

February 2015



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

The Master's Touch

From the Pastor's Desk

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

(1 Corinthians 3:16)

There were divisions over who was the "true" leader. A sex scandal had broken out. Lawsuits were filed. Accusations of spending time with the wrong people were made. Even the basic beliefs which everyone had agreed upon were called into question. In short, it was a complete mess.

Am I describing a soap opera? Or the latest political scandal? Nope. These are all actual events that took place in the church at Corinth. These early Christians at Corinth struggled with what it meant to follow Christ and how to get along. Paul had to write not one, but two letters to this church to try to straighten them out. Yet, even with all this pain and divisiveness, Paul was still convinced that the Corinthians were still being

used by God – they were His temple – and he did not give up on them.

For the sermons this spring, we are going to be going through the book of 1 Corinthians and see some of the problems of Corinth firsthand. While we may cringe at the pain and brokenness of the Corinthians, there is also

hope – God is still clearly at

work in

this church. It is a reminder to us that God is at work in our own lives and in the lives of those around us despite the brokenness, anger, or divisiveness. Just as the Corinthians needed to know 2,000 years ago, we need to hear it again today: We are **God's temple** – in spite of the mess!

— Pastor Mark

PastorMark@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org



News from the Annual Meeting

On Sunday, January 25, Redeemer had our annual congregational meeting at which we received 2014 ministry reports, the proposed 2015 budget, and a new photo directory. If you would like a copy of the reports, there are copies in the foyer. If you would like a directory, they are in the church office. Here are some highlights from the meeting:

Good News!

We ended the year with \$30,000 extra in our general fund. We decided to use

\$15,000 for improvements on our building and some needed equipment. At the Annual meeting we voted to use this money on:

- New carpet for the foyer, hallways and fellowship hall (\$11,000)
- New furniture and décor for the foyer (\$2,000)
- A new mic and bass amp for sound (\$1,000)
- Upgrade the youth room (\$1,000)

Thanks for your faithful giving. If our **giving trends keep up, we'll be able to**

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News and Updates from the Congregational Meeting

present more ideas to improve our building and upgrade equipment at the June meeting.

New Members

We welcomed: Gene Burk, Linda Burk, Elvis Obinma, Eunice Obinma, and Carol Mahlum into our membership.

Land Deal Update*

At the last update, we were told we needed to provide a traffic impact study in order to move forward. The good news: Our traffic study found no complications and we can move forward! HOWEVER, we have been informed that the city staff member overseeing our case still does not like the project.

He believes that density issues should hold the project back. We happen to disagree with him (in Christ-like manner!). There are two reasons we disagree: First, we are next to an apartment building which has a much higher density rate than our project does. Second, the **City's brand new Raiford Crossing (Old Denton, just south of Frankford)** has similar density buildings to our project.

Here's where we need your help!! We are ON for the March 5th Planning and Zoning meeting. Between now and then the buyer of our property is working with the city staff member to address his concerns. Whether he changes his mind before March 5th or not, our job is to show up in full force at that meeting registering our **support**. **It isn't uncommon for the Planning & Zoning Committee to go against the recommendation of the city staff member.**

We will keep you posted on Sunday mornings. Look for sign-up sheets and further instructions in the foyer!

**The events of the Land deal can change very quickly. We will keep you updated on Sunday mornings as we hear more. If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Mark.*

2015 Budget

The proposed budget is shown below. This budget has been recommended and approved by our church council.

This includes a "tithe" of our general giving to the ECC of 10% (\$37,500*) and to the Mid-South Conference of 5% (\$18,750*)

Administration	17,861
Council	3,120
Discipleship	8,186
Evangelism	1,040
Facilities	108,000
Fellowship	2,600
Missions	4,380
Personnel	169,656
Worship	5,995
Designated	

*The budget proposal is for the percentage giving to the ECC and Midsouth. The numbers in parenthesis are only guidelines, not the final amount.

Nominating Committee

Each year at the January congregational meeting, members approve a committee whose job it is to **nominate council leaders for half of Redeemer's council positions**. Those nominees are voted on at the June congregational meeting. In odd years, like 2015, we vote on the positions of vice chair, church treasurer, council secretary, evangelism chair, property chair, and worship chair. The Nominating Committee whom we approved for this year includes:

- Mark Mohrweis
- Joe Wakeman
- MaryRose Anderson

Please pray **for the Spirit's direction for them, and that the people God is calling to leadership will be receptive.**

Midsouth Family Camp

March 20-22, 2015

Midsouth Family Camp will be a weekend of fun, faith and fellowship! It is on the beautiful grounds of Frontier Camp in the **piney woods of east Texas (near Grapeland)**. Enjoy God's beautiful creation, great fellowship, deepen your walk with Christ, and get away from your normal routine to rest and renew. Watch the website for more info: midsouthcov.org.

Giving Report for January

YTD Budget	\$29,006.77
Deposit:	
General	\$22,363.68
Crisis Relief	\$255.00
Missions	\$0.00
Facilities	\$576.00
Designated	
Youth Missions	<u>\$3,265.05</u>
Total Monthly Deposit	\$26,459.73

The Season of Lent Begins this Month

The season of Lent begins on February 18th this year. The word *Lent* comes from an Anglo-Saxon word referring to the lengthening of days in the move from winter to spring. The season begins with Ash Wednesday and lasts for forty days (excluding Sundays). This is a reflective and penitential season, asking Christians to examine themselves as they remember the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus on their behalf. Significant days observed during the Lenten season include Ash Wednesday, the Sundays in Lent, and the days of Holy Week, including the special days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.



Worship Service
February 18
7-7:30 P.M.
in the sanctuary

Ash Wednesday calls Christians to remember their mortality and their need for a Savior. It is a time of new beginning... putting aside the sins and failures of the past in light of who we are yet to become by the grace of God. The ashes are a sign of both mortality (“ashes to ashes and dust to dust”) and purification and cleansing. The tone and atmosphere of the worship service is solemn and meditative.

Redeemer’s Ash Wednesday Service will be at 7:00 P.M. in the sanctuary. (Regular Wednesday activities like the Bible study, Soul Sisters, prayer groups, Redeemer Kids, and CREW will begin at 7:30 P.M.)

Winner of the 3rd Annual Soup-er Bowl Cook Off

Congratulations to Linda Carlson-Burks for winning the January 25, 2015 Soup-er Bowl Cook Off!

Our favorite was her Ham Potato Soup (recipe below).

A big THANK YOU! to all the cooks who entered the cook off and prepared food. Also, thank you to all who made this fun, yummy lunch possible by setting up, joining us, and cleaning up.

- Kathy Joiner, Fellowship chair
[KJlnjj \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:KJlnjj@yahoo.com)



Ham Potato Soup From Linda Carlson-Burks

Ingredients:

4 cups peeled and diced potatoes
½ cup celery, diced
½ cup finely chopped onion
Diced cooked ham - I used at least 2 cups!
3½ cups water
2 Tablespoons chicken bouillon granules

Black pepper
Salt, optional (the ham is usually salty enough)
5 Tablespoons butter
5 Tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 cups milk

Combine the potatoes, celery, onion, ham, and water in the crock-pot. Cook until potatoes are tender. Stir in the bouillon and pepper.

In a separate saucepan, melt butter, whisk in flour with a fork, stir constantly until thick (a minute or so). Slowly stir in milk. Stir constantly so lumps don’t form (If they do, mash them out with the fork!) Stir the milk mixture into the crock-pot and cook until heated thoroughly.

Note from Linda: I made mine a couple days ahead of time. When I heated it up, it was quite thick, so I added more hot milk to get the desired consistency. Enjoy!!!



Mark your calendar!

Sunday, March 1

Bethel-Redeemer Potluck Lunch!

Who?

Redeemer & Bethel Bible Fellowship

When?

Immediately following worship

Where?

At Bethel: 1944 E. Hebron Parkway

Learn more about Bethel at BethelBibleFellowship.org

February is Redeemer Praise Team Appreciation Month!

We will be recognizing Redeemer's volunteer Praise Team members on Sunday, February 15th.

Our praise team's commitment to serving the Lord through worship has been remarkable. Lives get busy, but I am thankful and blessed that these individuals have consistently made it a priority to lead our congregation in heart-felt worship. My heart is full when I think of their dedication and the blessing it is to minister with them.

Throughout February, please let these individuals know how much you appreciate them. Whether with a card or, simply, a hug and kind words, let's show them some love! :-)

- Our musicians: Tom Muncy (piano), Jim Martin (guitar), Taylor Petty (bass), Jake Petty (everything), Jimmy Muncy (drums)

- Our tech people: Bill Donley (sound), Steve Walker (sound), Kathy Lemay (PowerPoint), Lori Vriend (PowerPoint), Amy Judd (PowerPoint), Elaine Petty (PowerPoint), Cliff Erickson (sound)
- Our singers: Katie Neilson, Neil Milbrandt, Nancy Donley, Heather Erickson, Rachel Johnson, Lori Jones, Marissa Lemay, Emme Basnett

Thank so much,

Cassie Watson
(903)736-2211

CassieWatson_music@yahoo.com

P.S. If you missed Tina and Amy at the 2014 Advent Talent Show, don't worry! You can see the show and this famous hilarious duo at [http://youtube/oolYlscQ- A](http://youtube/oolYlscQ-A).

Join Us!

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 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 at [fmcastelli \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:fmcastelli@gmail.com).

Redeemer's Book Club

Sunday, February 15, 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 read and discuss one book a month from a wide variety of genres. This month we will discuss *Snowflower and the*

Secret Fan by Lisa See. Contact Lori at 972-466-0054 or RedeemerECC@gmail.com.

ESL Class

On Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall



This weekly ESL class (English as a Second Language) is for anyone who wants to learn the basics of speaking English. Contact Pastor Dieula at DieulaPrevilon@gmail.com.

Collegiate Day of Prayer

Thursday, February 26

Please remember to pray for our colleges and college students on this day. Pray also for Justin Christopher and Campus Renewal Ministries, which we support. For more information, see www.collegiatedayofprayer.org.

Ladies' Game Night!



Friday, February 27
7-9:00 P.M.



Fellowship Hall

Ladies, please join us and bring a friend!
Play games
Deepen friendships
Make new friend

Contact Jayme at [jaymelwright \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:jaymelwright@yahoo.com)

Learn More About Us

Find Us on Facebook

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/

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 us on the web: covchurch.org and facebook.com/covchurch.

February Dates

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

Happy Birthday!

2/03	Marcia Seebachan
2/06	Zoe Plouff
2/07	Lori Vriend
2/08	Michele Dryden
2/11	John Seeley
2/17	Erica Jaime
2/20	Jan Erickson
2/20	Walker Moore
2/21	Emme Basnett
2/23	Roland Boyce
2/23	Stanley Campbell
2/23	Julie Muncy
2/23	Devin Previlon
2/23	Justin Previlon
2/24	Garrett LEMAY
2/26	Marilou Castelli
2/26	Steven Schwarz

Happy Anniversary!

2/03	Ken & Jessica OLSON
2/26	Andy & Darlene CLARK

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

CREW

Disciple Now at Redeemer



5 pm, Friday,
February 13

to
9 pm, Saturday,
February 14

Activities include:

- City Rockfest Concert
- Mini Poverty Simulation & Mission Project
- Group Dynamix
- Creative messages, experiences, & worship

Cost: \$30/person (If the cost is prohibitive, please contact Haley.) Reserve your spot by Feb. 8! RSVP to Haley at feuerbacherh@gmail.com or 214-394-7799.

Get Your Gift Cards!

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

FIGHT CLUB

Sunday, February 1

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 pm as we discuss issues that we as young Christians – and young women – face in this world.

New Sunday School Study Begins

Sundays, 9:30-19:30 A.M.

“What in the World?: Christians and Current Events”

Each week throughout the month of February, we will analyze a different current event and discuss various perspectives and ways that we as Christians might respond to these issues in ways that are faithful to our mission to follow Scripture and Christ’s examples.

Thanks be to God!

- Hebron High School senior Michelle Mendoza was accepted to the University of South Florida and the University of Arizona. Please be praying for Michelle as she makes the big decision as to where to attend college. Congratulations, Michelle, on an outstanding high school career thus far!
- Senior Shelbie White was recently hired at Coffee ‘N’ Cream in Frisco, TX. We’re proud of Shelbie’s hard work and know she will make a great employee!

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!



Jars of Love

Customized mason jars filled with your choice of candies
OR packets of iced cookies – the perfect way to let someone
know you appreciate them this Valentine’s Day!

Looking to show your appreciation for that special friend, relative, teacher, coach, or minister?

Order a hand-decorated “Jar of Love,” filled with your choice of candy and attach a personal note!

CANDY JARS:

\$7 per jar

4 or more jars for \$5 apiece

COOKIE PACKETS:

3 cookies for \$3.50

5 cookies for \$5.00

ORDER BY FEBRUARY 8 ~ Order forms are in the church foyer and on our website, redemerecc.org.

PICK-UP YOUR ORDERS ~ at church on **Sunday, February 8** (for orders placed prior to February 4), or on **Wednesday, February 11**.

~ Proceeds go toward the youth trip to this summer’s CHIC 2015 conference in Tennessee.

Questions? Contact Pastor Haley at feuerbacherh@gmail.com or 214-394-7799.



ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH
**hurts, habits
& hangups?**
Celebrate Recovery
HERE. THURSDAYS AT 7PM.

Celebrate Recovery at Redeemer

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program based on the Beatitudes.

We meet every Thursday evening. You do not have to be a member of Redeemer Church to attend. All are welcome.

What Celebrate Recovery Is:

- A safe place to share
- A refuge
- A place of belonging
- A place to care for others and be cared for
- Where respect is given to each member
- Where confidentiality is highly regarded
- A place to learn
- A place to demonstrate genuine love
- A place to grow and become strong again
- A place for progress
- Where you can take off your mask and allow others to know who you are
- A place for healthy challenges and healthy risks
- A possible turning point in your life

What Celebrate Recovery Is Not:

- A place for selfish control
- Therapy
- A place for secrets
- A place to look for dating relationships
- A place to rescue or be rescued by others
- A place for perfection
- A place to judge others
- A quick fix

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. - Cafe Koinonia

February Topics:

February 5 - Powerless

February 12 - Testimony*

February 19 - Hope

February 26 - Testimony*

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

In January we learned about denial. What is denial?

Denial has been defined as “a false system of beliefs that are not based on reality” and “a self-protecting behavior that keeps us from honestly facing the truth.”

Visit the Celebrate Recovery page at redeemerecc.org for more information.

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

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

Community Wednesday Classes

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 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

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 February, 2015

9:30 -10:30 A.M.

Date	Adults (Fellowship Hall)	Youth (Youth Room 110)	Children (CE Wing Room 109)	Prayer Room
February 1	Mary - Justice Luke 1:26-56	"What in the World? Christians and Current Events"	Jesus Heals, Prays, & Teaches - Mark 1:29-30	Open for prayer
February 8	The Magi - Generosity Matthew 2:1-12	"What in the World? Christians and Current Events"	Jesus Calms a Storm Mark 4:35-41	Open for prayer
February 15	Philip - Evangelism Acts 6,8, & 21	"What in the World? Christians and Current Events"	4 Friends Help a Paralyzed Man - Mark 21-12	Open for prayer
February 22	Barnabas - Integrity Acts 4, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15	"What in the World? Christians and Current Events"	Jesus Heals the Blind Man Mark 10:46-52	Open for prayer

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 CREW Fight Club 7-8:30pm	2 HGC Board mtg. 6pm	3	4 7pm: ESL Class Redeemer Kids, CREW, Men's & Ladies' Prayer Groups, Bible Study, Soul Sisters	5 Council meeting 7pm Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Small Group 8pm • Café Kononia 9pm	6	7 Harvest Community Gardener Mtg. 9am
8 Pick up <i>Jars of Love</i> orders & final chance to order <i>Jars of Love</i>	9	10 E Team 7:15 pm Exec. Committee mtg. 7pm	11 7pm: ESL Class Redeemer Kids, CREW, Men's & Ladies' Prayer Groups, Bible Study, Soul Sisters Final pick up for <i>Jars of Love</i> orders	12 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Small Group 8pm • Café Kononia 9pm	<div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> CREW's Disciple Now 5pm Friday to 9pm Saturday </div>	
15 Praise Team Appreciation Day Book Club 7-9pm	16 Missions team mtg. 7:30 p.m.	17	18 ASH WEDNESDAY Ash Wednesday Service 7-7:30pm 7:30pm: ESL Class Redeemer Kids, CREW, Men's & Ladies' Prayer Groups, Bible Study, Soul Sisters	19 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Small Group 8pm • Café Kononia 9pm	20	21
22	23	24	25 7pm: ESL Class Redeemer Kids, CREW, Men's & Ladies' Prayer Groups, Bible Study, Soul Sisters	26 Collegiate Day of Prayer Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Small Group 8pm • Café Kononia 9pm	27 Ladies' Game Night 7-9pm	28 Men's Breakfast 8:30am
March 1 Potluck Lunch at Bethel Bible Fellowship 12pm				PLAN AHEAD: March 1 Potluck lunch with Bethel March 20-22 - Midsouth Family Camp 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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www.covchurch.org

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

February 1 - 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

“God Bless This Mess”

February 8 - 1 Corinthians 1:10-17, 3:1-9

“Two Churches on a Deserted Island”

February 15 - 1 Corinthians 4:1-13

“Being Put in Our Place”

February 22 - 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

“So THAT’S How It Is In Their Family”

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