November 2017



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From the Pastor's Desk

For the people of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. Luke 16:8

The Parable of the Unjust Steward in Luke 16 is my favorite parable to hate. Every time I feel like I have figured it out, I read it again only to realize I still don't fully understand. The parable tells a story of a guy about to lose his job. He decides to setup a golden parachute for himself undercutting his (former) boss's debtors to curry favor with them. Since Jesus seemingly affirms the man's behavior, we are left to wonder whether Jesus is in favor of duplicitous schemes. Look at Luke 16:8: Is Jesus affirming shrewdness? Or condemning it?

I do not believe Jesus is advocating that His Church should be built on cunning and crafty schemes. But I do think that Jesus is prophetically critiquing His Church: If a weasel can figure out that money isn't everything, shouldn't we, as children who receive every good gift from our gracious Father, understand that same thing?

As I have prayed over how to steward the financial blessings Redeemer has received, I have found myself stressed out and my relationship to God suffering. I did not realize it, but I had a mind-set that God's will (with this money) was a puzzle to be solved. If we got it right, He would give more. If we missed it, He would punish us. Rather than lead me to trusting God more, this mind-set has led to a lot of second guessing, knee-jerk reactions, and worry. This is where Luke 16 is so helpful. What if God DOESN'T expect me / us to be shrewd? What if He has already acknowledged that we won't be perfect

with how we spend this gift? And He still loves us anyways? Or even, what if God would



rather us be imperfect than shrewd?

Looking at it this way, everything switches. The money comes secondary to our relationship with God. (Don't fret – we will still do our best to steward wisely!) At the end of the day we are children of the light. Money is not the last word for Redeemer. Nor is it the last word for you.

- Mark Mohrweis Mark@RedeemerECC.org

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 19, 10:45 A.M. Thanksgiving is a holiday often celebrated among family and close friends enjoying a meal together. We want to expand our definition of family to include our brothers and sisters

in Christ and celebrate Thanksgiving together. We will have a special worship service to reflect on the goodness of God and collectively thank Him for His many blessings. Invite others to join us!

Thanksgiving Meal

Sunday, November 19, 11:30 A.M.



Immediately following the Thanksgiving service, we will continue our worship by sharing in a free potluck Thanksgiving feast. We're looking for volunteers

to help with set up, decorations, meal preparation, and clean up. Sign up in the lobby to help us celebrate Thanksgiving together as a family. Questions? Contact Pastor Dieula: Dieula@RedeemerECC.org.

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Council Corner - Vice Chair, Elvis Obinma



Hi, my name Elvis E Obinma, my wife Eunice and I have 3 kids. We started worshipping at Redeemer two years ago.

I studied business administration at Enugu State University in Nigeria and have a food truck business.

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Christ in 2006 and it has been a joyful experience. I served as a minister and a Sunday school teacher with Redeem Christian Church in Forth Worth and Carrollton, Texas. I coordinated a prayer ministry outreach helping fellow believers intercede in prayers and counselling. My position in the Council is Vice Chair. This position has given me an opportunity to meet and serve with others with passion to do the work of God. My vision is for Redeemer to be a healing church where people come and be filled with the Spirit of God.

My goal is to see souls won for Christ and to bring the body of Christ together. Redeemer is a place where the



presence of God dwells and I'm glad to be part of it. Thanks, Elvis ElvisObinma (at) yahoo.com

Upcoming Holiday Schedule

Sunday, November 5

- Daylight Saving Time ends
- Sign-ups for Thanksgiving Potluck
- Advent Dinner ticket sales begin soon

Sunday, November 19

• Special Thanksgiving Service & Feast at 10:45 A.M.

Wednesday, November 22

- NO Wednesday activities. (They will resume Dec. 6)
 Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving Day
- The church office will be closed.
- Celebrate Recovery will meet, as usual.

- Friday, November 24
- The church office will be closed.
- Sunday, November 26
- Angel Tree Outreach begins
- Saturday, December 2
- Hanging the Greens 9:00-11:00 A.M.
- Sunday, December 3, The first Sunday of Advent
- Set up for Advent Dinner after worship service
- Advent Dinner at 5:30 P.M.

Sunday, December 10

Children's Christmas Program at 10:45 A.M.

Please Help! You'll be glad you did!

Help build the next generation of God's Kingdom!

We have an immediate need for people who are willing to teach elementary children during

Children's Church. Make a one month commitment to help

out! Elementary age Children's Church begins during the offertory.



Walk alongside our parents of young children!

We have an urgent need for 2 adults to help during Children's Church in ages 2's and 3's. Come enjoy these little ones once a month, so that their parents can spend time with God! This is only one Sunday a month from 10:30 A.M. to noon.

To learn more, contact Mary Anne Jensen at Maryanne (at) redeemerecc.org or 972-310-9381 (call or text).

Son Shine Project

Have you been looking for a way to encourage people? A way to say, "You are loved."? The Son Shine Project might just be for you!

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The Son Shine Project is a new outreach opportunity for members of the church to become Encouragers and help stay connected to people we care about:

- our youth who have gone off to college or are serving in the military
- our shut-ins
- our missionaries

What are the expectations? Simple. Encouragers will be

Metrocrest Services Food Pantry Needs

The food pantry always needs bags (1-5 lbs.) of rice and flour. They run out of it quickly because it is in high demand. They also need personal hygiene items for individuals or families.

Bring donations to their food bank at 13375 N. Stemmons, Suite 410, Farmers Branch

Or, place it in the basket in Redeemer's lobby by the front doors.

Thanksgiving Food Drive Drop Off at Metrocrest

November 6-17, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (No drop offs on November 11th & 12th) Thanksgiving drop off is at their warehouse location:

13375 N. Stemmons, Suite 410 Farmers Branch, TX 75234

For large donations, please schedule a pick up in advance by calling Bev Grimley at (972) 446-2100.

For more information on how to get involved with their Thanksgiving and Holiday Programs, contact Nicole Newkham (972) 446-2129

Learn more online at metrocrestservices.org .



matched with a Redeemer loved one and each month you just send them your love, prayers, and encouragement. This could be done with a card, a letter, a phone call, or a fun little surprise in the mail. What's important is that as a church we stay connected to those we don't see.

If you are interested in learning more or being an Encourager or know a person who needs encouragement please contact Tasha at Tasha.lynn.moore (at) gmail.com.

NEW Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Sundays, at 9:30-10:30 A.M.

Begin preparing for the Advent season! Join us beginning November 5 in Fellowship Hall A!

We will be using **The Messiah: The Texts Behind Handel's Masterpiece** by Douglas Connelly in our group study. Sorry, no childcare provided. Contact Julie Persson for details. rjpersson (at) Verizon.net



DOUGLAS CONNELLY

Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 5, 2:00 A.M.

Early Sunday morning is the official time to move our



clocks back one hour. So turn your clocks back an hour before going to bed on Saturday and you'll get an extra hour of sleep! *OR*, forget about it and arrive at church an hour early to pray or join the adult Bible study!

Wednesday Evenings at Redeemer - Join Us!

Wednesday evenings are packed with lots of activity at Redeemer. Join us for some fun, inspiration, and learning!

Bible Study

7:00-8:30 P.M. in Room 110



Pastor Mark is leading a verse-byverse study of the book of Esther. Everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings! Contact Pastor Mark at

Mark@RedeemerECC.org.

Open Prayer



7:00-8:30 P.M.

The prayer room is open for anyone who would like to gather to pray. A prayer guide with the congregation's prayer requests is available in the church office.

Kids Connect 7:00-8:30 P.M. in Room 109



Kids Connect is a place where children K-5th can connect with God, adults, each other, and the rest of the world through getting help with homework and reading,

Kids Connect listening to Bible stories, and engaging in fun activities. Volunteer to help! Contact Mary Anne Jensen at MaryAnne (at) RedeemerECC.org.

ESL Classes

7:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall

We offer two classes: Basic Level for beginning non-English speaking students and Level 1 beginning class. Contact Dieul@RedeemerECC.org.



CREW Youth Group

7:00-8:30 P.M. in Room 108

Redeemer CREW (Christians Reaching Everywhere Worldwide) is our youth program for middle school and high school students. Contact Pastor Nick at Nick@RedeemerECC.org.



Iglesia Emanuel

7:00-8:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary

Iglesia Emanuel is a Spanish speaking church that rents Redeemer's building on Wednesday evenings for Bible study and on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 for worship.

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Iglesia Cristiana Emanuel Internacional



Please mark your calendars for CREW's annual lock-in! It is going to be a blast! Our theme is "Glow in the Dark!" PLEASE invite your friends to join us for this awesome night.

We are asking for a \$10 cover charge from each student. Of course, if for some reason you cannot pay the full \$10, it is okay! We still want students to come.

It is time for ALL of our students to update waiver forms. Also, if you plan to invite a friend, they will need to fill out this form as well!

PLEASE RSVP by November 5th so we will have a solid head count! This is important!

Thank you, Pastor Nick 682-597-8220 (text or call)

Ongoing Ministries - Join us!

Racial Reconciliation



Discussion Group

Sunday, November 5, 6:00-8:00 P.M.** Location: Bethel Bible Fellowship** 1944 E. Hebron Pkwy Carrollton, 75007

Potluck Dinner:

- Redeemer will bring salads, fruits, and desserts.
- Bethel will provide all of the main dishes and beverages.

****NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE AND LOCATION!**

There will be NO meeting on Sunday, November 26. Watch for December meeting details. Questions?

Contact Pastor Dieula at Dieula@RedeemerECC.org



Praying Together Sundays at 10:00 A.M.

Do you need prayer? Do you want to pray for others, for Redeemer or our world? Please join us in the Prayer Room.

Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.

The Prayer Room is open for people to gather to pray. Prayer sheets with the congregation's prayer requests are available in the church office.

Celebrate Recovery

We WILL meet on Thanksgiving evening!

Every Thursday at Redeemer! Everyone is welcome to this place of fellowship and support!

Join us for any of these activities:

- 6:15 P.M. Unwind from the day: Join us as we relax while eating dinner together. We usually enjoy a home-cooked meal (donation of \$3).
- 7:00 P.M. Worship God: Join us for music, teaching, inspiration, and testimony in the sanctuary.
- 8:00 P.M. Share what's on your heart: We meet in men's and women's groups for Open Share time.

Come walk alongside us as we seek healing and wholeness in Jesus Christ!

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Entertainment

Christmas & Angel Tree Ministry

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Our Angel Tree Program at Redeemer has expanded to include three groups of people:

- Children of an incarcerated parent We are partnering with Angel Tree, a program of Prison Fellowship, to connect parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts given on their behalf.
- Redeemer families in need We are also aware of the needs of families within the walls of Redeemer, these families will be on the tree as anonymous

Missionary Families - Lastly, our missionaries both local and international serve God in the

trenches every single day and we want to remember them with a special gift from us.

Beginning Sunday, November 26 Find the display in the lobby to see how you can help these families.

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You also can volunteer to help:

particular angel you chose.

deliver the gift's themselves the week of Dec. 18

Helping meet the need of an angel is as easy

instructions given to you that correspond with the

3. Deliver the gift during the week of December 18th by

1. Select an angel from the Angel Tree in the foyer

beginning November 26. You will follow the

2. Purchase a gift (costing \$25) and wrap it.

following directions given for your angel.

• Pray in advance for the families who will be touched by this ministry. Thanks!

To help or ask questions please contact Pastor Dieula Previlon at dieula@redeemerecc.org.

************* **Hanging the Greens**

Saturday, December 2, at 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Bring the whole family to "Deck the Halls!" Join us for a festive time decorating for Christmas!

Coffee & goodies will be provided.

LOTS of Help Needed...even 15 minutes is welcome! Come have fun setting up Christmas trees, hanging the wreaths, setting out the candles, etc.

Questions? Contact Cynthia Northrop at northropcommunications (at) gmail.com.

Advent Dinner ~ December 3 at 5:30 P.M.

Watch the lobby in November for ticket sales and sign up.

Join us for an evening of fun entertainment, joyful fellowship, and great food (catered meat and potluck side dishes and desserts). This is a great time to bring anyone who you want to get to

Help Needed

Setup: We will need lots of help after the worship service on Sunday, to move chairs, set up the tables, and do some decorating. Food: Help prepare and serve food and drinks. Clean up: We will need lots of help cleaning up. Contact Kathy Joiner at KJLNJJ (at) yahoo.com





Ray Utterback's Coleslaw Dressing

Ingredients:

1 cup mayonnaise 1 Tablespoon sugar (or Splenda) 1/4 cup milk 1/2 –3/4 cup sour cream

3 Tablespoons white vinegar

- 1/2 teaspoon celery salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 Tablespoons minced onion (optional)
- 1 bag of tri-color coleslaw

Directions:

- 1. Combine mayonnaise, sugar, milk, lemon juice, white vinegar, salt, and pepper in a bowl and beat until smooth.
- 2. Add the tri-color coleslaw and mix well.
- 3. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours, best overnight.



Blues, Jazz, and Gospel

Saturday, November 11, at 7:00 P.M.

Cassie Watson's *Performers Edge Dallas* will host a recital featuring blues, jazz, and gospel. Everyone is invited! Free admission.

Cassie Watson

903.736.2211 (cell) cassiewatson_music@yahoo.com

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Because **Love unites diversity**.



November Dates

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

Happy Birthday!

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11/01	Mae-Lin Mendoza						
11/03	Lori Dietrick						
11/03	Bill Donley						
11/03	Ann Maxwell						
11/04	Paisley Morales						
11/07	Noah Milbrandt						
11/09	Randy Clark						
11/10	Michelle Mendoza						
11/10	LO Barb Fletcher						
11/15	5 Katie Nielsen						
11/16	Mariana Salazar						
11/19	Vijay Sachdev						
11/20	Deb Christopher						
11/21	Carol Mahlum						
11/26	Amy Judd						
11/27	Kathy Burdett						
11/28	Mary Anne Jensen						
11/29	Donna Hoisington						
11/29	Kathy Lemay						
11/29	Jeannie Mullahey						
Happy Anniversary!							
11/21 Richard Flynn & Jeannie							

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	Mullahey				
11/23	Jim & Cindy Martin				
11/23	Dr. Willie & Rev. Anna Marie				
	Peterson				

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

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Weekly Update

Redeemer's News Email

Are you on the mailing list to receive our weekly news update? We send a weekly email updating news and highlighting ministries or upcoming events...Watch for it on Thursday afternoons.

It also links to our website for more details. To be added to the list, send your request and your email address to Lori@RedeemerECC.org.

You can unsubscribe any time by clicking on the link at the end of the email.

Building Koinonia



Enjoy a meal together during the month of November

SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY



Come Hang Out with Us!

Sign up to join others for an informal dinner and relaxing time of fellowship...no other purpose than to get to know each other.

Choose from one of these dates:

Saturday, November 11 - hosted by Steve & Julie Walker
Friday, November 17 - hosted by Ron & Julie Persson
Saturday, November 18 - hosted by Jeremy & Jayme Wright (game night theme)

Signup sheets are in the church lobby. (Sign each individual up on a separate line so hosts can get an accurate head count.) The hosts will inform participants of the specific time and place.





Questions about the garden? Contact Lori Vriend at 972-466-0054 or Lori@RedeemerECC.org. Find us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/ Harvest-Community-Garden/ 211811232239434

Book Club

Sunday, November 12 at 7-9:00 P.M.

Our Book Club meets in Fellowship Hall to discuss one book a month from a wide variety of genres, both Christian and secular. This November, we will meet a week earlier than usual, due to the Thanksgiving



holiday. We will discuss *Ordinary Grace* **by William Kent Krueger**. For details about book club, contact Lori Vriend at Lori@RedeemerECC.org.

December/January

We are going to combine the December and January newsletters this year. Since the month of December is

such a full month and since Redeemer's leaders and pastoral staff will be taking various vacations and time off in December, we will not be producing a January newsletter. So, the deadline for the January newsletter is November 20! Send your info to Lori@RedeemerECC.org.

Financial Update

Last year the church received a large gift which was discussed at the June congregation meeting. At that time a vote was taken to use 10% to fund a perpetual scholarship award. No specific decision was made to tithe any of the gift beyond setting up the scholarship. The church has since received an additional gift of \$35,000 from the same individual which was specifically designated as a gift to the ECC denomination as well as the Mid-South conference.

Year-to-date general giving (excluding the large gift) is running lower than the 2017 budget. As a reminder, when the budget committee was establishing the anticipated giving for 2017, the recent actual giving in 2016 had been running about 5% higher than the 2016 budget. The decision was made to also increase the 2017 giving budget by 5%. The extra giving resulted in expected contributions exceeding budgeted spending by about \$25,000. The anticipation was this excess amount would be used for building repairs. Currently the giving is about \$19,000 below expectations which has lowered the excess available for the building. Spending overall is in line with the budget.

With a large amount of the special gift being allocated to the building repairs, the lower giving amounts has not had an impact on what is being done on the building and facilities.

If you have any questions, contact Redeemer's Treasurer, Gaylon Hull, at GHull (at) Ismech.com or our Financial Treasurer, Jayme Wright, at Jaymelwright (at) yahoo.com.

Pray for Our Budget Committee

Please pray for Redeemer's Council and the Budget Committee this month as they look at our finances and work on a budget for 2018.

This year's Budget Committee is:

- Mike Castelli
- Mark Mohrweis
- Gaylon Hull
- Mike Schimelpfenig
- Jayme Wright
- Melanie Johnson Their job is to look at our finances and giving trends, estimate next year's giving and income, listen to all the ministry leaders and consider their budget requests, and propose a budget to the Council.

Then, at the January congregational meeting, the Council will propose the new budget for congregational approval.

Redeemer Covenant Church Contributions Report

As of: 10/29/2017			
Monthly Contributions:			
General	21,354.00		
eGiving	5,492.75		
Crisis Relief	326.00		
Missions	0.00		
Facilities - Rent	1,000.00		
Designated			
Pastor Appreciation	5,559.00		
Penny Manna	240.00		
Hearts & Soles	455.00		
Total Monthly Contributions	\$34,426.75		
Year-to-Date Contributions:			
General	272,682.71		
eGiving	57,688.18		
Crisis Relief	4,241.00		
Missions	15.00		
Facilities - Renovate/Rent	10,175.00		
Designated			
Hearts & Soles	1,505.00		
Penny Manna	832.84		
Pastor Appreciation	5,559.00		
VBS Missions	679.00		
Hurricane Harvey Relieft	785.00		
Youth Missions	3,722.00		
Total YTD Contributions	\$357,884.73		
YTD General Budget	\$352,968.00		
YTD Actual	\$330,370.89		
YTD Difference	-\$22,597.11		

Penny Manna

A simple way to bless those in need!

- 1) Collect all those unwanted coins
- 2) Place them in the Penny Manna Jar in the church lobby.

All donations go to Covenant World Relief.

Our Denomination

Redeemer is a member of The Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC). Visit the webpage www.covchurch.org.

Find Us on **Facebook**

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



Thank you for Trunk or Treat!

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped make Trunk-or-Treat a success! And thanks for your flexibility to come inside due to the rainy, cold weather! Whether you handed out candy, donated baked goods or candy, or help with the activities or clean up, you were a valued and important piece to the event's success! - Tasha Moore

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THE MASTER'S TOUCH

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PURPLE = Fellowship Hall RED = Sanctuary GREEN = CE Wing PINK = Whole Church ORANGE = Office BLUE = Prayer Room BROWN = Sanctuary Annex			1 7-8:30 pm: Prayer, Bible Study, CREW, Kids Connect, ESL, Iglesia Emanuel	2 Council meeting 7p.m. Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6:15 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm	3	4
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9:30am Get to Know Redeemer Class 6pm Racial Reconciliation Group at Bethel	6	7	8 7-8:30 pm: Prayer, Bible Study, CREW, Kids Connect, ESL, Iglesia Emanuel	9 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6:15 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm	10 CREW Lock-In 7	11 Women's "Activate" Conference Dinner with a Twist Performer's Edge Recital 7pm
12 Book Club 7pm	13 Women Woven in Christ Potluck Lunch 12pm	14	15 7-8:30 pm: Prayer, Bible Study, CREW, Kids Connect, ESL, Iglesia Emanuel	16 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6:15 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm	17 Dinner with a Twist	18 Dinner with a Twist
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26 Angel Tree begins	27	28 Budget Committee	29 7-8:30 pm: Prayer, Bible Study, CREW, Kids Connect, ESL, Iglesia Emanuel		PLAN AHEAD: 12/2 Hanging the Gree 12/3 Advent Dinner at 12/10 Children's Chris 10:45 a.m. 12/24 Christmas Eve 5 11:00 p.m. 12/27 NO Wednesday	5:30 p.m. tmas Program at Service at 6:00 &





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Worship at Redeemer

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

November Sermons

November 5 - Luke 17:17-18 "The Power of Praise and Thanksgiving" - Guest Speaker, Elvis Obinma

- November 12 Revelation 22 "The Task (Before Us)"
- November 19 Thanksgiving Service & Feast

November 26 - "Christ the King"

Master's Touch Submissions

To submit information or an article, e-mail it to Lori at Lori@RedeemerECC.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 Wednesday: 9 AM — 4 PM (Staff meeting 2 — 3 PM) Thursday: 9 AM — 4 PM Friday: 9 AM — 4 PM (Lori's day off) Saturday: Closed

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