# May 2015



# Touch The Master

# From the Pastor's Desk

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God this is your true and proper worship." (Romans 12:1)

This month we will finish our sermon series through the Book of First Corinthians. My hope is that anyone out there who thinks their lives are messy would see that God can work through the mess – just look at the church of Corinth! The book will finish on an important topic – learning how to worship together.

Worship is messy. If you have too much order and regulation it becomes a set of rules to follow. If there is too much freedom, we lose sight of the reason we have gathered to worship to begin with. Not only that, we can start to equate worship solely with Sunday morning. As a result, we picture worship as primarily sitting and listening rather than utilizing our entire bodies as Romans teaches us. First Corinthians talks about many aspects of worship: what to wear, how to take communion, how to share spiritual gifts, for example. It will give us a different teaching on each topic, but they are united by an overarching theme. That theme is:

Do not treat your worship passively or light heartedly. True worship impacts your mind. It impacts your



relationships. It impacts your heart. And it reveals God both to you and to those around you.

Like the Corinthians, we can get so caught up in the routine of worship we forget what it is in the first place. I want to encourage you this month to remember that our worship is everything – **let's treat it as such**.

– Pastor Mark

PastorMark@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org

# Save the Date: Sunday, June 7 Congregational Meeting

**Redeemer's semi**-annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 P.M. After our worship

service that morning, we will have a free lunch for everyone in Fellowship Hall. Then, after lunch, we will reconvene in the sanctuary.

At this meeting we will update our membership rolls, hear updates on

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our Renovate Campaign and land deal, hear updates on our financials for the year, and finally vote on new

council members (vice chair, treasurer, secretary, and evangelism, property, and worship chairs).

Please mark your calendars and make sure to be present at our meeting. Thanks!

# Please Join Us!

# Small Groups Ministry

Want to develop deeper, more authentic relationships? Want to grow in your faith? We are currently forming small groups and considering these as *possibilities*:

- Sunday evenings for families and kids
- Sunday evenings for "empty nesters"

• Tuesday evenings - for anyone Would you like to join a group? Please contact Pastor Mark at 972-466-0054. PastorMark@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org

# Get to Know Redeemer Class

Sundays, May 10, 17, and 24, 9:30-10:30 A.M.

Would you like to know more about our church? Do you have questions about the Covenant denomination? Do you want to learn how to become a member?



Everyone is invited to join us for this 3 week class in Fellowship Hall. Contact Pastor Mark at 972-466-0054.

#### Be a Good Neighbor! Saturdays, May 16 and 23



TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: The corner of McCoy and Golden Gate Palisades Point HOA (the neighborhood immediately south of Redeemer) won a grant to improve their entryway sign and landscaping.

Throughout the month of May they will be working on Saturday mornings to put the new improvements in. THEY NEED OUR HELP: On *May 16<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>* they will be planting larger trees and need some extra hands on deck to help. They will be starting at 9 A.M. on the corner of McCoy and Golden Gate - mere feet from Redeemer's property.

Not only do we need to be a good neighbor, but the Palisades Point HOA was incredibly supportive of our land deal. Without them, we may never have passed through Planning and Zoning.

Let's show our support and be a good neighbor by joining in on both the 16th and the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

# Men's Breakfast

Saturday, May 30 at 8:30 A.M. Men of all ages are invited to meet for breakfast, devotions, and building friendships. Meet in the Fellowship



#### Soul Sisters

Wednesdays, 7:00 P.M.

All women are invited to join this group at any time. Everyone is welcome! We have just begun a



new study on *Unglued* by Lysa Terkeurst. Please join us! Child care is provided. Questions? Contact Jayme Wright at jaymelwright (at) yahoo.com.

## **Redeemer's Book Club**

Sunday, May 17, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. We read and discuss one book a month from a variety of genres--noting how our faith and various experiences impact our understanding. *Everyone is welcome!* 



Come as often as you can: once a year or every month. For this month: *Silence* by Shusaku Endo (a book about the past martyrdom of Christians in Japan). Contact Lori at RedeemerECC@gmail.com.

#### Coppell Community Chorale Concert: *"Made in America"*

Looking for something to do with your Redeemer friends? Here is a concert you could go to!

- When? Saturday, May 2 (3 P.M. & 7 P.M.) Sunday, May 3 (3 P.M.)
- Where? Coppell Center for the Arts 157 S. Moore Road in Coppell www.copellcommunitychorale.com

Cost? Adults (13 +) - \$10

Children (3 -3 12) - \$5 Tickets are available from Gene & Linda Burks. Contact Linda at LHBelldiva (at) gmail.com or 832-549-4417.



# Land Deal

Tuesday, May 5, at 7 P.M.

We are ON for May 5<sup>th</sup> to meet with the City (again!) regarding our land deal.

We need Redeemer members to once again show up and voice their support.

The meeting is at Carrollton City Hall 1945 E. Jackson Rd Carrollton, TX 75006 Please be sure to sign up in the foyer after worship on Sunday so



we'll know who can be there.



2015 CAR SHOW FOR HAITI HAITI Saturday, May 2 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=sign ups.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.

# Celebrate Recovery

# HERE. THURSDAYS AT 7PM.

Join us as we lean on Jesus to free us from our hurts, habits, and hang ups.

#### 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.

# Re-Engage

#### Saturdays until August 15 6:00-7:30 p.m.



The Ridge Church in Carrollton has invited Redeemer couples to join them for RE-ENGAGE, their marriage ministry designed to help marriages grow stronger.

The format is large group teaching followed by a small group discussion period. There is no fee and childcare is provided. The classes will be meeting on Saturday nights.

See the flyer in the foyer if you have any questions. To register, or learn more, see <u>http://www.ridgeonline.org/</u> events/event/78/re-engage/2015-04-18

# PURSES FOR HAITI

#### Ladies of Redeemer Church & Bethel Bible Fellowship:

You are invited to bless the women who Associate Pastor Dieula will meet on her summer mission trip to Haiti. We will be assembling 50 purses for her to give to them.



## 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.



# Meet Our Missionaries - Tim and Helen Smith

Tim and Helen Smith are Covenant missionaries whose field of service has been The Congo in Africa since 2010.

Their work has centered on Christian formation and discipleship, community development and leadership development.

Since the middle of 2014 they have been on home assignment back in the U.S.

Along with taking a breather and visiting supporting churches they have had to deal with physical problems. Tim is recovering from having knee replacement surgery.



Helen was diagnosed with breast cancer and I believe is still under treatment. We had hoped for a visit from them in April but that has been postponed indefinitely. However we would like to feature them soon in a Sunday service and keep up-to-date with them through our prayer support and any other means of bringing encouragement to this devoted couple in

their time of need.

- Joe Wakeman, Missions Committee Chair Joellewakeman (at) verizon.net



In April 2012, Redeemer ECC built Harvest Community Garden in partnership with Keep **Carrollton Beautiful (as the Garden's 501c3** parent organization).

The mission of Harvest Community Garden is to enable people in the Carrollton area to:

- Learn how to grow produce using organic practices
- Have garden space that might not be available to them (e.g. apartments, assisted living centers)
- Feed the hungry We donate at least half of the harvest to the food pantry at Christian Community Action (CCA).
- Foster a sense of community as people make connections with one another
- Provide service and volunteer opportunities using the community garden as the focus

In order to provide a sustainable community garden opportunity for citizens of Carrollton without regard to their demographic or socio-economic position, the plot rental cost is kept low. Full plots are only \$40 per year and half plots are \$20/year. Tools, soil, water, and gardening education are all free.

We have twelve (4' x 20') plots and hope to build another 12. We have a storage shed with many garden tools and supplies available to gardeners and volunteers. We also have a rainwater collection system as well as an irrigation system.

2014 Highlights:

• In 2014 all of our plots were adopted by 15 gardeners who grew a wide variety of produce including: okra, tomatoes, peppers, beans, peas, beets, carrots, turnips, radishes, berries, melons, onions, garlic, kale, spinach, lettuce, eggplants, zucchini, cucumber, herbs and spices...and the list goes on.

• The gardeners experimented, helped each other out, and learned new things.

• We donated over 650 pounds of food to Community Christian Action's food bank in

Lewisville.

- We held 3 gardener meetings to share tips for organic gardening, dealing with pests, soil amendments, and the like.
- We received a donation of mulch from CFBISD and bought a load of dirt to help fill in shallow beds.
- We received free seeds from Rosemead Market.
- We struggled with an infestation of squash bugs so bad we had to pull up all our squash and other vine plants. Our hopes for the future and needs for help:
- We currently have 3 plots that are open for adoption.
- If the land deal goes through, the garden will need to be moved. -- We may need help relocating plants, etc. (Maybe this is a good time for us to fulfill our dream of expanding the number of beds in our garden or maybe putting in a pergola or picnic area?)
- We would like to involve more people from the church and community as volunteers.

Learn more:

Email Stan: grow@HarvestCommunitGarden.org On the web: www.HarvestCommunityGarden.org

www.keepcarrolltonbeautiful.org

Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/pages/</u> <u>Harvest-Community-Garden/211811232239434</u> Call Lori at the church: 972-466-0054.

## **Pastor Mark's Sabbatical**



Pastor Mark has been granted a sabbatical in 2015 by the Church Council. He will be away from his pastoral duties from June 8<sup>th</sup> until July 8<sup>th</sup> this year.

Pastor Mark plans to use this time to visit multi-ethnic churches in the region along with spending time with family in Seattle. Pray for a time of rest, insight, and spiritual growth during this season.

Pastor Dieula and Pastor Haley, along with some key volunteers, will be overseeing worship and pastoral care while he is gone. More details will follow next month.

#### Days of Prayer in May

National Day of Prayer: Thursday, May 7 While Redeemer will not be holding a special prayer meeting, we encourage everyone to pray for our nation. There are many prayer gatherings in our area.



See www.NationalDayofPrayer.org to learn more. "Yet give attention to Your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer

that Your servant is praying in Your presence this day." (I Kings 8:28)

Global Day of Prayer: Sunday, May 24 For a free copy of "A Prayer for the World," go to the Global Day of Prayer, USA site: www.gdopusa.com/resources/a-prayer-for-the-world



# A Mother's Day Prayer

May you know the love of God, More and more each day And know how much He values you In every little way Today, we want to let you know, We appreciate what you do And we want you to know that we Are thinking now of you.

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

#### Happy Birthday!

5/01	Andrew Clark
5/02	Marisa Vasquez
5/04	Rachel Johnson
5/04	Nicholas Morales
5/05	Bernice Campbell
5/06	Kimmy Petty
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- 5/07 Joy Persson
- 5/08 Haley Kroboth
- 5/09 Alana Burdett
- 5/09 Chuck Lamb
- 5/13 Sarah Muncy
- Linda Carlson-Burks 5/14
- 5/20 Ana Belville
- 5/23 Jacob Flynn
- 5/25 Eunice Obinma
- Liliana Salazar 5/26
- 5/31 Mia Flynn
- Happy Anniversary! Kate & David Conway 5/05 5/22 Taylor & Elaine Petty
- If we do not have your special day, please let us know so we can add you to the list.

#### Financial Report as of April 26 Thank you for giving to the Lord's work at Redeemer.

\$377,088.00	2015 Budget
\$7,251.69	2015 Weekly Budget
\$142,066.27	2015 YTD Actual
\$185.54	YTD Weekly Difference between Budget vs. Actual

# 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 kjlnji (at) yahoo.com (or contact the church office).



# CREW Youth Group

#### Fight Club

Sunday, May 3, 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.



Saturday, May 9, 4:45-8:15 P.M. Come be a part of this great ministry to families of children with special needs at

Holy Covenant United Methodist Church! We play with the children, do arts and crafts with them, and feed them a meal while their parents enjoy a kid-free evening.

#### CHIC Money Due on May 1! Attention, Youth: If you



are planning to attend CHIC this summer, please submit the remaining portion of your fees, including the excursion fees, to Haley Kroboth by May 1! Checks should be made out to Redeemer ECC.

#### CHIC Envelope Fundraiser Challenge Deadline: May 1!



HARVEY'S

- 1. Number 28 envelopes 1-28. The number on each envelope designates the amount of money to be donated.
- 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* 

#### 3rd Annual CREW Classic Volleyball Tournament

Saturday, May 16, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Start forming your teams today!

- \$10 per player
- At least 2 games per team
- At least 4 players per team, 4-6 per side on the court at all times
- $_{\odot}$  No size limit to rosters
- o Open to all persons age 10-adult!
- Recreational and competitive divisions will be formed

#### May is Youth Leader Appreciation Month!



Join us in honoring the

blessings that Joy Persson, Jake Petty, and Kimmy Petty are to our youth ministry by bringing the following to the CREW room each week:

Week 1 (May 1-8): Small items for gift baskets (See Haley for a suggested list; we will do a gift basket for each person)

Week 2 (May 9-16): Notes of encouragement and affirmation

Week 3 (May 17-24): Tasty treats (baked goods, snacks, candy, drinks)

Week 4 (May 25-31): Students' Choice!

(Come up with your own creative way to give thanks to and for our leaders! Ideas: provide a service for them, make a group gift for them, create a piece of art, music, or poetry for them, etc.)

## CREW Has Adopted a Child!

Our youth group visited the Compassion Experience, hosted by Compassion International. 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!



# CHIC 2015! July 12-17

Creative, Epic, Unique, Diverse. These are just some of the words that describe CHIC. From a huge welcome party to **water park excursions, DJ's by the pool to rafting in the** 

#### Smokey Mountains – the unique environment

at CHIC allows students to just be students! HOW DID IT GET STARTED?

In 1956, hundreds of Covenant high school students gathered together as the *Covenant High Congress*. This event has morphed through the years, moving from regional camps centered on small group Bible study, large group gatherings with speakers, music,

and recreation to outgrowing such venues. This growth prompted a change and in 1972, the East and West Coast Congresses combined, necessitating a location that was more conducive to the nearly 1,500 students who attended. **This legacy has become what is now "Covenant** 

**High in Christ", or CHIC.** Through the years CHIC has been modified and diversified, innovated and revolutionized; however, a few key elements remain: *CHIC is a triennial event where thousands of youth gather for small group Bible study and devotion, large group gatherings with speakers and music, and outdoor recreation.* 

#### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF CHIC?

There's nothing like CHIC! CHIC is the only conference that gathers all students from the Evangelical Covenant Church

"CHIC made me WANT to make time to spend with God...the experience made me actually want to grow in my relationship with Him." - student at CHIC2012 in one place for a time of worship, transformation, and fun. CHIC acts as a catalyst in **students' lives, helping them see the big picture of God's** Kingdom and inspiring them to dive deeper in their faith together. Through dynamic

speakers, relevant messages, small groups, Base Camps, and worship CHIC inspires students to live transformed lives – even giving of their time and resources to impact local communities and the world.

CHIC EXCURSIONS offer students fun and adventurous activities that support the mission, vision, and ministry of CHIC 2015. By facilitating activities that may be outside of **students' normal routines back home, our hope is that the** memories that they make on excursions will be woven into the tapestry of the once-in-a-lifetime event that is CHIC. Excursions provide great options for groups, both large and small. They are a fun way for students to experience the beauty of Tennessee while enjoying time with both

their group and new people they will meet. We believe that Excursions are an exciting piece of CHIC that will **amplify each participant's overall CHIC experience.** Excursion choices include: white water rafting,

> Tuckaleechee Cave Tour, outdoor paintball, horseback riding/cave tour combo, Alpine tower challenge course, The Lost Sea underground lake, hiking in the Smoky Mountains, and shopping at the mall.

Many Service Projects are available so students can learn to make a difference and explore where God might be calling them.

Working with Salvation Army, Beardsley Farm, CAC Office on Aging, Bridge Refugee Services, Head Start, and Knox Area Rescue Ministries are a few that are offered.

Project Blue is a project of CHIC2015. Through Project

Blue we will have the chance to do 3 things:

1) Become aware of the need for clean water and sanitation in India and around the world. "The different base camps and focus groups opened my eyes to how others view the world...and Wednesday night's mainstage allowed me to recommit myself to God surrounded by my closest friends and believers in Christ." - Student at CHIC2012

2) Become engaged in the issues of injustice

that exist in the world due to the lack of clean water and sanitation.

3) Work together to raise funds for the work that <u>Covenant World Relief</u> is doing in India and throughout the world to provide clean water and sanitation for poor, marginalized communities.

Speakers and Artists: CHIC is also known for bringing together a fantastic line-up of gifted communicators and musicians. Here is who will be featured at CHIC2015: Ben Stuart, Louie Giglio, Judy Peterson, Shane Claiborne, Eugene Cho, Erna Hackett, Lecrae, J. Kameron Carter, Rend collective, For King & Country, DJ Promote, Propaganda, Moriah Peters, KB, Anthem Lights, and Social Club.

Redeemer has 9 students and 3 youth leaders hoping to go to CHIC 2015. Please pray for their preparations and planning.

Have questions or want to make a donation? Contact Pastor Haley at FeuerbacherH@gmail.com

\* You can also sign up to receive CHIC prayer requests at http://chic2015.org/prayer/





# Gear Up for a VBS Expedition!

Our 5 day Everest expedition begins at Redeemer Church on Monday, July 6 and ends with our Summit celebration on Friday, July 10. If you would like to bless the children of our church as well as the surrounding mountains, please sign up!

These are the different stations where leaders and volunteers will be needed:

- Registration -\$ make name tags, keep track of attendance, and register new kids A HAR SERVICE AND
- Publicity distribute flyers, registration forms, and printed materials
- Preschool Peak work with our little preschoolers in their own environment
- ✤ Base Camp Sing & Play learn the 10 songs and their motions, lead the singing and opening activities, summarize the daily Bible story, and share the excitement as kids report their daily God Sightings
- Bible Expeditions set up the room each day, and lead kids though fun hands-on learning activities that make the Bible story come alive
- Imagination Station set up (3 days), demonstrate, and help kids experiment with their gizmos, and help them connect the fun experiments to the truths in the daily Bible verse
- Glacier Games set up games and lead the Crews in creative games
- KidVid Cinema set up and run films ò about real kids living out their faith in cool ways

Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power

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Mountaintop Treats - gather supplies; make, serve, and clean up the daily snack that connects with the Bible verse

Expedition Crew Leaders - arrive a little early, energetically take your Climbing Crew through the activities, and lead them in small group discussions and prayers

✤ Summit Celebration - collect supplies and props, use drama experiences and engaging object lessons to help kids apply what they have learned, and enthusiastically lead all the

kids in the daily Finale

- ➢ Sound Booth Technician run sound and microphones
- ➢ Media Technician operate computer, DVD's for music and Chadder video, and run the Spotlight VBS segment (on the large screen in the sanctuary)
- Spotlight VBS gather props, take photos 2 of the kids in specific poses, use the Spotlight VBS CD to create a cool photo presentation on the big screen
- Hospitality Room supply drinks and ð snacks for leaders and adult helpers, set up, and clean up each day
- Decorating help create a majestic ð mountain terrain throughout our church. There will be plenty of time options to help
- Providing materials see the bulletin ò board in the hall by the CE office. Pick a sheet with an item you can donate, fill it out, leave the colorful part for us, get the item and put it in the red collection bin. Be sure to attach the donation note to it.

For more information or to volunteer, contact: Julie Persson at ripersson (at) verizon.net. For decorations, contact Kathy Lemay at klemay (at) verizon.net.

# Midsouth Covenant Summer Camp for Kids! August 2-8, 2012

#### Midsouth Covenant Camp is a

summer camp 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 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>).

The theme for 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. We will study these Bible stories that demonstrate bullying: Cain, Samson, Joseph's brothers, and Saul of Tarsus.

Saul's Damascus Road experience is an illustration that "you have received the light" and how a bully's heart and behavior is changed.

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

Camp Registration forms are available

online at www.midsouthcov.org. (The \$50 deposit and registration fees can also be paid online.) Printed registration forms are available in Redeemer's foyer or office.

Camp Costs: The 2015 camp registration fee is \$465. All registration forms must include a \$50 deposit to reserve a place for each camper, and can be submitted by mail, FAX, or scan.

Save money with Early Registration! Early registration is \$415 (when the \$50 deposit and completed registration forms are postmarked by June 15). All campers who register by July 15 will receive a t-shirt upon arrival at camp. Additional t-shirts may ordered for \$10 each. A waiting list will be maintained for registrations received after cabins are full. All camp balances are due by August 2, 2015. Payments can also be made online at www.midsouthcov.org.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS are available

through Redeemer: Application forms are in the foyer. Turn them in to the church office no later than May 31. Contact Kimmy at Kimberly.Petty28 (at) gmail.com or Julie at rjpersson (at) verizon.net.



Counselors in Leadership Training (CILT) is a learning track for qualified high school students who have an interest in developing leadership skills and becoming camp counselors. They attend special CILT training sessions while at camp and participate in regular cabin and camp activities where they get "hands on" training experience. CILT applications are due by June 1 and upon acceptance into the CILT program, they register as a camper. Camper registration and deposit due June 15. CILT registration cost is \$375.

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

Conference. All staff members attend a training session (May 16 at Frontier **Camp) for instruction about the camp's** purpose and procedures, as well as general counseling techniques. Parents often volunteer as counselors while their own children attend camp. We still need male counselors!

#### Important Dates:

<u>May 16</u> = counselor orientation at Frontier Camp <u>June 1</u> = deadline for CILT applications <u>June 15</u> = deadline for Early Registration, \$50 deposit and registration forms due to the Midsouth office = deadline for CILT's camper registration and deposit July 15 = all camp paperwork is due at the Midsouth

office. All T-shirt orders must be received by the Midsouth office. (New campers only accepted as space permits after this date.)

<u>August 2</u> = all camp fees must be paid in full at camp check-in. Camp check-in is from 3-5 P.M.

<u>August 9</u> = Camp ends with closing program/brunch

Midsouth Conference Contact Information: (479) 631-1212 Email: office@midsouthcov.org www.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. 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 details



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. - *All women are welcome!* Join us in the conference room for encouragement, prayer, and study (*Unglued* by Lysa Terkeurst). 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: rjpersson (at) verizon.net.

Sundays in May at 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.					
Date	Adults (Fellowship Hall)	Youth (Youth Room 110)	Children (CE Wing Room 109)	Prayer Room	
May 3	Matthew 13:24-45 - Why did Jesus tell such confusing stories?	The Gospel of John	Acts 4:5-14 - Trusting in God makes us courageous	Open for prayer	
May 10	Matthew 15:21-28 - Was Jesus racist, or sexist - or both?	The Gospel of John	Acts 8: 26-40 - Follow where God leads	Open for prayer	
May 17	Luke 18:15-17 - <b>What's Jesus got</b> against grown-ups?	The Gospel of John	Acts 10: 1-44 - God wants us to tell everyone about Jesus	Open for prayer	
May 25	Luke 19:29-44 - What was really going on at Jesus' "Triumphal Entry" into Jerusalem?	The Gospel of John	Acts 11:19-26 - Christians should encourage each other	Open for prayer	
May 31	Matthew 26:36-55 - What if God wants more than I want to give?	The Gospel of John	Acts 2:1-21 - God gives us the Holy Spirit to help us	Open for prayer	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PURPLE = Fellowship Hall BLUE = Conference Room RED = Sanctuary GREEN = CE Wing PINK = Whole Church	PLAN AHEAD: June 7 - Congregatior July 5-10 - Vacation E July 12-17 - CHIC Yor August 2-8 - Midsouth	Bible School uth Conference			1 Purses for Haiti Project & Potluck 6:00 -9:30pm	2 Car Show for Haiti 9am-12pm
3 CREW fight Club 7pm	4	5 Carrollton City Council Meeting 7pm	6 7pm: ESL Class Redeemer Kids, CREW, Men's & Ladies' Prayer Groups, Bible Study, Soul Sisters	7 National Day of Prayer Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Share Groups 8pm • Café Kononia 9pm	8	9 CREW at Harvey's Kids 4:45-8:15pm
10 <b>Mother's Day</b> Get to Know Redeemer Class 9:30am	11	12	13 7pm: ESL Class Redeemer Kids, CREW, Men's & Ladies' Prayer Groups, Bible Study, Soul Sisters	14 Council/Staff mtg. 7pm Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Share Groups 8pm • Café Kononia 9pm	15	16 CREW Volleyball Tournament 9am-4pm Help Palisades HOA 9am
17 Get to Know Redeemer Class 9:30am Book Club 7pm	18	19	20 7pm: ESL Class Redeemer Kids, CREW, Men's & Ladies' Prayer Groups, Bible Study, Soul Sisters	21 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Share Groups 8pm • Café Kononia 9pm	22	23 Help Palisades HOA 9am
24 Global Day of Prayer Get to Know Redeemer Class 9:30am 31	25 Memorial Day Office closed	26	27 7pm: ESL Class Redeemer Kids, CREW, Men's & Ladies' Prayer Groups, Bible Study, Soul Sisters	28 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Share Groups 8pm • Café Kononia 9pm	29	30 Men's Breakfast 8:30am





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# 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

- May 3 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 "The Lord's Supper"
- May 10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 "Learning to Love Your Body"
- May 17 1 Corinthians 13:1-11 "The Gift With No Expiration Date"
- May 24 1 Corinthians 14:26-40 "The First Worship Wars"
- May 31 1 Corinthians 15:1-7, 50-58 "The Mess That Was Blessed - The Resurrection"

# Master's Touch

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 ам — 4 рм (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

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