

April 2016



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

The Master's Touch

From the Pastor's Desk

I am the vine; You are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. - John 15:5

What would you consider to be your greatest accomplishment? If you were put on the spot today, what would you say has been the high point of your life? No doubt some of us would highlight our careers. For others it would be academics. For others, our families. Maybe some of us would give the 'spiritual answer'. Many of us place great value on spiritual things. But do we really believe that our relationship with Christ is our greatest accomplishment?

For the sermons this spring we will be going through the Gospel of John. As we go through the gospel, we will be looking closely at John 15:5. Jesus says that the way to a fruitful life has little to do with your resume or your family or your talents. Rather, it has everything to do with your relationship with Him. There is nothing wrong with being grateful for your family or your resume or your

talents. Nor is there anything wrong with utilizing your gifts for the Kingdom. But in terms of producing long-lasting impact, Jesus says the question to ask yourself is: Am I rooted in Him?

At Redeemer we have a year-long theme. The theme for 2016 is "It's not you, it's me." While you may

have heard that as a negative (someone breaking up with you!), I



hope for it to be a positive. My dream is that we could challenge ourselves to be a church where no one is on their own, but everyone takes ownership of what God has called them to do. We might have all sorts of feelings about what goals we have - or have not - accomplished. But the Bible says a simple choice to dwell with Christ will be the only solution for a fruitful life. I hope you are able to take ownership of that.

- Mark Mohrweis

PastorMark@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org

Council Corner - Sherry Thweatt

I was born in Galveston, TX and grew up in the La Marque area. After graduation, I relocated to Dallas, which was quite a change for this small town girl. I grew up in a family of Pentecostal ministers, starting with my grandfather and including several



uncles. Having a personal relationship

with Christ was always a part of my upbringing and is what led me to give my life to Christ at a young age. My mother's side of the family was very musically talented and some of my fondest memories were of all of

us gathered in the same room for

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Council Corner, continued

gospel jam sessions. Music has a spiritual way of moving hearts.

I have been married to my wonderful husband, Joe, for 30 years. We have a son, Adam, and a daughter, Alesha, who are both on their own now. Joe and I are blessed that both of our children have given their hearts to Christ. We have lived in Carrollton for 30 years and, ironically, Redeemer is minutes from our home. We had been searching for a church home where the Holy Spirit was present and that is exactly what we found walking through the doors of Redeemer. We were welcomed with such friendship and felt this was where we belonged and could serve in the Lord's ministry.

I am in commercial real estate, managing Hall Office Park in Frisco, TX, which consists of 16 office buildings and over 2-million square feet of office space. I feel God placed me where I am today and I trust in Him for my future. I have been so fortunate to be able to

share the love of Christ even in my business relationships, which is rare these days. I enjoy music, singing, crafting, scrapbooking, creating, and just simply being with my family and our two adorable pets, Coco and Mia!

I presently serve as Council Secretary for Redeemer. Joe and I also teach the pre-school age children on a rotation basis and love being able to share the love of Christ with them. In Matthew 9:27, our Lord says "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few". It is my desire to be a "laborer" for Christ by reaching out to those who are hurting and lost in our world and be an instrumental part in sharing God's truth. My hope is that when I meet my Savior face-to-face one day....He will say, "Well done my child."

Blessings to my Redeemer Family,

Sherry Thweatt

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Midsouth Summer Camp

July 31-August 6

The **Midsouth Covenant Camp** is going to be at Frontier Camp in Grapeland, TX. This seven day camp ministry is for children entering grades 2-9, with CILT leadership training for students entering grades 10-12. We will have a great line-up of lessons, games, and activities. We have a wonderful staff, led by Camp Director Dale "Munk" Lusk, who volunteer their time and energy to minister to campers each summer. Campers from across the Midsouth Conference will gather to focus on their relationship with God and discuss this year's camp theme "I Am Not A Robot!"

It's time to register for the 2016 Midsouth Covenant Camp! Save money by registering early! Learn more, register, and pay on online at www.midsouthcov.org. Or pick up printed forms in the church foyer.

Important camp dates:

- April 30** = Counselor applications due to Dale "Munk" Lusk
- June 1** = CILT applications and references due to Midsouth office
- June 15** = Early registration deadline for discounted price (\$50 deposit required)
- July 15** = All camp paperwork due to the Midsouth Conference office
- July 31** = Camp check-in & all camp balances must be paid in full

*A coupon code will be emailed after the \$50 deposit is paid. You can then use this code when paying for camp, reducing the registration amount.

*If you wish to make installment payments, please contact the Midsouth office for details.



Are You a Robot?

Are you doing what everyone else does? Do you do what your friends tell you to do? Do you do what the media tells you to do? Is that how you make decisions in your life? If this is how you live your life, then you are just a robot, programmed to live the way the world wants you to live. We challenge you this week to say: "I am NOT a robot! I will not do what others and the media tell me to do. I WILL DO WHAT PLEASURES GOD INSTEAD!"



CREW Youth Group

CREW Youth Group

Meets Sundays at 5:30-7:15 P.M.!



All 6th-12th grade students are invited to join us for youth group on Sunday evenings in the CREW room at Redeemer! We play games, explore what it means to be a Christ follower in our world through Biblical and topical studies, and participate in

creative and service projects. We are continuing our study theme "Christianity Is a Verb." Each month, we are focusing on a different verb that describes how Christ demonstrates His love for us and discuss how we can take action so that we are not just Christians in belief but in how we live our lives in relation to others. Come join the fun!

CREW Fight Club

Sunday, April 3, 7:30-8:45 P.M.



High school girls - join Joy at Café Brazil for food, laughter, and our continued discussion of *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*. See Joy if you need a copy! This month we will be discussing the "January" AND the

"February" chapters. If you need a ride between CREW and Café Brazil, let Joy know.

April Play Day!

Saturday, April 9, 1:00-3:30 P.M.

Meet us at Kids Corral Park off of Kelly Blvd for a couple hours of play!! Please drop off and pick up students at the park. If you need a ride, see Jake or Joy.

Park address: 2320 Heads Lane, Carrollton, TX 75006. In the event rainy weather we will do a \$1 movie or a mall scavenger hunt. We will send an email the week of with details.



Junior High Girls' Sleepover

April 29-30

Calling all 6th-8th grade girls!!! Join Kimmy and Joy at Kimmy's house for a night of games, giggles, and fun! We'll even do a little baking for our upcoming bake sale. April 29, 6:15 P.M.—April 30, 8:30 A.M. Bring your favorite games, movies (G and PG only please), and snacks to share!! Please also bring \$5 to help cover dinner and breakfast. Come hang out, even if you can't stay the whole time! See Kimmy or Joy if you have questions.



Coming Soon: BAKE AUCTION

Sunday, May 1

Join us after church on Sunday, May 1, for our annual CREW Bake Auction!

Come ready to bid on some phenomenal baked goods. Do you bake? We need goods to sell!! Email Joy if you can provide some goodies!! [joy.persson \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:joy.persson@gmail.com)



Contact our Youth Leaders:

Joy Persson: [joy.persson \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:joy.persson@gmail.com)

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Jake Petty: [craftsman4christ \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:craftsman4christ@yahoo.com)

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](https://www.facebook.com/covchurch).



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Redeemer Women's Fellowship Marys and Marthas: www.facebook.com/groups/226778084046250/

Redeemer CREW: www.facebook.com/groups/157436294355726/

Opportunities

VBS Informational Lunch

Sunday, April 24, 12:05 P.M.



VBS is coming the week of July 10! Have you ever wondered what VBS is all about? How does it work? What do I have to do if I volunteer? **You are invited to an informational lunch on April**

24th following the worship service. Come find out about this year's Vacation Bible School and see how you might fit in on this fun expedition! For details, contact Julie Persson at [rjperson \(at\) verizon.net](mailto:rjperson@verizon.net).

Car Show for Haiti

Saturday, May 14, 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, 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:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0b4da8ad2faafa7-carshow>

For more information contact: Fresnel Previlon at [fresnelprevilon \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:fresnelprevilon@yahoo.com) or 972-679-9556.

*Financial support goes directly to the Haiti Mission Team, NOT through Redeemer.

Preschoolers Wanted!

Holy Covenant United Methodist Church's Early

Childhood Development Program is looking for children ages 18 months through kindergarten who love to learn while they play, laugh, sing, run, dig, paint, cook, and just get messy in general! "We have the perfect preschool program for children who love to move and do! Our mission is to teach children to love God, themselves, and others, and we do it in developmentally appropriate ways. Stop in or call to learn more about our program." Contact:

Beth McClure, Holy Covenant ECDP

[bmclclure \(at\) hccumc.org](mailto:bmclclure@hccumc.org)

972-492-1371

www.hccumc.org

Midsouth Family Camp

7 P.M. Friday, April 15 — 11 A.M. Sunday, April 17

The fifth annual Family Camp will be a great time of praise, worship, and fellowship.



Theme: The Covenant Affirmations

Location: It will use the new facilities at *Fossil Creek Camp*, the new, second campus built by Frontier Camp (131 Frontier Camp Rd, Grapeland, TX 75844). These camp facilities are self-contained under one roof so we can enjoy a family style gathering.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Doug Stevens, a Covenant pastor and nationally known speaker.

Cost: \$96 per person 8 years old to adult, \$48 per child ages 3 to 7 years old, and free for children 2 and under. \$300 Large Family (includes 2 adults and minor children)

Registration Deadline: April 3rd

- Register online at www.midsouthcov.org
- Brochures are in the church foyer.

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

The ECC's Women's Triennial Conference

July 28-31

The Evangelical Covenant Church's Women Ministries presents "Quench" - a time of refreshment and renewal. It will be in Kansas City, and women can register online at www.covchurch.org/triennial.

Regular registration: \$399 (January 16 – April 15th, 2016)

Late registration: \$439 (April 16th – July 15, 2016)

If a group of ten or more women is going, contact Covenant Events at [events \(at\) covchurch.org](mailto:events@covchurch.org) for a group discount code to receive \$25 off each registration in the group. **PLEASE NOTE: these fees do not include housing.**

Penny Manna

Please collect abandoned coins and put them to use:

Put them in the Penny Manna jar in the foyer. We donate them to the Covenant World Relief (CWR) fund (www.covchurch.org/cwr), which helps people who are in devastating poverty. **Feel the joy of giving to God's Kingdom work!** Questions? Contact Joe Wakeman at [joellwakeman \(at\) verizon.net](mailto:joellwakeman@verizon.net).



April Dates

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

Happy Birthday!

- 4/01 Luetta Milbrandt
- 4/06 John Joiner
- 4/07 Beverly Petty
- 4/08 Taylor Petty
- 4/10 Mary Rose Anderson
- 4/11 Jens Jensen
- 4/12 Mike Castelli
- 4/15 Glenn Raudabaugh
- 4/17 Darlene Clark
- 4/18 Gia Plouff
- 4/29 Mike Plouff

Happy Anniversary!

- 4/04 Fresnel & Dieula Previlon
- 4/06 Jose Luis & Liliana Salazar
- 4/11 Joe & Ellie Wakeman
- 4/12 Dan & Ana Belville
- 4/18 Curt & Debbie Swindoll
- 4/21 Terry & Dee Yach

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

Meet our Missionaries

Ken and Jessica Olson

Sundays, April 3 and 10

We welcome Ken, Jessica, Anya, and Peter Olson to

Bible Translation Numbers

- Total # languages: about 7,000
 - Likely translation need: 1,778 - Most of these lack a writing or alphabet system
 - 165 million people without God's Word
 - Active translation work: 2,267
- www.wycliffe.net/statistics

Redeemer this month! The Olsons were members at Redeemer before they moved to Aix-en-Provence, France, where Ken has been working as a linguistics consultant with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Redeemer is one of their monthly supporters. We are pleased that they will be able to take part in our worship service

on April 3 and will give the message on April 10.

Lunch with the Olsons

Sunday, April 10, after church

Please join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday the 10th for a chance to get to know the Olsons better and learn more about their work. *Please help us out: Let us know you hope to be there so we can plan seating and food preparation. Email us at redemerecc@gmail.com.



WOMEN in CHRIST

All women . . . All ages . . . All phases . . . All woven together in Christ!

Celebration Luncheon

Monday, April 11

Begins with prayer at Noon sharp
Redeemer Fellowship Hall

Bring a potluck dish to share, a smile, and a friend.

Our theme this month . . . "Getting to Know You"

Save the Dates: May 12, June 13

Questions? Contact Sheryl Smith at SherylSmith123@verizon.net

Redeemer Covenant Church Contributions Report	
Month:	FEBRUARY
Monthly Contributions:	
General	33,086.28
Crisis Relief	678.00
Missions	0.00
Facilities	362.00
Designated	
Mortgage Fund	620.00
Worship	500.00
Youth Missions	761.00
Total Monthly Contributions	\$36,007.28
Year-to-Date Contributions:	
General	73,923.15
Crisis Relief	1,186.00
Missions	0.00
Facilities	1,086.00
Designated	
Hearts & Soles	0.00
Penny Manna	14.00
Pastor Appreciation	0.00
Mortgage Fund	620.00
Worship	800.00
Youth Missions	761.00
Total YTD Contributions	\$78,390.15
YTD General Budget	\$76,384.62
Wk General Budget Contributions	\$7,638.46
Wk General Actual Contributions	\$7,392.31
Difference	-\$246.15

Redeemer Covenant Church Contributions Report	
Month:	MARCH
Monthly Contributions:	
General	27,540.00
Crisis Relief	602.00
Missions	0.00
Facilities	602.00
Designated	
Mortgage Fund	0.00
2015 VBS Missions	95.05
Youth Missions	30.00
Total Monthly Contributions	\$28,869.05
Year-to-Date Contributions:	
General	88,100.26
Crisis Relief	1,638.00
Missions	0.00
Facilities	1,271.00
Designated	
Hearts & Soles	0.00
Penny Manna	14.00
Pastor Appreciation	0.00
Mortgage Fund	610.00
Worship	800.00
2015 VBS Missions	95.05
Youth Missions	791.00
Total YTD Contributions	\$93,319.31
YTD General Budget	\$91,661.54
Wk General Budget Contributions	\$7,638.46
Wk General Actual Contributions	\$7,341.69
Difference	-\$296.77

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 RedeemerCR@gmail.com.

Redeemer's Book Club
Sunday, April 17, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

All men and women are welcome! This small group of readers is getting to know one another by discussing one book a month. We read from a wide variety of genres. If there is a movie version of a book we've read, we try to get together to watch it and discuss it, too. We end our meetings with a short time of prayer for one another. We also enjoy a meal together now and then. The book club usually meets in the conference room on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Our book this month is ***The Beekeeper's Apprentice* by Laurie King**.



Contact Lori Vriend at RedeemerECC@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. Toddlers are 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 – Kindergarten meet in room 113

Grades 1-5 meet in room 109

Grades 6-12 meet in room 108

Adults meet in Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary Annex

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.

CREW Youth Group

SUNDAYS at 5:30 P.M. Middle school and high school students are invited for fun activities, study, and service to others. Contact Joy at [Joy.Persson \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:Joy.Persson@gmail.com).

Wednesdays at Redeemer

NEW! 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 James.

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.

Open Prayer

7:00 to 8:30 P.M. - The prayer room is open for prayer. A prayer guide with our prayer requests is available. For details contact Lori Vriend at 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).

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).



Sunday's 9:30 A.M. Classes

Date	Adults (Fellowship Hall)	Youth (Room 108) The Top 13 Questions About God	Children (CE Rooms 109 & 113)	Prayer Room
April 3	The Gospel of John - led by Megan Hull	How do demons and angels influence my world?	John 20:1-18 Jesus appears to Mary	Prayer at 10:00 A.M.
April 10	The Gospel of John - led by Megan Hull	How was the Bible written?	Acts 5:12-42 Apostles defend their faith	Prayer at 10:00 A.M.
April 17	The Gospel of John - led by Megan Hull	How can I understand the Bible and apply it to my life?	Acts 9:1-20 Saul meets Jesus near Damascus	Prayer at 10:00 A.M.
April 24	The Gospel of John - led by Megan Hull	How can I hear God communicate to me?	Acts 9:36-43 Peter raises Tabitha from the dead	Prayer at 10:00 A.M.

April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PURPLE = Fellowship Hall BLUE = Conference Room RED = Sanctuary GREEN = CE Wing PINK = Whole Church	PLAN AHEAD: May 1 - CREW Bake Auction May 12 - Women Woven in Christ Lunch May 14 - Car Show for Haiti June 9-12 - CREW Mission Trip July 10-15 - VBS July 31-August 6: Midsouth Covenant Camp - "I am Not a Robot"				1	2
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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.

Spring Sermon Series

“Remain in Me” — The Gospel of John

“I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.” - John 15:5

April 3—John 15:1-17 “Remain in Me”

April 10—Guest speakers: Ken and Jessica Olson, missionaries with Wycliffe

April 17—John 1:19-34 “The Non-Purpose Driven Life”

April 24—John 4:1-26 “This Does Not Bode Well for My Homemade Shrine Business”

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