

July 2015



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

# The Master's Touch

## From the Pastor's Desk

### First Responders

Some of you may remember the search for three climbers, one of whom was from the Dallas area, who disappeared on **Oregon's Mt. Hood in December, 2006.**

One of those men was the father of two friends and coworkers of mine. I remember the thoughts that ran through my head when they returned to work **after their father's body was recovered:** Would they break down if I told them how sorry I was? Would I offend either one of them by letting them know I was praying for them, or would I be presenting them with theologies that made no sense to their pain if I told them **I believed that God's heart was broken** too? Would it seem clichéd and insincere to offer the same help that I was sure everyone was offering? With all of these questions swirling through my brain, I chose the worst possible course of action: **inaction. That's right, I did nothing.** I basically acted as though nothing had happened. But the fact was that something tragic had happened, and my business-as-usual attitude did nothing to communicate to them my care for them or to provide a supportive, safe space for them to grieve.

When tragedy strikes, we often do not know what to do. On a collective level, **the Christian Church's record in response** to catastrophe, evil, pain, and injustice has been historically uneven. At times, Christians have been at the forefront of responses of love, justice, courage, and mercy; at others Christians have explicitly aligned themselves with forces of harm and oppression; and at other times still, the Church has not had much visible response to suffering in our midst. However, as I learned from my mistake nine years ago, non-response is indeed an action - a choice - and can oftentimes be just as troubling as the pain and oppression itself.

It seems that each week brings a new pain, a new suffering, a new injustice, a new tragedy. What should we do in the face of suffering? In John 9, Jesus is confronted by those who want to know **the cause of a blind man's suffering.** Jesus responds by saying that the only correct reaction to the blind man is to do **"the LORD's work" and take action.** He acknowledges that the blind man is suffering and sets about doing what he can to alleviate this. By doing so, we are **told, God's glory is made known to the world.** In this story, we see that Jesus is compelled by love for the blind man, whom he does not know, who may very well have been a sinner or lazy or even a jerk. Jesus is less concerned about the **man's past or debating the man's** character and more concerned with simply responding to the pain and suffering he witnessed.

In light of the recent tragedy to hit the news, the shooting at the Charleston church, how will we choose to respond? **Will we be compelled by Christ's love** for the victims and their families to speak against violence and to be advocates and allies of peace and love for all persons?

**Christ's Church has the opportunity now** to be the beacons of hope, light, and love in a world that is hurting, but only if we are brave enough to respond to pain, fear, and issues that may seem bigger than us.

However, nothing is more powerful than the love of God, and if we are compelled by this love into action, no evil or system can stand against us. As the son of one of **the Charleston victims said, "Love is always stronger than hate.** So if we just loved the way my mom would, then the **hate won't be anywhere close to what it is."**

— Pastor Haley Feuerbacher Kroboth  
[Feuerbacherh@gmail.com](mailto:Feuerbacherh@gmail.com)



# Please Join Us!

## Adult Sunday School

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

June saw the conclusion to Stan Basnett's synoptic (comparing all four gospel accounts) look at Jesus' life and ministry. Thanks for your effort and leadership Stan!

Elaine Petty will take the reigns for the last week of June and first week of July to discuss one of Paul's letters.

Then, beginning July 12, Tasha and Walker Moore will begin a six week study focusing on the Biblical, historical, and cultural roots of the Social Gospel and Social Justice movements. The background of these movements will offer context to the challenging events our nation and the Church is facing. Tasha and Walker bring a wealth of knowledge and experience, so we hope you will join us at Sunday School each week at 9:30 A.M. Classes for children and youth are also going on, so bring the family.

In an effort to bring fresh perspectives and voices to our adult Sunday School, we will be offering 6 week – 3 month courses that will focus on a variety of Bible studies and topics. If you have something you would like to study or teach, please contact Jeremy Wright ([jeremywright \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:jeremywright@gmail.com)) and we'll work together to set it up.

## Youth Sunday

July 5, at 10:45 A.M.

Our CREW youth group will be leading worship and youth group leader Joy Person will give the message this first Sunday of July. Please pray for our youth and the youth group leaders. (Also, pray for those who are preparing to go to the CHIC Conference July 11-17. See [chic2015.org](http://chic2015.org)!)

## Men's Breakfast



Saturday, July 25 at 8:30 A.M.

Men of all ages are invited to meet for breakfast, devotions, and friendship. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Mike Castelli at [fmcastelli \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:fmcastelli@gmail.com).

## Redeemer's Book Club

Sunday, July 19, 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: **The World's Strongest Librarian** by Josh Hanagarne. Contact Lori at [RedeemerECC@gmail.com](mailto:RedeemerECC@gmail.com).

## VBS Open House Picnic

Friday, July 10, 6:30-8:30 P.M.

The final night of Vacation Bible School is family outreach night. Come make a point of getting to know our neighbors, eat a picnic dinner with someone new, see what the kids have done at VBS, and join in the fun! RSVP with the church office. We will need help with preparing and serving a hotdog picnic dinner for the VBS families. Can you help with this night? Contact Julie Walker at [Jswalker51 \(at\) verizon.net](mailto:Jswalker51@verizon.net).



## Activities Canceled During VBS

Wednesday, July 8

ESL, CREW, Redeemer Kids, prayer groups, and Bible study will not meet.

Thursday, July 9

Celebrate Recovery (CR) attendees are encouraged to visit another CR group.

All activities will resume their regular meeting times the following week.

## Save the Date

Sunday, August 9

Mark your calendar and watch for signups for this year's Hearts and Soles outreach.

We will help provide new shoes for school children who cannot afford them.



## 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](http://redeemerecc.org).

For questions or assistance call 469-751-7596 or email [RedeemerCR@gmail.com](mailto:RedeemerCR@gmail.com).

# Midsouth Covenant Camp - August 2-8



**Midsouth Covenant Camp** is run by the Midsouth Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church. It is held at Frontier Camp in the beautiful piney woods near Grapeland, Texas ([www.frontiercamp.org](http://www.frontiercamp.org)).

**The Primary Goal** is to show each camper the love and saving power of Jesus Christ.

**Student Camper Ages:** entering grades 2 through 9 with programs tailored to their age in grade level groups of 2-4, 5-6, and 7-9.

**Activities include** riflery, archery, basketball, volleyball, rope swing, horseback riding, skate park, climbing wall, crafts, and many different water activities.

**Counseling Staff** is made up of trained volunteers from Covenant churches in the Midsouth Conference. All staff members attend a training session 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.



**Registration Deadline is July 15!** The registration deposit (\$50) and registration forms are due by July 15. Registration forms received after July 15 will be accepted only as space is available.

**ONLINE Registration** is at [www.midsouthcov.org](http://www.midsouthcov.org)

Printed registration forms are available in Redeemer's foyer.

**The cost** is \$465.

**July 15** = all registration forms (campers and CILTs) must be submitted to the Midsouth office. All T-shirt orders must be received by the Midsouth office.

**August 3** = all camp fees must be paid in full at camp check-in. Camp check-in is from 3-5 P.M.

**August 9** = Camp ends with a closing program and brunch.

**Contact the Midsouth Conference:**  
(479) 631-1212

Email: [office@midsouthcov.org](mailto:office@midsouthcov.org)  
[www.midsouthcov.org](http://www.midsouthcov.org)

Contact **Kimmy Petty**  
[Kimberly.Petty28 \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:Kimberly.Petty28@gmail.com)

## Attention, 2015 Campers and Parents!

Sunday, July 12, at 12:05 p.m. - Come to a special meeting just for you!

Parents of campers, please join us in Fellowship Hall for a *brief pre-camp informational meeting* on Sunday, July 12, immediately following the worship service .

We will discuss packing lists and tips, arrange carpools/transportation and answer any remaining questions!

If you can't make it to this meeting, please email Kimmy Petty at [Kimberly.Petty28 \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:Kimberly.Petty28@gmail.com).

## Pastor Mark's Sabbatical



Pastor Mark was granted a sabbatical by the Church Council. He will be away from his pastoral duties until July 8<sup>th</sup>. He has been using this time to visit multi-ethnic churches in the region and spending time with family in Seattle.

Pray for a time of rest, insight, and spiritual growth during this season. Also pray for him as he transitions back into fulltime ministry.

Pastor Haley, along with some key volunteers, are overseeing worship and pastoral care this week while he is gone. Contact the church office or Pastor Haley until he returns.

## Thanks for Purses for the Women of Haiti



Thanks to the time and effort of about 20 women, we were able to send 70 purses with Pastor Dieula and her family to give as part of the outreach work in Haiti.



The project was done during three work sessions, with each person doing a step to help complete the project. A good portion of the fabric was donated by Betty Ann

Tyler, a friend of Jan Erickson.

All those who participated were glad to be able to be a part of this mission work!

# Everest! Vacation Bible School

## Everest! VBS Registration Form

**Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Last school grade completed \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of June 6, 2014)

**Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Last school grade completed \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of June 6, 2014)

**Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Last school grade completed \_\_\_\_\_  
(as of June 6, 2014)

**Parent/Guardian's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*In case of emergency, contact* \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or medical conditions \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about VBS? \_\_\_\_\_

Monday, July 6 through Friday, July 10  
6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

**Don't miss the fun!**

**Learn about God's Mighty Power!**

EVEREST Vacation Bible School (VBS) is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids will see, hear, touch and even taste!

- Base Camp Sing & Play
- Bible Expeditions
- Glacier Games
- Mountaintop Treats
- Kid Vid Cinema
- Imagination Station
- Summit Celebration



**The entire family is invited to the final day!**

The Friday night Open House features:

- FREE picnic supper
- Games & Activities
- The children will showcase what they've learned!

**Registration for ages 4 through 5th grade:**

Register in one of these ways:

- **VISIT** the church and fill out a form at our foyer display
- **MAIL** this form to:

Redeemer Covenant Church

1518 E. Frankford Rd

Carrollton, TX 75007

- **E-MAIL** your information to [RedeemKids@gmail.com](mailto:RedeemKids@gmail.com)
- **PHONE IN** your information to our church at 972-466-0054

**Redeemer Parents of Pre-Schoolers:**

**Please sign up early  
as space is limited for this age group.**

**Invite your friends and neighbors!**

You may contact our VBS Director, Julie Persson, at  
[RedeemKids@gmail.com](mailto:RedeemKids@gmail.com) or call 972-492-6124.

# Help Needed for Vacation Bible School

## Help Us Now: We need donations!

We will be decorating for an expedition to the summit! Please check the Donation Bulletin Board in the east hallway (leading to the children's wing and the prayer room.) Pick the papers of the items you want to donate, take them home, find or purchase the items, and put the items in the blue donation tub by the bulletin board. Be sure to include the half of the form with your name on it so that we can return your items!

Some of the items we are looking for:

small tents

hiking gear (carabiners, walking sticks, etc.)

sleeping bags

winter clothing (hats, mittens, coats, etc.)

supplies for decorating and crafts

food supplies for snacks

anything that might be used on a freezing cold expedition!

ropes

hiking boots, snowshoes

heavy duty backpacks

swimming mask, snorkel, and fins

remote control car



You can also donate gift cards from Home Depot, Lowes, Wal-Mart, Michaels, Hobby Lobby, Joann, or Mardel. We would also appreciate coupons!

## We need volunteers to help decorate and set up!

If you would like to help with decorating, please contact Kathy Lemay at 469-212-6843 or [klemay \(at\) verizon.net](mailto:klemay@verizon.net).

We will have workdays at Redeemer during the day and some evenings.

*Even if you can only help an hour here or there, it would be greatly appreciated!*

### Workdays at Redeemer:

Wednesday, July 1, through Friday, July 3: 10 A.M. - 3 P.M. and 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Saturday, July 4: 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Sunday, July 5: 2-7 P.M.

Monday, July 6: 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Saturday, July 11: 10 A.M. - 3 P.M. (Clean up day)



## Help Us the Week of VBS:

Monday through Friday, July 6-10, 6:30-8:30 P.M.

## See the Table in the Foyer for Volunteer Options!

We still need a few volunteers for the following stations:

Games (2 nights only)

Spotlight (take photographs)

Media Tech (sound board and video)

Crew Leaders

Contact Julie Persson: [rjpersson \(at\) verizon.net](mailto:rjpersson@verizon.net)



## Help Us with the Hotdog Dinner:

Friday, July 10, 6:30-8:30 P.M.

## Volunteer to set up the sanctuary and cook food for the Open House!

Contact Julie Walker: [jswalker51 \(at\) verizon.net](mailto:jswalker51@verizon.net)

# CREW Youth Group

## Youth Sunday

July 5, at 10:45 A.M.

CREW youth group will lead our worship service! We will meet at 8 A.M. to practice before the service.

## CREW Sunday Fundays

### Start July 5!

Sundays, 5:30-7:00 P.M.

CREW has its own new time – on Sunday evenings! Join us at the church to work on our new room, play games, and enjoy student-led devotionals!

## **We're Going to CHIC - Thanks to YOU!**

From July 11 to July 17, a group of eight high school



students and three adult leaders will be traveling to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville for Covenant High in Christ (CHIC), an international youth conference put on by the Evangelical Covenant Church every three years. While there, we will participate in service opportunities, attend workshops on a variety of subjects pertaining to the Christian life, theology, and social justice, experience powerful worship and hear great speakers, and enjoy a multitude of creative and exciting recreational activities – including whitewater rafting! We could not have this experience without the support you have offered us through your time and energy helping us with our fundraisers, your financial and material donations, and your prayers. Thank you so much for your support of the next generation of the Church!

**\*Please note: There will be NO EdenTree Kids' Club or CREW Youth Group on Wednesday, July 7, due to VBS and Wednesday, July 14, due to CHIC.**

## **CREW Summer Saturday at Pastor Haley's House!**

Saturday, August 1, at 7-10 p.m.

All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades students (including recent graduates) are invited to Youth Pastor Haley Kroboth's house for a cookout, Capture the Flag, Slip'n'Slide, and more summer fun. Please RSVP to Pastor Haley at 214-394-7799 or [feuerbacherh@gmail.com](mailto:feuerbacherh@gmail.com).

Haley's address: 2200 Spencer Pl., McKinney, TX 75071

Contact Pastor Haley at [feuerbacherh@gmail.com](mailto:feuerbacherh@gmail.com)

## **Youth Facilitate EdenTree Kids' Club on Wednesdays This Summer**

What: CREW Youth Ministry will continue its partnership with the wonderful residents of EdenTree Apartments for the third summer by leading the new EdenTree Kids'



Club program "100-Page Summer." In this program, CREW youth will help children entering kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade keep up with their literacy and reading comprehension throughout the summer.

- Books for the program will have Christian themes, and youth will lead discussions about the books and themes to help disciple the children.
- Our youth will also lead arts and crafts each week and will play games and sports with the children
- If children read at least 100 pages over the summer, they will receive an award and gift card!
- We always look for ways to empower the residents and children at EdenTree to take leadership in and ownership of Kids' Club.

Why: We want to support the learning and success of children in our community and their ability to help other family members thrive by promoting literacy in the summer months when the children are not in school.

We have four goals:

1. Comprehension – To increase reading comprehension amongst students and to encourage a greater comprehension of the Christian faith amongst us all
2. Confidence – To develop students' confidence in their reading ability, in their relationships with God, and in their abilities to be good leaders
3. Connection – To deepen relationships with our neighbors, to connect with God through our neighbors and through each other, to connect with one another, and to help our neighbors connect with God
4. Christ – To form Christ-like community in our relationship with EdenTree, to seek Christ's image in each person, and to navigate one another to Christ through our words, our deeds, and our love

When: EdenTree Kids' Club takes place every Wednesday this summer (except on July 8 for VBS and July 15 for CHIC) at EdenTree. Students will meet at Redeemer at 6:45 and walk to EdenTree.

Want to help?? Contact Pastor Haley at [feuerbacherh@gmail.com](mailto:feuerbacherh@gmail.com) for more details on how to get involved!

# Thanks be to God!

- Incoming Polk Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grader Andie Seeley tried out for and made a select volleyball team this summer. Congratulations, Andie!
- Recent Hebron High School graduate Michelle Mendoza received a merit scholarship from the neighborhood of Castle Hills. Michelle will be **attending the University of Arizona in the fall.** We're proud of you, Michelle!
- Hebron junior Ashley Lupian was recently hired at Dillas Quesadillas. Congratulations, and good luck on the new job, Ashley!
- Several of our CREW youth dedicated their time, **energy, and talents to the recent Performer's Edge** Dallas play *The Age of Poneros*. Great job, actors Donovan Higgins and Marissa Lemay and stage manager Lindsey Lemay! **We're proud of you!**

*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 Pastor Haley Kroboth at [feuerbacherh@gmail.com](mailto:feuerbacherh@gmail.com) before the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month!*

## Harvest Community Garden

Please pray for the upcoming move of the community garden to go smoothly and for the gardeners to be blessed through their experience in working together to grow organic produce for the Christian Community Action food bank.



[www.HarvestCommunityGarden.org](http://www.HarvestCommunityGarden.org)  
[grow@HarvestCommunityGarden.org](mailto:grow@HarvestCommunityGarden.org)

## Redeemer's Denomination

We are a member of The Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC). To learn about our denomination, what we believe, our college and seminary, and the various ECC ministries, departments, and activities, visit [www.covchurch.org](http://www.covchurch.org). You can also find the ECC on facebook at [www.facebook.com/#!/covchurch](http://www.facebook.com/#!/covchurch)



## July Dates

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

### Happy Birthday!

- 7/06 Jim Martin
- 7/06 Nathan Petty
- 7/07 Lourelle Jensen
- 7/09 David Johnson
- 7/09 Joe Martin
- 7/09 Julie Persson
- 7/09 Mike Seeley
- 7/11 Dee Yach
- 7/12 Dan Belville
- 7/12 Kira Conway
- 7/12 Jim Hoisington
- 7/13 Jessica Mohrweis
- 7/15 Jerry Jaime
- 7/17 Sandra Ninemire
- 7/18 Kate Conway
- 7/20 Nicole Barnett
- 7/20 Cindy Martin
- 7/21 Nancy Flory
- 7/22 Ray Utterback
- 7/24 Justin Christopher
- 7/26 Mary Wernaer
- 7/27 Fresnel Previlon
- 7/27 Julie Walker
- 7/28 David Conway
- 7/28 Cliff Erickson
- 7/29 Terry Yach
- 7/30 Anderson Plouff

### Happy Anniversary!

- 7/06 Vijay & Shayla Holub Sachdev
- 7/21 Nancy & Kyle Flory
- 7/26 Jeremy & Jayme Wright

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

## Visit Us on Facebook!

Redeemer: [www.facebook.com/#!/redeemercarrollton](http://www.facebook.com/#!/redeemercarrollton)  
**Redeemer Men's Ministry:** [www.facebook.com/#!/groups/177117385741727/](http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/177117385741727/)

**Redeemer Women's Fellowship Marys and Marthas:**  
[www.facebook.com/#!/groups/226778084046250/](http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/226778084046250/)

Redeemer CREW: [www.facebook.com/#!/groups/157436294355726/](http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/157436294355726/)



# Council Corner - Congregational Meeting Recap

Sunday, June 7, 2014

Following our fellowship lunch (potato bar!), we held our annual mid-year congregational meeting in the sanctuary. Here is a recap of what we did:

We welcomed in these new members:

- Lori Dietrick
- Chuck Dietrick
- Jens Jensen
- Mary Anne Jensen
- Kyle Flory
- Nancy Flory



We said *THANK YOU!* to our council members who have finished up their service on council:

- Fresnel Previlon - Vice Chair
- Julie Walker - Evangelism
- Jim Martin - Worship

We voted on six council positions, welcoming two new council members and reaffirming three.

- Deb Christopher, Treasurer (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Sherry Thweatt, Secretary (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Tasha Moore, Evangelism/Outreach (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- Steve Walker, Property (3<sup>rd</sup> term)
- Jake Petty, Worship (1<sup>st</sup> term)

We gave the church council permission to appoint a new Vice Chair.

Council also presented a proposed change to the church bylaws regarding how we do financial audits. The basic idea for our future discussion is this: rather than have an audit done yearly by Redeemer members, Redeemer would hire an outside professional to audit our books once every four years. Watch for details for this proposal. (The vote will come at a later date.)

Please pray for our new church council regularly and support them by helping as God leads you. They are:

Executive Board

- Chair — Mike Castelli
- Vice Chairman — (To be appointed by council)
- Secretary — Sherry Thweatt
- Treasurer — Deb Christopher
- Financial Secretary — Jayme Wright

Committee Chairs

- Fellowship — Kathy Joiner
- Missions — Joe Wakeman
- Property — Steve Walker
- Worship — Jake Petty
- Discipleship — Julie Persson
- Evangelism — Tasha Moore



Join Christian Community Action at the Moviehouse & Eatery in Flower Mound to experience the new Moviehouse & Eatery

before its official grand opening.

For just \$10 you can enjoy a social hour beginning at 6 p.m. that includes appetizers, snacks and soft drinks, a ticket to either *The Lego Movie*, *American Sniper*, *Annie*, *Penguins of Madagascar*, *The Princess Bride*, or *Unbroken*. The admission cost also includes food from the Moviehouse menu while you enjoy your movie.

Seating is limited. [www.ccahelps.org/movie-night](http://www.ccahelps.org/movie-night)

Metrocrest Services is helping local flood victims. Of the over 400 families evacuated due to flooding in Carrollton's Sandy Lake RV Park and Coppell's Wellington Place Apartments, many may be displaced for months. Metrocrest helps families with temporary shelter

(at an average cost of \$315 per family per week), gift cards and hygiene packs, and supplies of food. To help meet this high level of need, an anonymous donor provided a dollar for dollar match up to \$15,000.

Mail checks to Metrocrest Services, 13801 Hutton Drive, #150, Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Questions? Call 972-446-2130.

Visit [metrocrestservices.org](http://metrocrestservices.org) for lists of current needs.





# Sankofa - A Journey Toward Racial Righteousness

July 30 - August 2, 2015

The Evangelical Covenant Church invites you to join with others on a Sankofa journey.

*Sankofa* is a West African word meaning "looking backward to move forward." A Sankofa journey is a cross-racial prayer experience that takes participants on a four-day bus trip to critical sites of past and present racial injustice in order to help disciples of Christ move toward a righteous response to the social ills related to racism. This interactive, relational experience explores sites from the Civil Rights movement and sites of oppression and inequality for people of color with the intent to heal the wounds of racial injustice. The journey begins and ends in Chicago and visits places like 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, the National Civil Rights Museum, the Perkins Center for Reconciliation, and more.

A Sankofa journey increases one's awareness, understanding, and sensitivity of:

- Past struggles, victories, and continuing racist oppression in our country
- How far we have come
- How far we have yet to go

It gives us the opportunity to consider how to better address racial righteousness in our church, our nation, and our world.

Please note that space is limited.

We encourage you to respond as quickly as possible. For more information, please contact Chrissy Palmerlee at 773-784-3000, or [chrissy.palmerlee@covchurch.org](mailto:chrissy.palmerlee@covchurch.org).

To reserve your seat: Fill out and return the form below with \$200 non-refundable deposit (due by July 6) to:

Love Mercy and Do Justice  
The Evangelical Covenant Church  
8303 West Higgins Road  
Chicago, IL 60631

The cost is \$425 for participants from Covenant churches and \$525 from non-Covenant churches.

For more information, to watch a short video, or to register and pay for a Sankofa trip, visit the website at [www.covchurch.org/justice/racial-righteousness/sankofa](http://www.covchurch.org/justice/racial-righteousness/sankofa)



## REGISTRATION FORM Please type or print legibly. Full registration fee is due Monday, July 20, 2015.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  Work  Cell  Home

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH / AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

CHOICE OF PARTNER (if known at this time) \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Partners must be cross-racial. Each partner must register separately. If you need help finding a partner, please contact us.)

RACE / ETHNICITY \_\_\_\_\_

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed is my \$200 non-refundable deposit, made payable to "Evangelical Covenant Church" with a note in the memo line of "Sankofa." (The total registration fee is \$525 for participants from non-Covenant churches, and \$425 for participants from Covenant churches. Balance is due July 20, 2015.)**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Sundays at Redeemer

### Prayer Ministry

9:00-9:30 A.M. - We meet in the Prayer Room to pray for our worship service, visitors, leaders, and ministries.

### Nursery Care for Infants and Toddlers

9:30 A.M. - noon - Infants from birth to age 1 are cared for in room 115 and toddlers in room 114

There is also a "Cry Room" at the back of the sanctuary for parents with fussy babies.

### Sunday School for All Ages

9:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

Preschool – Kdg. meet in room 113

Grades 1-5 meet in room 109

Grades 6-12 meet in room 110

Adults meet in Fellowship Hall

### Children's Church

We provide age-appropriate opportunities for children to learn and have fun during the worship service.

The toddlers meet at 10:30 A.M. to noon in room 114.

Preschool—Kindergarten meet from 10:30 A.M. to noon in room 113.

Grades 1-5 join their parents during the first part of the worship service at 10:45 A.M. Then, during the offertory, they are dismissed to room 109 for their own worship time.

Contact our Discipleship Chair

Email Julie Persson at [rjpersson \(at\) verizon.net](mailto:rjpersson@verizon.net).

Contact our Nursery Coordinator

Email Julie Muncy at [jkmuncy \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:jkmuncy@yahoo.com).



## Wednesdays at Redeemer

### ESL Class

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

### Prayer Ministry

7:00 to 8:00 P.M. - Women meet in the Prayer Room. Men meet in the sanctuary annex (the old library). Contact Lori Vriend at [RedeemerECC@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:PastorMark@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org)



### 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](mailto: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).

## Sundays in July at 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

Date	Adults (Fellowship Hall)	Youth (Youth Room 110)	Children (CE Wing Room 109)	Prayer Room
July 5	An epistle	The Gospel of John	Genesis 37:1-11 Joseph dreams disturbing dreams	Open for prayer
July 12	New class on social justice	The Gospel of John	Genesis 37:12-36 <b>Joseph's brothers sell him into slavery</b>	Open for prayer
July 19	Class on social justice	The Gospel of John	Genesis 39:20-41:49 Pharaoh puts Joseph in charge	Open for prayer
July 26	Class on social justice	The Gospel of John	Genesis 42:1-45:28 Joseph forgives his brothers	Open for prayer

# July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PURPLE = Fellowship Hall BLUE = Conference Room RED = Sanctuary GREEN = CE Wing PINK = Whole Church	<b>PLAN AHEAD:</b> August 1 - <b>CREW at Haley's House</b> August 2-8 - Midsouth Covenant Camp August 9 - Hearts & Soles		1 <b>VBS Workday:</b> 10am – 3pm 6:30 – 8:30pm 7pm: Redeemer Kids, ESL, CREW at EdenTree, Prayer Groups	2 <b>VBS Workday:</b> 10am – 3pm 6:30 – 8:30pm <b>Celebrate Recovery</b> • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Share Groups 8pm • Café Kononia 9pm	3 Office closed <b>VBS Workday:</b> 10am – 3pm 6:30 – 8:30pm	4 Independence Day  <b>VBS Workday:</b> 10am – 3pm
5 Youth Sunday <b>VBS workday :</b> 2-7pm CREW Funday 5:50pm CREW Fight Club 7:15pm	6 <b>VBS workday:</b> 10am-3pm.	7	8	9	10	11
						
						
12 Camp Parent Meeting 12pm	13	14	15 7pm: Redeemer Kids, ESL, Prayer Groups, Bible Study	16 Council/Staff meeting 7pm  <b>Celebrate Recovery</b> • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Share Groups 8pm • Café Kononia 9pm	17	18
						
19 CREW Funday 5:50pm  Book Club 7pm	20	21	22 7pm: Redeemer Kids, ESL, CREW at EdenTree, Prayer Groups, Bible Study	23 <b>Celebrate Recovery</b> • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Share Groups 8pm • Café Kononia 9pm	24	25 <b>Men's Breakfast</b> 8:30am
26 CREW Funday 5:50pm	27	28	29 7pm: Redeemer Kids, ESL, CREW at EdenTree, Prayer Groups, Bible Study	30 <b>Celebrate Recovery</b> • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Share Groups 8pm • Café Kononia 9pm	31	

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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 Services

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

### July Sermons

July 5 – Youth Sunday

*(Pastor Mark's sabbatical is through July 8.)*

### New Summer Sermon Series:

#### “Did I Offend You?”

– *Taking an honest look at the polarizing issues in our culture and remembering that we must practice our disagreements in love.*

July 12 – Judges 21:15-25; 1 Sam 8:4-9

– “A Bridge Where There is No River”

July 19 – Revelation 21:22-27

– “The Gifts of Race”

July 26 – Acts 17:16-34

– “Maybe that Barbeque Wasn't Such a Good Idea”

### Master's Touch Submissions

To submit information or an article, e-mail it to Lori at [RedeemerECC@gmail.com](mailto: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