



# The Master's Touch

## From the Pastor's Desk

*Cast your cares on the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken. Psalm 55:12*

For 2015, I have been pushing a theme for Redeemer. The theme is "God Bless This Mess." My hope is that our theme is an encouragement to you. No matter what mess you find yourself in, God can bless it and use it for His glory. Not only that, I hope it is a reminder that God sometimes stirs up a bit of mess intentionally – to move us away from our comfort zones toward His purposes.

There is another role that God plays in the mess which I have not emphasized enough this year. God is the One who gives us strength to get through the mess. As we hear about the mess of the Corinthian church we acknowledge it is God alone Who gives them strength to remain a church. As we offend one another, we rely on God's strength to forgive and stay in fellowship. When

we get to that point where we wonder how much more we can give, we turn to the Lord and remember that He has been the source of our strength from the beginning.

For our sermons this fall, we will be going through the Gospel of Mark. I wanted to finish the year focused on the life of Christ. Wherever we are at in our faith – for good or bad – relying on Christ's strength is crucial to our faith. Christ not only heals the mess, but in the midst of the mess He helps us continue to love one another and to survive the roller coaster of life even when we don't think it possible. God can bless the mess. He is also the one Who will carry you through the mess.

- Mark Mohrweis

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## Getting to Know Our Staff

Lori Vriend ,  
Office Administrator  
My husband, David, and I both grew up in the Christian Reformed Church, which had its roots in Dutch Calvinism. We discovered Pasadena Covenant Church while living in California (I was an elementary school teacher there). Some of the things that attracted us to The Covenant were the welcoming spirit, the emphasis on Biblical teaching, the open dialog about theology, the inclusive



attitude toward all types of people, the respect for women, and the embracing of many worship styles. So when we moved to Texas in 1994, the first thing we did was look for a Covenant church. I've been a member of Redeemer ever since. My children grew up at Redeemer and were active in youth group and the praise team. Alexandra (Lexie) is currently teaching middle school English in Detroit through Teach for America.

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## Getting to Know Our Staff (continued)

She is hoping to do Peace Corps next. Timothy (21) is living at home, working, and going to UTD part-time for electrical engineering.

I have been involved at Redeemer in many ways over the years. Some of these have been Sunday school (teaching **both adults and children**), **prayer ministry**, **women's ministry**, and Book Club. I was hired part-time as **Redeemer's office administrator in 2004 and have had** the privilege of working with three amazing men: Pastor Roland Boyce, Interim Administrative Pastor Dean Anderson, and Pastor Mark.

**My job is "to facilitate communication, organization, coordination, and efficient daily office operation at Redeemer Covenant Church." My chief goals are to make sure that the church administrative functions are helpful in facilitating Redeemer's ministry and to be a welcoming voice to the public as they contact our church.**

My tasks consist of four areas of responsibility:

1. Communication and Publication: Our weekly bulletin, the monthly newsletter, the church website
  2. Reception: Phone calls, e-mail, postal mail
  3. Database: Records of church membership, visitors, guest groups, contact information, benevolence requests
  4. Facility Management: Updating the Master Calendar, facility use, office supplies, office machines
- If you have a knowledge of Microsoft Publisher, PowerPoint, and Word and would like to join the office help team, please let me know!

For many years my prayer for Redeemer has been out of Ephesians 4: that we would live a life worthy of our calling...one of love and unity where we use our God-given gifts to build each other up into a mature faith in Christ, learning to speak the truth in love and never grieving the Holy Spirit.

— Lori Vriend [Lori.Vriend@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org](mailto:Lori.Vriend@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org)

## All-Church "Pay It Forward Night"

An opportunity for us all to pay our blessings forward through:

- creative worship and activities
- explore issues of justice in our midst
- worship the LORD
- hear from our youth who attended CHIC!

Sunday, September 27, 2015  
5:30-8:00 P.M.

For all Redeemer members and friends!



Please plan to join us for this **FREE EVENT\*** which includes:

- dinner
- worship in music and the creative arts
- fun and enlightening activities that connect our Christian faith with social justice
- special reports from CHIC Youth Conference attendees

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applied towards the 2016 summer mission trip.

## Small Group Opportunity in October

For the last several weeks, Pastor Mark has been encouraging each one of us to deepen our relational connections with other believers—to essentially grow in our capacity to love each other in the midst of our differences. As a follow-up to these ideas, Michael and Carolann Duffin will be leading a four-week small group study during the Sunday school hour in the month of October.

The book *Do You Love Me? Exploring our Relationship*



*with God and Others* will be the text for the group. This approachable little book is organized to support your weekly relationship with Christ through scriptural meditations (available in audio format), discussion questions, and experiential activities. The format is designed to refresh your connection with God and others.

If you are interested in participating or have any questions, you can contact Carolann Duffin at

[carolannrduffin \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:carolannrduffin@gmail.com).



Redeemer women of all ages, invite your friends to join us at our

## Ladies' Game Night!

Saturday, September 19  
6:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall

Ladies, bring your favorite game and a snack to share, if you want.

**We'll have lemonade, ice water, and coffee ready for you!**

If you want to help set up, meet Kathy Joiner at the church at 6:00 P.M.

Sorry, no childcare will be provided.

Contact Kathy Joiner at [kjlnjj \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:kjlnjj@yahoo.com).



## September Dates

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

### Happy Birthday!

- 9/01 Andie Seeley
- 9/02 David Fletcher
- 9/02 Jeremy Wright
- 9/03 Sarah Judd
- 9/03 Elvis Obinma
- 9/05 Emily Burdett
- 9/05 Shari Sparks
- 9/06 Tom Muncy
- 9/08 Jimmy Muncy
- 9/14 Becky Lamb
- 9/14 Fausto Ordonez
- 9/15 Amy Ceritelli-Plouff
- 9/18 Elaine Petty
- 9/20 Mike Smith
- 9/21 Jenna Martin
- 9/22 Dr. Willie Peterson
- 9/25 Terry Dryden
- 9/25 Pamela Head
- 9/28 Kyle Flory
- 9/29 Patti Bass
- 9/29 Courtni Hitzeman
- 9/30 Reynel Previlon

### Happy Anniversary!

- 9/14 Joe & Sherry Thweatt
- 9/23 Luke & Sharon Lawrence
- 9/24 Stan & Cara Basnett
- 9/30 Mae-Lin & Roy Mendoza

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

## Thanks for Hearts & Soles

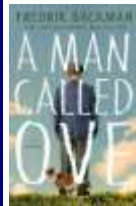


A big thank you to all who helped purchase shoes and to all who helped the children to find that special pair of shoes. We were able to provide over 180 children with a new pair of shoes for school!

## Redeemer's Book Club

Sunday, September 20, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

*Everyone is welcome!* We are getting to know each other by reading and discussing one book a month (from a wide variety of genres). For this month: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman (a quirky best selling novel from Sweden about a grumpy, yet lovable man and the new boisterous young family next door). Contact Lori at [RedeemerECC@gmail.com](mailto:RedeemerECC@gmail.com).



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## Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 26 at 8:30 A.M.

Men of all ages, you are invited to join us for coffee and a great breakfast! We talk, have devotions, build friendships, and sometimes work on service projects together. We meet in the Fellowship Hall. If you like to cook, join us at 8 A.M.! For more details, contact Mike Castelli at [fmcastelli \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:fmcastelli@gmail.com).



# CREW Youth Group

## Thanks Be to God!

- Redeemer was blessed to witness two of our youth, Creekview freshman Krystyn David and Polk 8<sup>th</sup>-grader Andie Seeley, and one of our youth alumni, Baylor student Katie Nielsen, make a public dedication of their lives to Christ by getting baptized this past month. We are so proud of you, Krystyn, **Andie, and Katie, and are excited about God's work in and through your lives!**
- Hebron High School senior Joe Martin has enlisted with the Army Rangers and will report for Basic Training on June 28, 2016, after his high school graduation. We are so proud of you, Joe, and will keep you in our prayers!
- Blalack Middle School student Luke Bayard was selected to attend a choir camp at the University of North Texas this summer, an honor reserved for only the top vocalists in the area. Congratulations, Luke!
- Hebron High School senior Jimmy Muncy and his percussion section in the Hebron marching band were selected to put on a workshop for band directors in San Antonio this past summer. Way to go, Jimmy!
- Creekview freshman Krystyn David will be participating in a sports medicine program at her high school and will be a trainer for the football team this fall. Good luck with this wonderful opportunity, Krystyn!
- Recent graduate Shelbie White has been promoted to **Assistant Manager at Coffee N Cream's new location in Little Elm, which will be opening this fall. Great work, Shelbie! We're excited for you!**
- Recent graduate Michelle Mendoza has begun classes at the University of Arizona this fall, where she is an Honors Program student and the recipient of **multiple scholarships. We're praying for you on this new adventure!**
- CREW alumna Sarah Muncy completed a 6-week internship for a Congressman in Washington, D.C., this summer and is beginning her senior year at Texas Tech University. Keep up the excellent work, Sarah!
- Hebron senior Marissa Lemay served her second year as a Counselor in Leadership Training (CILT) at the Midsouth Covenant Camp this past summer. Thank you so much for your Christ-like leadership and service to our children and youth!

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

## CREW Moves to a New Time!

Due to the busy schedules of our youth during the week this fall, CREW will be moving its weekly evening gatherings to SUNDAYS from 5:30-7:15 P.M.!

We will meet on Sundays at this time and Wednesdays from 7-8:30 P.M. until after September 9, which will be the last Wednesday-night CREW event of the semester. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Youth Pastor Haley Kroboth at 214-394-7799.



## Fight Club Gears Up for Another Year!

Sunday, September 6, at 7:15 P.M.

All females in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to join us for Fight Club, our high-school **girls' small group led by Joy Persson and Haley Kroboth**. Join us on the first Sunday of each month for discussion, friendship, and food! We will meet on Sunday, September 6, at 7:15 p.m. at Café Brazil (off of Josey, south of Trinity Mills), or you can ride with one of the leaders from our CREW gathering at the church prior to this.



## Youth and Parents' Lunch

For all parents of youth in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and all youth Sunday, September 20, 12:15-1:30 P.M.

Please join us for a meal, a brief overview of the themes for the year, and planning for events, activities, and the Summer 2016 Mission Trip!



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# Just So You Know...

## Last Chance for CR Step Study

Sundays at 1:00 P.M.



This Celebrate Recovery (CR) small group is a Biblical study of twelve steps we can take in allowing God to set us free from our hurts and unwanted habits. Join us now, because *after September 6 it will be closed to new members.*

Contact Steve or Lyn Hall: [RedeemerCR@gmail.com](mailto:RedeemerCR@gmail.com).

For more information about Step Studies visit: <http://redeemerecc.org/happenings/celebrate-recovery/>

## Jubilee of Cultures Day

Saturday, September 12, 11 A.M. - 5 P.M.



Redeemer will have a table at the *Jubilee of Cultures* in downtown Carrollton (1100 W Main St). We are looking for any eye catching cultural items to display or cultural snacks or

goodies to give away. If you can help us, please let us know. This is a great opportunity to meet our neighbors and share our vision with them. Contact Pastor Dieula at [DieulaPrevilon@gmail.com](mailto:DieulaPrevilon@gmail.com).

**Be sure to visit, too... it is FREE!**

## Thank You!



Thanks to all who helped bring treats to the teachers at Rainwater Elementary School. Your snacks and goodies were a hit with the staff.

Way to be a great neighbor!

## Harvest Community Garden



Redeemer partnered with Keep Carrollton Beautiful to form a community garden that is open to anyone from the community who wants to grow organic produce and

donate half of what they grow to a local food bank. We are now an affiliate with the North Texas Food Bank, too! The garden will be moved this month sometime.

Learn more: [grow@HarvestCommunitGarden.org](mailto:grow@HarvestCommunitGarden.org)

On the web: [www.HarvestCommunityGarden.org](http://www.HarvestCommunityGarden.org)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Harvest-Community-Garden/211811232239434>

Call Lori at the church: 972-466-0054.

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## Financial Report as of August

Thank you for giving to the Lord's work at Redeemer.

### Monthly Contributions:

General	32,234.99
Crisis Relief	500.00
Missions	0.00
Facilities	543.00
Special	0.00
Designated	
	Hearts & Soles 2,238.00
<b>Total Monthly Contributions</b>	<b>\$35,515.99</b>

### Year-to-Date Contributions:

General	250,988.54
Crisis Relief	3,135.00
Missions	30.00
Facilities	3,282.00
Designated	
	Hearts & Soles 3,863.00
	Penny Manna 320.00
	Youth Missions 9,376.32
<b>Total YTD Contributions</b>	<b>\$270,994.86</b>

**YTD General Budget** \$253,809.23

**Wk General Budget Contributions** \$7,251.69

**Wk General Actual Contributions** \$7,171.10

**Wk General Contributions Difference** **-\$80.59**

\*\*Includes Stock Gift of \$21,951.99 (Amortized)

# Celebrate Recovery

FORGIVENESS

## 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).

## Sundays at Redeemer

### 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 Fellowship Hall

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

### Bible Study

7:00 to 8:30 P.M. - Everyone is invited to join Pastor Mark in the *Conference Room* for a study of the book of Acts.

### ESL Classes

7:00 to 8:30 P.M. - Currently we are offering two English as a Second Language classes: Basic and level 1. Classes meet weekly in Fellowship Hall. It is taught by a group of volunteers. Contact Pastor Dieula Previlon 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. For details contact Lori Vriend at [RedeemerECC@gmail.com](mailto:RedeemerECC@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).

### CREW Youth Group is Changing Times!

Middle school and high school students are invited for a fun time of activities, study, and service to others **NOW ON SUNDAYS** at 5:30 P.M. Contact Pastor Haley for details at [Feuerbacherh@gmail.com](mailto:Feuerbacherh@gmail.com).



## Sunday Classes - August at 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

Date	Adults (Fellowship Hall)	Youth (Youth Room 110)	Children (CE Wing Room 109)	Prayer Room
September 6	The Book of Titus - Led by Dr. Carroll Osburn	Study of the Gospel of John	The Israelites Cross the Red Sea Exodus 13:17-14:31	Open for prayer
September 13	(To be determined)	Study of the Gospel of John	God Sends Quail and Manna Exodus 16:1-26	Open for prayer
September 20	(To be determined)	Study of the Gospel of John	God Provides Water Exodus 17:1-7	Open for prayer
September 27	The Gospel of Mark - Led by Dr. Carroll Osburn	Study of the Gospel of John	God gives the Ten Commandments Exodus 19:16-20:21	Open for prayer

# September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PURPLE = Fellowship Hall BLUE = Conference Room RED = Sanctuary GREEN = CE Wing PINK = Whole Church		1 Harvest Community Garden Meeting 6pm	2 7pm: ESL Class Redeemer Kids, Prayer Groups, Bible Study, CREW	3 Council/Staff Mtg. 7pm  Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Share Groups 8pm • Café Kononia 9pm	4	5
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20 Youth & Parent Lunch 12:15-1:30pm CREW 5:30-7:15pm  Book Club 7pm	21	22	23 7pm: ESL Class Redeemer Kids, Prayer Groups, Bible Study	24 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6pm • Meeting 7pm • Share Groups 8pm • Café Kononia 9pm	25	26 Men's Breakfast 8:30am
27 Pay It Forward Night 5:30-8:00pm	28	29	30 7pm: ESL Class Redeemer Kids, Prayer Groups, Bible Study		PLAN AHEAD: October 31 - Trunk or Treat	

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[WWW.RedeemerECC.org](http://WWW.RedeemerECC.org)

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[www.covchurch.org](http://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 Services

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

### Summer Series: “Did I Offend You?”

Taking an honest look at the polarizing issues in our culture and reminding us that we must practice our disagreement in love.

September 6 - Isaiah 58:1-8 “Why Didn’t I Offend You? On Poverty”

### Fall Sermon Series:

“**The Messiah in the Mess**” - The Gospel of Mark

Theme: Christ helps us find meaning in the mess. (Christ IS the meaning in our mess.)

Also: Christ gives us the strength to get through our messes.

September 13 - Mark 1:1-15 “The Messiah in the Mess”

September 20 - Mark 1:21-39 “Jesus’ Identity Crisis”

September 27 - Mark 3:20-35 “Jesus Probably Wasn’t Very Good at Mother’s Day”

### 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