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# From the Pastor's Desk

#### "My times are in Your hands...." (Psalm 31:15)

April 5<sup>th</sup> marks Easter Sunday this year. Our ultimate (and only) hope will be celebrated as we remember and believe in Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead. While the Resurrection is our ultimate hope, it is not the only part of Holy Week. There is also Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It is important that we participate in these aspects of Jesus' life as well.

When I say participate, I do not mean that you have to come to our Good Friday service or Heritage Gardens on Saturday (but we would love to have you!). I mean that we have to remember that as Christians our lives do not consist solely of celebrating. There is Good Friday – the day Christ experienced betrayal and suffering. Christ warned us that we too will deal with suffering and pain. There is Holy Saturday – the silence as the disciples waited for answers. Many of us today have had to learn the hard way that God's timing is not our own while we patiently look for Him to show up. And of

course, there are Resurrection Sundays in which God reveals Himself and His love for us. We celebrate the gift and promise of eternal life.

Psalm 31 tells us that our times are in His hands. The Psalm uses the word times instead of life. I think there is a reason for that. I have no doubt that our lives are in God's hands, but when we acknowledge that our times are in His hands, we acknowledge that all that comes with life is in His hands. The ups

and downs, the good and the bad, the silence and the shouts all belong to God. On



Easter I hope you sing praises for the gift of new life in Christ. But if things aren't going so well, take hope - God is still present. Our times are in His hands.

 Pastor Mark PastorMark@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org

# Council Corner - Joe Wakeman

My wife and I have attended Redeemer for nearly six years now. I am serving my 3<sup>rd</sup> term as chairman of the Redeemer Missions Committee. My primary objectives in this role are:

One - Help keep the congregation aware of the missionaries we support and encourage prayer for them and some communication as is appropriate.

Two - On occasion help direct designated or discretionary funds made



available to the Committee to those missionaries who are directly linked to Redeemer and to other specific missions projects and activities.

Three - Communicate directly with the missionaries to encourage them, to periodically arrange Skype calls where

feasible, and to keep informed about the particulars of their mission.

My understanding is that the Covenant denomination was originally formed to be the support mechanism for the

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# Please Join Us!

# Good Friday Tenebrae Service Friday, April 3, 7:30 p.m.



Good Friday reminds us of Christ's suffering and death. His self-sacrifice is good to us who believe, because it paid for our debt of sin and opened the way for our reconciliation with

God. The Service of Tenebrae ("shadows") dates back to eighth-century Rome. The most significant aspect of this service is the gradual extinguishing of the lights and candles in the room, symbolizing the flight of the apostles and the darkness and disturbance that accompanied Christ's passion. The central purpose of the service is for us to encounter the reality of Christ's death and admit our part in it. Please join us.

# Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5

Easter Worship Service at 10:45 A.M.



Easter Sunday is the most glorious of all days and begins the Christian season of Eastertide, the most festive of all the Christian seasons because Jesus is alive and death has been conquered! This

is critical because the Christian hope of eternal life is contingent upon the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The season lasts for fifty days and centers on the resurrection appearances of the Lord between Easter Sunday and His ascension. The Church retells and experiences afresh the resurrection and focuses on His post-resurrection teaching.

Easter Potluck Brunch on Easter Morning 9:30 A.M.\*



Everyone is invited! Invite your family, neighbors, and friends for a joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection! Join us in Fellowship Hall for an Easter brunch before the

worship service. Bring a dish to share, if you can; but come celebrate even if you cannot.

Can you help with set up and/or clean up? Do you have questions? Contact Kathy Joiner at Kjlnjj (at) yahoo.com.

-- And remember: take your dishes home after the worship service!

\*All Sunday school classes will join the brunch!

### Heritage Gardens Outreach

Saturday, April 4, at 10:30 A.M. Heritage Gardens Healthcare Center is a nursing home at 2135 N Denton Dr. in Carrollton. We will fix up their gardens,



talk with the residents and nursing staff, and grill hotdogs and burgers for everyone. Sign up in the foyer. Contact Coby at cobys (at) remacinc.com.

# Men's Breakfast

Saturday, April 25 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.

# **Redeemer's Book Club**

Sunday, April 19, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome! We read and discuss one book a month from a variety of genres. For this month: Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline. Contact Lori at RedeemerECC@gmail.com.



# Soul Sisters

Wednesdays, 7:00 P.M.

All women are invited to a study of the characters of the Old Testament.

Contact Jayme Wright at jaymelwright (at) yahoo.com.

# Midsouth Camp Reunion

Saturday, April 11, at 5:00 P.M. at Redeemer *The event is open to anyone!* People who have been to camp, people who want to go to camp, and people who just want to support the ministry are all invited!

- Enjoy dinner and a short program about camp.
- Come show off your camp photos and old camp shirts.
- Help us raise money for camp. RSVP with Kimmy Petty at 214-906-4414 or

Kimberly.Petty28 (at) gmail.com.



# Coppell Community Chorale Spring Concert

May 2 & 3

Tickets are available from Gene and Linda Burks. Contact Linda at LHBelldiva (at) gmail.com or 832-549-4417.

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# Council Corner (Continued from page 1)

missionaries in the field. So it is appropriate to keep this valuable work of God operating successfully. Personally, since I was asked to be involved on the Committee I feel a sense of responsibility to help focus attention on these individuals and their specific call that God has burdened them with.

Redeemer's Missions Committee is currently composed of 4 active members with others sporadically. I would like to encourage more Redeemer members to consider participating.

- Joe Wakeman joellewakeman@verizon.net

# Midsouth Covenant Camp



#### August 2-8

The theme for Midsouth Covenant Camp this year will be "BULLIES OF THE BIBLE," which will feature stories highlighting Biblical aspects of why people are bullies, how God can heal bullies, how God wants us to deal with bullies, and how God cares for us as victims of bullies.

Counselors and CILTs Needed!

As usual, we are looking for male and female counselors, as well as 10-12th grade CILTs (counselors in leadership training) to help make camp possible.

Counselor training will take place at Frontier Camp on Saturday, May 16. It is a requirement for counselors to attend the camp training, or at least a make-up training day if needed. (CILTs do not attend this camp training.) Counselor applications and references must be sent in by April 30 at the latest. Priority will be given to those who do the following:

- 1. Send in their application and references early
- 2. Are able to attend the camp training at Frontier Camp on Saturday, May 16, from 9 A.M. 6 P.M.
- 3. Are actively involved in an Evangelical Covenant Church (Active involvement in a local church or ministry for the past six months is required.)

CILT applications (for current 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders who want to train in becoming camp counselors) are due on June 1 and accepted CILTs must then register for camp.

Counselor and CILT Application forms can be found on the Information Counter at Redeemer.

Watch the Midsouth Conference website for details and upcoming camper registration: www.midsouthcov.org.



Did you know that we have a community garden? It is on the south side of our property.

People from the community (and Redeemer) adopt a plot for a year and grow organic produce to enjoy and give away. Half of the produce goes to the food pantry at Christian Community Action (CCA).

Join us on Saturday mornings! Volunteers are welcome! Please pray for our community garden:

- Pray for God's blessing on the gardeners who have given up their plots this year
- Pray for new gardeners to adopt the empty plots
- Pray for all of our gardeners to be blessed, feel welcome, and develop a sense of community with each other
- Pray for the salvation of any who do not know Jesus as their Savior
- Pray for a productive year and bountiful harvest, so we can give lots of fresh, organic produce to CCA's food pantry to feed the hungry in our area
- Pray for protection from vandalism, theft, and garden pests
- Pray for provision of resources and workers so that we can expand the garden
- Pray for the moving/rebuilding of the garden, if our land deal goes through

Plots available.

Volunteers welcome!

www.HarvestCommunityGarden.org grow@HarvestCommunityGarden.org Contact Stan Basnett at sbasnett (at) verizon.net or call the church office at 972-466-0054.

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# PURSES FOR HAITI

# <u>Ladies of Redeemer Church & Bethel Bible Fellowship:</u>

You are invited to bless the women who Associate Pastor Dieula will meet on her summer mission trip to Haiti.

We will hold 2 work sessions to assemble 50 purses:

Monday, April 13th, at 11:30 A.M. Friday, May 1st, at 6:00 P.M.

We'll meet in Fellowship Hall.

Please bring a <u>potluck dish</u> to share. Sewing experience is not needed!

However, if you can sew, please let us know (972.466.0054).

Sorry, childcare will not be provided. Questions? See Jan Erickson or Ana Belville.

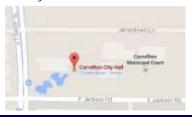
# City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, at 7 P.M.

Carrollton City Council will hear our land deal proposal at their April 7 meeting. We would like to have as many people present as we can! Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend the meeting and let us know if you would like to speak at the meeting.

Please be in prayer that God's will would be done.

Carrollton City Hall is at 1945 E. Jackson Road



# 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 (or contact the church office).





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# CREW Youth Group

# Harvey's Kids

HARVEY'S Saturday, April 11, 4:45-8:15 P.M. Special Note for April: There is a time conflict KIDS with the Camp Reunion. We ask that, if you were thinking about attending the Camp Reunion at Redeemer, you prioritize the Camp Reunion over Harvey's Kids this month.

#### Fight Club

Due to Easter Sunday, Fight Club will meet at Café Brazil on Sunday, *April 12*, at 7-8:30 P.M.!

All high school girls are invited to our small group for food, friends, fun, and deep discussion about the things we face as female Christ-followers in this world.

# Meal and Baked Goods Auction

Sunday, April 26, at 12:00 P.M.

Bid on delicious meals and baked goods created by members of the youth group and their families.

- \*Proceeds go towards our students' attendance at the **CHIC Conference**
- \*\*Youth and families of youth, please contact me if you are able to contribute a meal or baked goods to this fundraising effort! (Haley, feuerbacherh@gmail.com)

# CHIC Envelope Fundraiser Challenge

Deadline: May 1!

- 1. Number 28 envelopes 1-28. The number on each envelope designates the amount of money to be donated.
- 2. Write a kind donation letter thanking potential donors for their support. Distribute this to all donors.
- 3. Find donors who are willing to give an amount of money designated on one of the envelopes. Put the money in that particular envelope. Once that envelope is filled, that amount cannot be donated a second time!
- 4. For each CHIC attendee, only 5 persons within the church may be used as donors. All other donation solicitation must be directed to people outside Redeemer!
- 5. Turn your money into Haley by May 1. The person who raises the most money for their CHIC trip will win a gift card! If multiple persons fill all 28 envelopes, each will receive a gift card.

Contact Youth Pastor Haley at feuerbacherh@gmail.com

#### Day in the Park

Saturday, April 25, 3:15-7:30 P.M. \$5 for DART Rail Pass, bring additional money for food (optional)



Meet at the Frankford DART Station in Carrollton to ride the DART to Klyde Warren Park in Downtown Dallas. Play games, check out the food trucks, listen to live music, and throw the football in this urban park. (Feel free to bring a football or soccer ball!)

# Ready, Set, Spike!

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual CREW Classic Volleyball Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 16. Start forming your teams today! (At least 4 players per team, 4-6 per side on the court at all times.) Open to all persons age 10-Adult! Recreational and Competitive divisions will be formed.

#### 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.

### CREW Has Adopted a Child!

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, we 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.

If you are able or interested in helping to support her, we welcome any contributions to our sponsorship!

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# Celebrate Recovery HERE. THURSDAYS AT 7PM.

# Weekly Schedule

6:00 P.M. - Dinner

7:00 P.M. - Main Meeting

8:00 P.M. - Open Share Groups

9:00 P.M. - Café Koinonia

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

For questions or assistance call 469-751-7596 or email Redeemer *CR*@gmail.com.

# 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.
- 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



2015 Saturday, May 2
CAR SHOW 9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Do you like cars?
Do you want to support Haiti?

#### Come see some of Carrollton's finest automobiles.

Also enjoy fun music, a bounce house, face painting and more. Buy food, raffle prizes, or make donations.\* Admission is free. All proceeds go to the Haiti mission trip led by the Previlon family.\*

Want to include your vehicle? Register it online at: www3.signupgenius.com/mobile/index.cfm?action=signups.signup&URLID=10c0b4da8ad2faafa7-carshow1 For more information contact: Fresnel Previlon at fresnelprevilon@yahoo.com or 972-679-9556.

\*Financial support goes directly to the Haiti Mission Team, NOT through Redeemer.

# **April Dates**

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

Happy Birthday!

4/01 Luetta Milbrandt

4/06 John Joiner

4/07 Beverly Petty

4/08 Taylor Petty

4/10 MaryRose Anderson

4/11 Jens Jensen

4/12 Mike Castelli

4/15 Glenn Raudabaugh

4/17 Darlene Clark

4/18 Gia Plouff

4/25 Timothy Vriend

4/29 Mike Plouff

Happy Anniversary! 4/04 Fresnel & Dieula Previlon 4/06 Jose Luis & Liliana Salazar 4/11 Joe & Ellie Wakeman 4/12 Dan & Ana Belville 4/19 Gene & Linda Burks 4/21 Terry & Dee Yach

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

Redeemer Covenant Church Giving Report							
Month:		MARCH					
YTD General Budget		\$94,272.00					
Monthly Deposit:							
General		\$36,744.61					
Crisis Relief		\$356.00					
Missions		\$30.00					
Facilities		\$356.00					
Designated:	Penny Manna	\$20.00					
	Youth Missions	\$421.00					
Total Monthly Deposit		\$37,927.61					
Year-to-Date Deposit:							
General**		\$113,110.88					
Crisis Relief		\$1,124.00					
Missions		\$30.00					
Facilities		\$1,291.00					
Special		\$0.00					
Designated:	Penny Manna	\$20.00					
	Youth Missions	\$4,081.05					
Total YTD Deposit		\$119,656.93					
**Stock Gift of \$21,951.99							

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# 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





#### 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. Contact our Nursery Coordinator Email Julie Muncy at jkmuncy (at) 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



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.

#### **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: ripersson (at) verizon.net.

#### Sunday Morning Teaching Hour for April 2015 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Adults Youth Children Prayer Date (Fellowship Hall) (Youth Room 110) (CE Wing Room 109) Room Open for April 5 Easter Brunch! Easter Brunch! Easter Brunch! prayer Open for "Why is Jesus so Radical?" Mark 16:1-8 - Jesus is alive! April 12 The Gospel of John Discussions from Matthew & Luke prayer John 20:19-31 - Jesus Open for "Why is Jesus so Radical?" April 19 The Gospel of John Discussions from Matthew & Luke appears to His disciples prayer 1 Corinthians 12:4-27 - Paul Open for "Why is Jesus so Radical?" April 26 The Gospel of John Discussions from Matthew & Luke teaches about spiritual gifts prayer

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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

April 5 - Mark 16:1-8

"Just as He Told You"

April 12 - 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

"Liberation is Not Deliverance"

April 19 - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

"The Gift of Healthy Doubt"

April 26 - 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

"Your Hair is Keeping Me from Jesus"

#### 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

# April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PURPLE = Fellowship Hall BLUE = Conference Room RED = Sanctuary GREEN = CE Wing PINK = Whole Church			1 7pm: ESL Class Redeemer Kids, CREW, Men's & Ladies' Prayer Groups, Bible Study, Soul Sisters	2 (CFBISD board meeting) Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Share Groups 8pm • Café Kononia 9pm	3 Good Friday Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7:30 pm	4 Heritage Gardens BBQ 10:30 am
5 Easter Brunch 9:30am	6	7 Carrollton City Council meeting 7pm	8 7pm: ESL Class Redeemer Kids, CREW, Men's & Ladies' Prayer Groups, Bible Study, Soul Sisters	9 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Share Groups 8pm • Café Kononia 9pm	10	CREW to Harvey's Kids 4:45-8:15pm Camp Reunion 5pm
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