

July 2016



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

The Master's Touch

From the Pastor's Desk

"Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from Me your son, your only son."

- Genesis 22:12

It was the moment that showed us that Abraham finally got it. After all the steps of faith he had taken. After all the times he displayed trust in God, he finally got it. God had asked him to sacrifice his son Isaac to prove his love. He willingly walked to the mountain to perform the macabre task. Yet he also utters the confident phrase to his son "God will provide the lamb." Abraham trusted God enough to take on the task while still knowing God well enough that the ending would turn out alright.

One of the paradoxes of family for the believer is that to fully love our families, we must be willing to put them second to our love for God. If we are not careful, we can make idols out of our families. The logic is bizarre: Would God possibly ask us to *not* love our families? How could we be willing to put our closest relationships on hold and still claim to love them while doing so? Like Abraham,

it seems we must understand that we can put our families on a pedestal which distracts us from God. We balance this with a confident trust that by putting God first we know things will ultimately come together. We know His heart is to draw our families together. At the end of the day Abraham didn't have to sacrifice his son. Instead God was willing to sacrifice his Son, Jesus Christ.

As we go through our sermons on family this summer we have to ask ourselves, can we have the



same faith that Abraham had? The faith that puts family second to God - not because we want to separate from our families - but rather because we know through God alone can we find the best that He has for our families? Honestly, I don't know if I am there yet. But I am working on it. I hope you are too.

- Mark Mohrweis

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Meet the Youth Pastor Candidate

The Youth Pastor Search Committee has identified a candidate who we feel would be a fantastic addition to the Redeemer family by joining us as our new youth pastor.

We are planning a couple of events to introduce the candidate to the congregation. We hope you can join us for these events, especially youth (grades 6-12) and their parents!



Saturday, July 9, 4:00 P.M.

– Whirly Ball in Plano with the candidate. Please RSVP with Pastor Mark to get the details.

Sunday, July 10, 10:45 A.M.

– Meet the candidate during worship on Sunday morning.

After the candidate meets with the congregation, the church council will be voting on the candidate. Pray for our candidate, for Redeemer, and our future.

Council Corner—Mike Castelli, Council Chair

My path to Redeemer was one I would never have imagined or planned. I grew up in Warren, a city close to Detroit, Michigan. I was the second oldest of the five kids, three sisters and a younger brother. We attended Catholic Church every Sunday morning at 8:00 AM and always sat in the very front row. In high school I met the love of my life, Marilou. We dated for three years and were married on March 12, 1976. We have three grown children – Jessica (who is married to Seth Hoisington), Jarod, and Matt (who is married to Michelle). We are also blessed with three wonderful grandchildren, thanks to Jessica & Seth. They are Ethan (11), Aiden (8), and Avery (6).

Since being married our life has crisscrossed the USA. We have lived in San Diego and Charleston, SC while I was serving in the US Navy. After leaving the Navy we moved back to Michigan to be near family. In 1992 I was laid off from my job, and the search for a new job was long and tough. I remember going to church every Sunday and hoping for a new job. While searching for a new job I worked with Marilou's brother in construction. The work was very hard and exhausting, usually carrying heavy cement blocks, some weighing 80 pounds each or wheel barrels full of concrete. I remember this special day vividly, I was thinking about what I needed to do to get another job, other than this back breaking construction job. As I was walking through a muddy field I slipped while carrying two 80 pound blocks and ended upon my knees in the mud. At that point I told God that I cannot do this on my own anymore and asked for his help. I got up and felt different but continued working in the mud. Two weeks later I received a phone call about a job offer in Texas. Soon after that we packed up and headed for the Lone Star state.

When we arrived here, we all continued to attend a local Catholic church. We told our kids that once they were confirmed in the church they were considered an adult and could then make up their mind to attend church or not. When my daughter Jessica reached that point in her life, she decided to not attend church anymore. Jessica met Seth Hoisington and they started dating, as well as attending Redeemer. Sunday mornings my daughter would run around hurrying to get to Redeemer Church. I was convinced it was some kind of cult, either that or the

boyfriend factor. After a year of not attending church at all, Marilou was invited by Jessica and Seth to go to church with them. I was still skeptical.

Jessica and Marilou invited me to church but it took a while before I agreed to attend Redeemer, mostly just to see what was so different. From the moment I walked in the front doors my perceptions were changed. People greeted me at the door and actually seemed to care about me. I started to meet on Saturday morning with several of the men of Redeemer, Cliff Erickson, Dan Belville, Coby Sparks and David Dean. We met and talked about how everyone's week was. Then I was shocked each of these men asked for prayer for something that was on their hearts or a situation. I had never done that so I was the silent one to pray. Eventually I was able to feel comfortable about actually praying out loud, something I was never led to do before. I still thank these men today

for helping me become a better Christian man.

We have been members of Redeemer church since 2000 and I have served in many capacities in the church: fund raisers for our two Ukraine mission trips, nursery duty, mowing the church lawn (we are always looking for more volunteers), and I have also helped lead the men's ministry. I had never been on the Church Council so serving as Fellowship Chairman for two years

was my first experience and it was fun.

I am humbled and blessed to be serving as Church Chairman for a second term. As Church Chairman I see everything that is happening here at Redeemer and am excited and expectant for what God is doing. This year we will add a new Youth Pastor to the Redeemer staff. With this new addition as well as new Council members it's going to be an exciting year.

I have had the honor to work closely with two of our Council members who have reached their term limits and are no longer on the Council. Julie Persson has been the Discipleship Chair for the past 6 years. She has been someone always working behind the scenes making sure everything is running smoothly with the youth and adult teachings. Her dedication and commitment to the youth of Redeemer has been amazing.

Joe Wakeman is the other Council member reaching his



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term limits. Joe has been the Mission Chairman for the past 6 years. Joe is a very quiet and dedicated man. His goal and focus has always been to bring the Missionaries to the fore front of our thoughts and prayers. He was the driving force to arrange and setup the Skype video calls with the missionaries we support around the world. By seeing and hearing from them it adds that special connection to these families serving around the world.



The hard work and dedication have surely been appreciated by myself and the rest of the Council. 2016 will be an exciting and very memorable year. With God's grace we will be mortgage free by the end of this year. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for Redeemer.

Sincerely,
Mike Castelli fmcastelli@gmail.com

News and Opportunities

Help Our Neighbors

Special thanks to everyone who have been filling the food basket by the front door!

All donated items are brought to Metrocrest Services Food Pantry monthly. The food pantry always needs all types of hygiene and non-perishable food items.

Together we can help the hurting in our community and transform lives.



Penny Manna

A simple way to bless those in need!

- 1) Collect all those unwanted coins
- 2) Place them in the Penny Manna Jar in the church lobby.

All donations go to **Covenant World Relief (CWR)** to help provide water, food, jobs, and shelter to people in dire need around the world.



Visit www.covchurch.org/cwr.



is Underway & Kids are Smiling

Metrocrest Services' [Sack Summer Hunger](#) effort has begun. We are helping provide weekly supplies of healthy food to low-income youngsters through August 6th.

Sign up in the lobby to help or contact Tasha at [Tasha.Lynn.Moore \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:Tasha.Lynn.Moore@gmail.com)

Metrocrest says that 6 out of 10 kids in our community don't get 3 meals a day. A donation of **\$54 ensures 1 child eats this summer.**



Register for Camp Now

Midsouth Covenant Camp

at **Frontier Camp** in Grapeland, Texas.

July 31-August 6

Registration Forms

are available in the church lobby

Register online at www.midsouthcov.org

The cost is \$475

July 15 = All camp paperwork due to the Midsouth Conference office

July 31 = Camp check-in & all camp balances must be paid in full

News and Opportunities

Small Groups



Join a small group where our goal is to learn how to walk alongside one another as we seek healing and wholeness in Christ. Our desire is to get to know and support one another in a safe and honest setting.

We have several small groups going and would like to help form more.

If you are interested in joining a small group, please contact Pastor Mark at 972-466-0054 or PastorMark@RedeemerCovenantChurch.org.

Celebrate Recovery

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

Weekly Schedule

6:00 P.M. Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 P.M. Main Meeting in the Sanctuary
8:00 P.M. Men's Open Share Group in the Sanctuary Annex
8:00 P.M. Women's Open Share Group in the Prayer Room
9:00 P.M. Café Koinonia in Fellowship Hall

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

Book Club

Sunday, July 10, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

All men and women are welcome!

- ♦ One book a month from a wide variety of genres
- ♦ Fun discussions
- ♦ Invite non-church people
- ♦ Develop friendships
- ♦ Short time of prayer
- ♦ Movie or dinner, occasionally



The book club meets in the conference room usually on the 3rd Sunday, monthly (but not in this month). For July: **Bettyville: A Memoir by George Hodgson.**

Contact Lori at Lori@RedeemerECC.org.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped us celebrate the high school graduation of Jimmy, Joe, Reynel, and Marissa. A special thank you to those who contributed goodies to help make our dessert buffet so wonderful.



Thank you Kathy Joiner, Jake, Joy, Kimmy and Steve Walker...we couldn't have done it without you! We appreciate all the love shown our graduates by the Redeemer family.

Blessings,

The Muncy, Martin, Previlon, and Lemay Families.

ESL Classes are on a Summer Break

Registration for fall classes will begin in August. Classes will resume Wednesday, September 7.

Men's Small Group

Wednesdays at 6:30-7:30 A.M.

in the Fellowship Hall

Contact Warren Leonhardi at wsleonhardi@verizon.net

CREW Youth Group

CREW Youth Group

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



All 6th-12th grade students are invited to join us for youth group every Sunday evening in the CREW room! 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. This summer we will be digging into some of the highlights of the Bible. Come join us! Come join the fun!

CREW Fight Club

Sunday, July 3, 7:30 P.M.



High school girls: Join Joy at Café Brazil for food, laughter, and discussion. If you need a ride between CREW and Café Brazil, let Joy know.

Splash Day!

Saturday, July 16, 1:00-3:00 P.M.

Summer Fun #2! Join us at church for a couple hours of water fun!



CREW Will Take a Break

Sunday, July 24, CREW is canceled.

Your primary leaders will be out of town, so CREW will not meet on July 24.

CREW at the Ball Game!

Sunday, August 28 — Watch for more details.



Summer Fun #3 CREW at the ballgame!!

We're headed to Arlington to enjoy the Rangers vs. Indians and the post-game concert with *For King & Country*!!!! We'll leave right after church. No regular

CREW this day. \$20/student for ticket

and to help with parking. Please bring a lunch or extra money to eat at the ballpark.

CREW's Mission Trip!!

In June, five of our CREW students and three leaders spent four days in Tulsa, OK ministering to the local population. Together with Merge Ministries, we partnered with a local organization called CORE which ministers to the youth in the local community. We spent Friday doing work projects at the church including mudding and painting.

On Saturday, we worked alongside the CORE students on several projects in "The Shire." "The Shire" is a plot of land with 14 homes which was purchased by the directors of CORE to be used as a future home base for ministry. The homes are from the fifties and are all in significant need of repairs. We helped to put up a chain link fence, dig out old clothesline poles, remove siding, and repair lawn mowers.

On Saturday night we got to hang out with all of the CORE students and leaders and all enjoy a pool party together! Our group had an awesome time and learned important lessons about

those who may have had different experiences that they have had growing up. We hope to be able to do more ministry together in the future.

CREW would like to thank all of you who contributed to our fundraisers this year and helped make this mission trip possible! You were a huge part of the blessings we were able to bring to Tulsa and we are grateful for your support and prayers.



Contact our Youth Leaders:

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Kimmy Petty: [Kimberly.petty28 \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:Kimberly.petty28@gmail.com)

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

News and Opportunities

Hearts and Soles



Sharing God's love in a practical way
Sunday, August 7th from 7:45-10:30 A.M.

Redeemer Covenant Church is teaming with Metrocrest Services and Payless Shoes to provide new shoes for children going back to school.



Volunteer: to help children find that special pair of shoes that will make them smile! Training will begin at 7:45 A.M. that Sunday at the Payless store at Josey and the Bush Tollway.

Donate: If you wish to make a financial donation to purchase shoes, please make your check out to Redeemer and put "Hearts and Soles" on the memo line.

Watch for a signup table on Sundays to volunteer or make a donation.

Please Pray to make this outreach a success!

Contact: Tasha Moore for more information: [tasha.lynn.moore \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:tasha.lynn.moore@gmail.com)

Everyone is invited to ***Cautious Caleb and the Cave of Courage***

an original production by Cassie Shea Watson
performed by her students!

Location:

Redeemer Covenant Church
1518 E Frankford Rd, Carrollton, TX

Show Times:

Friday, July 29, 7:00 P.M.

Saturday, July 30, 7:00 P.M.

Cost:

Admission is free.

Donations are appreciated.

Food and drinks will be on sale.

Please come encourage these voice and acting students who come through our doors each week...many of them are Redeemer members!



WOMEN in CHRIST

All women, all ages, all stages,
all woven together in Christ!

Thursday, July 14

**Begins with prayer
at Noon sharp.**

**Redeemer
Fellowship Hall**

**Bring a potluck dish,
a smile and a friend!**



Save the Date: Monday, August 8

Questions? Contact Sheryl Smith at
[SherylSmith123 \(at\) verizon.net](mailto:SherylSmith123@verizon.net)



Following Jesus— the Light of the World

VBS is Coming!

Have you registered?

Cave Quest will be at Redeemer for 1 week only!

Monday, July 11—Friday, July 15*

6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

***FREE picnic supper at Friday night Open House!**

Registration for ages 4 through 5th grade

- **VISIT** the church and fill out a form
- **MAIL** this form to:
Redeemer Covenant Church
1518 E. Frankford Rd
Carrollton, TX 75007
- **E-MAIL** your information to
JulieP@RedeemerECC.org
- **PHONE IN** your information
to our church office at 972-466-0054

**Remember to invite your friends
and neighbors!**

Donations Needed!

Donation sheets are on the bulletin board outside the education wing.

Pick up a donation sheet, buy (or locate) the requested items, and bring them to church by the date listed on the sheet.

There are buckets by the bulletin board to gather these items.

Join Us on Decorating Days!

Workdays at Redeemer:

- **Monday through Saturday:**
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, July 3 at 4:30-8:30 p.m.**
- **Sunday, July 10 at 4:30-8:30 p.m.**

For decorations questions, contact Kathy Lemay at
klemay@verizon.net 469-212-6843.

Contact VBS Director, Julie Persson, at
rpersson@verizon.net or call 972-492-6124.

Cave Quest Registration Form

Child's Name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Last school grade completed _____
(as of June, 2016)

Child's Name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Last school grade completed _____
(as of June, 2016)

Child's Name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Last school grade completed _____
(as of June, 2016)

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? _____

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 Louelle 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 Jim Hoisington
7/12 Kira Conway
7/12 Jim Hoisington
7/13 Jessica Mohrweis
7/14 Jerry Jaime
7/15 Warren Leonhardi
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 Cliff Erickson
7/29 Terry Yach
7/31 Jessica Olson

Happy Anniversary!

7/6 Vijay Sachdev & Shayla Holub
7/21 Kyle & Nancy 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.*

Redeemer Covenant Church Contributions Report

(The June report is not ready at the time of this printing. Look for it in the August newsletter.)

Month:	MAY
Monthly Contributions:	
General	30,133.67
Crisis Relief	481.00
Missions	0.00
Facilities	185.00
Designated	
Youth Missions	65.00
Total Monthly Contributions	\$30,864.67
Year-to-Date Contributions:	
General	161,178.98
Crisis Relief	2,609.00
Missions	372.00
Facilities	1,826.00
Designated	
Penny Manna	14.00
Mortgage Fund	900.00
Worship	800.00
2015 VBS Missions	95.05
Youth Missions	1,226.00
Youth Paintball	210.00
Total YTD Contributions	\$169,021.03
YTD General Budget	\$152,769.23
Wk General Budget	\$7,638.46
Wk General Actual	\$8,058.95
Wk Difference	\$420.49

Redeemer's Vision

**We want to be a multi-ethnic community
that is committed to walking alongside anyone
seeking healing or wholeness in Christ.**

We will do this by:

- **Embracing God and Neighbor**—Ministries of worship, prayer, facilities
- **Establishing Koinonia** (authentic fellowship)—Ministries of small groups, Celebrate Recovery, spiritual formation, children and youth
- **Engaging our Community and World**—Ministries of evangelism, missions, justice
- **Encouraging Ministry through Practical Support**—Ministries of administration, finance, policies



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July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PURPLE = Fellowship Hall BLUE = Conference Room RED = Sanctuary GREEN = CE Wing PINK = Whole Church	PLAN AHEAD: August 7 - Hearts & Soles August 22 - Rainwater Treats August 28 - CREW Rangers' Game				1 VBS decorating 10am-3pm, 7-8:30pm ← Lori's vacation → ← Dieula's Haiti Trip →	2 VBS decorating 10am-3pm, 7-8:30pm
3 VBS decorating 4:30-8:30pm CREW 5:30 pm CREW Fight Club 7:30 pm	4 Independence Day Office closed	5 VBS decorating 10am-3pm, 7-8:30pm	6 Men's Small Group 6:30 am VBS decorating 10am-3pm, 7-8:30pm 7-8:30 pm: Bible Study, Prayer, Iglesia Emanuel	7 VBS decorating 10am-3pm, 7-8:30pm Council meeting 7pm Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm	8 VBS decorating 10am-3pm, 7-8:30pm	9 VBS decorating 10am-3pm, 7-8:30pm Whirleyball with Youth Pastor candidate 4pm (RSVP with Pastor Mark)
← Dieula's Haiti Trip →						
10 Youth Pastor candidate at worship service VBS decorating 4:30-8:30pm CREW 5:30 pm Book Club 7 pm	11 VBS decorating 10am-3pm	12	13 Men's Small Group 6:30 am	14 Woven Luncheon 12 pm	15	16 VBS clean up 10am-3pm CREW Splash Day 1 pm
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17 CREW 5:30 pm	18	19	20 Men's Small Group 6:30 am 7-8:30 pm: Bible Study, Prayer, Iglesia Emanuel	21 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm	22	23
				← Lori's vacation →		
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31 CREW 5:30 pm Midsouth Camp begins	← Mark's vacation → Lori's vacation →					

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Redeemer Covenant Church

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Worship at Redeemer

Worship Services

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

Summer Sermon Series

“On The Quest for the Perfect Christian Family (PCF)”

We are going through the stories of the Patriarchs – revealing how even the first families of God were far from perfect. We’ll encourage people to give grace, but also to take a step forward in growth.

July 3 – Genesis 22:1-19 “All That is Near and Dear”

July 10 – Genesis 26:1-10 “Trying the Same Thing, Expecting a Different Result”

July 17 – Genesis 25:19-34 “The Enemy You Can’t Live Without”

July 24 – Genesis 32:22-32 “Let God Change You Before You Change Your Family”

July 31 – Genesis 16:1-16 “The High Cost of Family Sin”

Master’s Touch Submissions

To submit information or an article, e-mail it to Lori at Lori@RedeemerECC.org.

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 2 — 3 PM)

Wednesday: 9 AM — 4 PM

Thursday: 9 AM — 4 PM

Friday: 9 AM — 4 PM
(Lori’s day off)

Saturday: Closed