leading to the cross are **already in sight**. Redeemer's children help us celebrate this day with a processional of waving palm branches.

Redeemer's Palm Sunday Service will be at 10:45 A.M.

Small Groups Next Steps

- Thanks to all who filled out Small Group Interest cards that were in the bulletins during the month of February.
- The next step will require a lot of prayer. I (Pastor Mark) will be working to determine if there were **common times as well as natural "groups" that form**. Pray for wisdom as well as discernment.
- In addition, we will be looking for leaders to these groups. Pray that God would call the right leaders to lead.
- Finally, we will announce groups when they are ready to begin and let others join in. This will hopefully take place in April.

Contact: PastorMark@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org

God does not show favoritism but accepts people from every nation who fear Him and do what is right. (Acts 10:34b-35)

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. (Romans 15:7)

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, March 28 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, March 29, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Everyone is welcome! The book club reads and discusses one book a month from a wide variety of genres. We usually meet in the conference room on the 3rd Sunday of the month, however we will meet the *last* Sunday this month. We will discuss *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova. Contact Lori at RedeemerECC@gmail.com.



Soul Sisters

Wednesdays, 7:00 P.M.

We will be continuing our study of Characters of the Old Testament for the next month (probably until April). All women are invited and *Redeemer Kids* is available for those who require childcare. Questions? Contact Jayme Wright at [jaymelwright \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:jaymelwright@yahoo.com).



Heritage Gardens Spring Planting & BBQ

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, April 4

Heritage Gardens Healthcare Center is a nursing home at 2135 N Denton Dr. in Carrollton. It provides medical services including rehabilitation programs, various therapies, post-op recovery, and nutrition and pain management.

Its mission is to "strive to treat residents, their families and our staff with the highest level of dignity and respect by promoting an environment of continuous improvement and service excellence."

Redeemer ECC has ministered there for many years. We will fix up their gardens, talk with the residents and nursing staff, and grill hotdogs and burgers for everyone. Watch the foyer for your chance to sign up to help! Contact Coby Sparks at [cobys \(at\) remacinc.com](mailto:cobys@remacinc.com).



CREW Youth Group

No CREW on Wednesday, March 11, for Spring Break!

Fight Club

Sunday, March 1, at Café Brazil, 7-8:30 P.M.!

Calling all high-school girls! Come join us as we discuss issues that we as young Christian women face in today.

Gift Cards Fundraiser



CREW 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. Order forms are in the foyer or church office.

Thanks be to God!

• Joe Martin was recently hired to work at a Cinemark Movie Theater. Congratulations, Joe, on your new job! *CREW parents and students, if you have great news of one of our CREW youth using their gifts and resources to achieve their goals, please let us know so that we can congratulate and encourage our youth and give thanks to God for the opportunities and abilities that the LORD has given them. Please notify Haley Kroboth at feuerbacherh@gmail.com before the 20th of every month!*

Harvey's Kids

Saturday, March 14!

**If you plan to attend, please let Haley or Lori Jones know by Wednesday, March 11.

CREW Has Adopted a Child!

A couple of weeks ago, our youth group visited the Compassion Experience, hosted by Compassion International. In this event, we walked through a number of rooms designed to look like the school, homes, and neighborhood of a young woman from Africa who received a Christian education and the constant support of a sponsor family through Compassion International. Today, she has earned a degree from Compassion International and is involved in inspiring work helping other children and families like hers!



After this experience, our students decided to sponsor Minati Hembram, a four-year-old girl from southern India. For \$38 a month, our sponsorship will help Minati attend Kanhimira Child Development Centre to receive Bible teaching, health checkups, health and hygiene information, and the opportunity to participate in sports, field trips, cultural program, and other celebrations and group activities.

We will be starting a monetary collection to support Minati. If you are able or interested in helping to support her, we welcome any contributions to our sponsorship!

CARROLLTON DUCT TAPE DAY!!!

March 22, 2015

6-8pm @ Redeemer

Join us for a night of crazy games – all of which involve DUCT TAPE! Dinner will be served. Contact Pastor Haley at

feuerbacherh@gmail.com



Penny Manna

You can impact our world for Christ by supporting missions from our home base in Carrollton, Texas!



A handful of coins can go a long way! Just put them in our Penny Manna jar on the Information Counter.

All monies are donated to Covenant World Relief. (Learn about CWR at: www.covchurch.org/cwr.) Contact Joe Wakeman at joellewakeman@verizon.net



Plots available.

Volunteers welcome!

www.HarvestCommunityGarden.org

grow@HarvestCommunityGarden.org

Contact Stan Basnett at sbasnett@verizon.net or call the church office.

Midsouth Family Camp

March 20-22, 2015

Enjoy God's beautiful creation on the beautiful grounds of Frontier Camp in the piney woods of east Texas (near Grapeland). Deepen your walk with Christ and get away from normal routines to rest and renew. This will be a wonderful weekend for your **whole family and church to enjoy God's creation and grow closer to each other!**

About 100 campers of all ages will have the chance to meet other Midsouth Covenanters and make personal



connections that will last for eternity. Join them!

Cost:

- \$96 per person (8 yrs to adult)
- \$48 per person (3 to 7 yrs)
- FREE (children 2 and under)
- \$250 Cost for large family

REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.MIDSOUTHC OV.ORG

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 9, 2015

Brochures are in the church foyer.

Contact Kimmy at [kimberly.petty28 \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:kimberly.petty28@gmail.com)

Schedule: We have filled the schedule with lots of time for worship, activities and fellowship...

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

7 - 9 pm	Arrival
9 - 9:15 pm	Praise time
9:15 - 10 pm	Worship service
10 pm	Campfire fellowship
11 pm	Lights out

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

8 am	Breakfast
9 - 9:15 am	Praise time
9:15 - 10:15 am	Morning worship session
10:15 - 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am - 12 pm	Second morning session
12 - 1 pm	Lunch
1 - 5 pm	Activities led by Camp Staff
5 - 6 pm	Dinner
6 - 7 pm	Free time
7 - 8 pm	Evening worship
8 - 10 pm	Social time
10 pm	Lights out

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

8 am	Breakfast
9 - 9:15 am	Praise time
9:15 - 10:15 am	Morning worship service
10:15 - 11 am	Pack up and depart
11 am	Depart

Midsouth Summer Camp for Kids!

August 2-8, 2015

Midsouth Covenant Camp is organized by the Midsouth Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church and located in Grapeland, TX, where we rent Frontier Camp. (www.frontiercamp.org)



The **primary goal** of the camp is to show each camper the love, knowledge, and saving power of Jesus Christ.

Students entering grades 2—9 will enjoy programs tailored to their age (grouped by grade levels 2nd-4th/5th-6th/7th-9th).

Activities include a wide variety of water activities, riflery, archery, volleyball, basketball, rope swing, horseback riding, skate park, climbing wall, and crafts.

Counseling Staff is primarily made up of trained volunteers from Covenant churches in the Midsouth Conference.



Counselors in Leadership Training (CILT) is a learning track for qualified high school students who have an interest in developing leadership skills. Upon acceptance into the CILT program, they register as a camper at a reduced rate.

Save money with Early Registration!

Watch the church foyer for CILT, counselor, and camper registration materials.

Watch for more information at midsouthcov.org

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 – Kdg. 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

ESL Class

7:00 to 8:30 P.M. - Currently we are offering an ESL Class for Beginners. It meets weekly in Fellowship Hall. It is taught by Pastor Dieula Previlon. Contact her at DieulaPrevilon@gmail.com.

Prayer Ministry

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

Soul Sisters

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 students 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).

Sunday Morning Teaching Hour for March, 2015

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Date	Adults (Fellowship Hall)	Youth (Youth Room 110)	Children (CE Wing Room 109)	Prayer Room
March 8	TBD	"What in the World? Christians and Current Events"	John 2:12-22 - Jesus clears merchants from the temple	Open for prayer
March 15	TBD	"What in the World? Christians and Current Events"	John 3:12-21 - Jesus explains why God sent Him	Open for prayer
March 22	Why is Jesus so Radical? Discussions from Matthew and Luke	"What in the World? Christians and Current Events"	Mark 12:41-44 - Jesus notices a widow's giving	Open for prayer
March 29	Why is Jesus so Radical? Matthew and Luke	"What in the World? Christians and Current Events"	Mark 11:1-11 - People rejoice as Jesus enters Jerusalem	Open for prayer

Celebrate Recovery

HERE. THURSDAYS AT 7PM.

Weekly Schedule

Thursdays:

- 6:00 P.M. - Dinner
- 7:00 P.M. - Main Meeting
- 8:00 P.M. - Open Share Groups
- 9:00 P.M. - Café Koinonia

March Topics:

- March 5 - Lesson 4: Sanity
- March 12 - Testimony*
- March 19 - Lesson 5: Turn
- March 26 - Testimony*

**Testimonies are where people share their story and how Celebrate Recovery helped them.*

Learn more at the Celebrate Recovery page on our website redeemerecc.org.

For questions or assistance call 469-751-7596 or email RedeemerCR@gmail.com.

March Dates

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

Anniversaries

- 3/10 Dave & Stephanie Johnson
- 3/11 Mark & Jessica Mohrweis
- 3/12 Mike & Marilou Castelli
- 3/17 Randy & Melanie Johnson
- 3/29 Terri & Mike Calley
- 3/31 Travis & Courtni Hitzeman
- 3/31 Jens & Mary Anne Jensen

Birthdays

- 3/01 Jessica Milbrandt
- 3/04 Rev. Anna Marie Peterson
- 3/05 Ed Bayard
- 3/10 Logan Cate Hitzeman
- 3/12 Priya Sachdev
- 3/17 Randy Johnson
- 3/17 Glenn Peterson
- 3/23 Michael Lamb
- 3/24 John "SB" Kroboth
- 3/26 Matthew Bass, Jr.
- 3/26 Marissa Lemay
- 3/27 Brian Head
- 3/27 Adeline Moore
- 3/27 Sherry Thweatt
- 3/28 Ellie Wakeman
- 3/29 Denis Lemay

You're Invited!

An Invitation for Redeemer Women

Saturday, March 7
10:00 a.m. to 12:00

Bethel Bible Fellowship's Women Ministries invites Redeemer's women to join them at an event for women at their church at 1944 E. Hebron Parkway, Carrollton.

Contact Kathy Joiner at [kjlnjj \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:kjlnjj@yahoo.com).

Redeemer Covenant Church Giving Report

Month:	FEBRUARY
YTD Budget	\$58,013.54
Monthly Deposit:	
General**	\$54,002.59
Crisis Relief	\$513.00
Missions	\$0.00
Facilities	\$356.00
Special	\$0.00
Designated	
Youth Missions	\$395.00
Total Monthly Deposit	<u>\$55,266.59</u>
Year-to-Date Deposit:	
General	\$76,366.27
Crisis Relief	\$768.00
Missions	\$0.00
Facilities	\$932.00
Special	\$0.00
Designated	
Youth Missions	<u>\$3,660.05</u>
Total YTD Deposit	<u>\$81,726.32</u>

**Stock Gift of \$21,951.99

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Potluck Lunch at Bethel Bible Fellowship 12 pm CREW Fight Club 7-8:30 pm	2	3	4 7pm: ESL Class Redeemer Kids, CREW, Men's & Ladies' Prayer Groups, Bible Study, Soul Sisters	5 Planning and Zoning meeting 7pm Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Share Groups 8pm • Café Kononia 9pm	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Time begins	9	10	11 7pm: ESL Class Redeemer Kids, Men's & Ladies' Prayer Groups, Bible Study, Soul Sisters (NO CREW)	12 Council meeting 7pm Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Share Groups 8pm • Café Kononia 9pm	13	14 CREW to Harvey's Kids 4:45-8:15 pm
← Spring break CFBISD & LISD →						
15	16	17	18 7pm: ESL Class Redeemer Kids, CREW, Men's & Ladies' Prayer Groups, Bible Study, Soul Sisters	19 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Share Groups 8pm • Café Kononia 9pm	20	21
					← Midsouth Family Camp →	
22 New Adult Sunday School begins CREW Duct Tape Day 6-8 pm ←→	23	24	25 7pm: ESL Class Redeemer Kids, CREW, Men's & Ladies' Prayer Groups, Bible Study, Soul Sisters	26 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Share Groups 8pm • Café Kononia 9pm	27	28 Men's Breakfast 8:30am Spring Cleaning Day 9 am-noon
29 Palm Sunday Book Club 7-9 pm	30	31	PLAN AHEAD: April 3 - Good Friday April 4 - Heritage Gardens April 5 - Easter May 7-9 - Midsouth Annual Meeting June 26-27 - ECC Annual Meeting July 5-10 - Vacation Bible School July 12-17 - CHIC Youth Conference August 2-8 - Midsouth Camp			PURPLE = Fellowship Hall BLUE = Conference Room RED = Sanctuary GREEN = CE Wing PINK = Whole Church

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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.

Spring Sermon Series

God Bless This Mess

A sermon series through the book of 1 Corinthians

March 1 - 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

“So THAT’S How it is in Their Family”

March 8 - 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

“What Some of You WERE”

March 15 - 1 Corinthians 7:1-11, 17-24

“Paul the Marriage Counselor”

March 22 - 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

“Your BBQ is Messing With My Spiritual Life”

March 29 - Psalm 31:9-16

“My Life is in Your Hands”

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