

September 2016



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

The Master's Touch

From the Pastor's Desk

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

(Galatians 6:9)

"You get out what you put in." Okay, so the quote is a bit cliché. It is printed on gym banners and work posters, keeping you motivated. This time of year guidance counselors, football coaches, and college deans are all repeating it. And as much as it hurts to join the crowd, there is some wisdom in that proverb. We have a choice with how to spend our time. It seems natural that the things we spend a lot of time on will be the things which give us the most meaning in life, including our spiritual walks.

Last year I met with a person who had visited Redeemer for a couple of months. The person was very frustrated. They felt it was impossible to make friends at Redeemer. I politely nodded my head and gently inquired if the person was interested in coming to Bible Study, or signing up for Trunk or Treat, or even forming a small group. "No time!" was the answer. A few weeks later the person left Redeemer. Somehow they were convinced that friendships could be formed by simply arriving on time each

Sunday morning. As most of you know, that simply isn't the case. You get out what you put in. The good news is that Sunday morning is not the only resource we have to form deep friendships!

As the fall rolls around - as school begins and plans get made - I want to encourage you to think about what you would like to "put in" to your faith journey. We are saved by grace, but

that same grace calls us to give our best to this life (Galatians 6:9). Inside this newsletter are opportunities to serve and get to know people. These opportunities vary in time commitment, age bracket, and emphasis. You may find yourself 'putting in' at Redeemer. Or it may be some other place where your faith is lived out. No matter where, I want to encourage you - be intentional about how you will grow closer to God this fall. After all, you get out what you put in.



- Mark Mohrweis
Mark@RedeemerECC.org

Getting to Know Nick Castle

Born in Sherman, Texas, Nick grew up in a Non-Denominational Church, planted by his father. Growing up surrounded by a family active in ministry, he knew that he was called to ministry but did not know what tools



he needed to be effective. God made provision for Nick to attend Dallas Christian College where he was able to witness the church in action. He pursued

a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration and Biblical Studies and in May of 2016, Nick graduated with honors while also receiving the Biblical Scholar Award. He is a current student of Dallas Theological

Seminary pursuing a Master of Theology degree.

Nick has a heart for street evangelism,

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Nick Castle, continued

apologetics and student ministry. He believes that there is nothing more exciting than witnessing the love and action of Christ impact and dramatically change the lives of young people. He brings a lot of enthusiasm, dedication and excitement to youth ministry. In his free time, Nick enjoys working out, playing basketball, fishing, and reading Christian theology.

Nick has been married to his lovely wife, Carlisa, since March of 2015. Carlisa recently graduated from Grand Canyon University with an MBA in Human Resources and is currently a Branch Manager for a local commercial bank. They have one son, Nicholas Isaiah Castle, and currently live in Wilmer, TX.

Contact Nick at Nick@RedeemerECC.org.

CREW Youth Group

CREW Youth Group Meets Every Sunday 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, participate in creative projects, serve others in the community, and explore what it means to be a Christ-follower in our world through important Biblical and topical studies. You don't want to miss out! If anyone needs a ride to CREW please see Pastor Nick immediately after morning worship or contact him at 682-597-8220.

CREW Fight Club

Sunday, September 4, 7:30-8:45 P.M.



High school girls — Join Joy at Café Brazil for food, laughter, and fellowship! If you need a ride after CREW, please let Joy know.

Movie Night

Saturday, September 24

We are planning a movie night! We have not decided if we will host this event at Redeemer or meet at Cinemark Movies 8 in Lewisville. Time and location TBD.



Send Us Your Sport Schedules

We want to support our youth in the things that they are passionate about! Whatever activities or sports you are a part of, please send us your schedules so we can make an effort to come to your events. Please email them to Pastor Nick at Nick@redeemerecc.org.

We Are Excited About Our NEW CURRICULUM!

Starting September 4th

CREW will begin a new curriculum titled "The Thread."



Our prayer is that this study helps our teenagers learn the big-picture story of the Bible and how the Gospel is woven through every page of Scripture. We are definitely excited about this 52-week journey.

PARENT & YOUTH MEETING

Sunday, September 11, 4:00 P.M.



Please join us in the CREW room as we discuss upcoming events for the rest of the year, details about our new curriculum, and our plans for a mission trip in summer 2017! We will have snacks for you!

Celebrate Our Youth!!

We want to honor and encourage our students for their accomplishments!

As the school year approaches, please be sure to keep me updated with all of your children's achievements both big and small! Please send them to

nick@redeemerecc.org before the 20th of each month!



Contact the Youth Leaders

Pastor Nick: Nick@RedeemerECC.org

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

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

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

New Sunday Morning Small Group Studies



Small Group: *Life with God* - a 12 week study
Book cost: \$24.95
Leader: Carolann Duffin
First Meeting: Sunday, September 18th (orientation, book distribution) - - Sunday, September 25 will be the first week of study.**

Group completion date: Sunday, December 18

Life with God: A Journey of Relationship is a discipleship journey that creates opportunities to grow in connection with Christ and members of His Body.

God wants to be in relationship with us in everything that we do. But most of us struggle to grasp that idea or to understand how to become a person that regularly connects with Christ in our daily activities. *Life with God* studies are designed to demystify the process of spiritual growth. Through practical Bible teaching, engaging personal projects and safe small group interaction, participants learn to recognize and abide with God in their real life.

This fall, Carolann Duffin, will be offering the first study in the *Life with God* series, *The Genesis of Relationship*. This 12 week experience focuses on the first four chapters of the book of Genesis, exploring how God created us for relationship and how the Fall of humanity affects our ability to live in the fullness of who we were meant to be. You can read more about this study at <http://graftedlife.org/lwg/>.

The orientation meeting will be in the Sanctuary Annex on **Sunday, September 18th at 9:30 A.M.** We will handout books and do introductions.

You can contact Carolann at [carolannrduffin \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:carolannrduffin@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Carolann is out of town on October 2nd - no meeting
Sign up in the church lobby on Sunday mornings.

www.graftedlife.org



Small Group: *No Strings* - a 12 week study

Book Cost: \$19.95

Leaders: Curt and Debbie Swindoll

First Meeting: Sunday, September 18th (orientation, book distribution) - - Sunday, October 2 will be the first week of study.**

Group completion date: Sunday, December 18

No Strings is a study for Christians seeking true financial freedom in their lives, no matter the size of their bank accounts.

Many of us have personal issues with money, ones that can't be fixed by merely learning new ways to control our behaviors. We can seek to change our actions by setting up financial structures that put boundaries around the way that we spend, save and give. But as good as these **external** options are, unless we are willing to look **internally** at the way our resources affect our emotions, at what motivates our spending decisions, and at the underlying meaning that we attach to the assets that we possess or desire, then we have not explored all that Jesus wants us to evaluate.

No Strings is not about the mechanics of budgeting, saving, or getting out of debt. It looks instead at what Scripture teaches about possessions, finances and our hearts. The exercises and reflections invite honest and real conversations with yourself and God about what really matters to you regarding money. You can read more about this study at <http://graftedlife.org/ns/>.

The orientation meeting will be in Fellowship Hall B on **Sunday, September 18th at 9:30 A.M.** We will handout books and do introductions. You can contact Debbie at [swindolls \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:swindolls@gmail.com) with any questions.

**The Swindolls are out of town on Sept 25th -no meeting
Sign up in the church lobby on Sunday mornings.

www.graftedlife.org

Also on Sunday Mornings

Sunday Bible Study: 9:30-10:30 A.M.

In Fellowship Hall A. Current study: *True Spirituality: Becoming a Romans 12 Christian*. Questions? Contact Denis Lemay at [dlemay101 \(at\) verizon.net](mailto:dlemay101@verizon.net).

Sunday Morning Prayer: 10:00-10:30 A.M.

In the Prayer Room. Come pray with us as the Spirit leads. Questions? Talk to Pastor Mark, Elvis Obinma, or Shari Sparks.

Women Ministries

Ladies, you are invited!

Bridal Shower

For Jessica McFarland, Fiancée of Michael Erickson

Saturday, September 17

2:00 p.m.

Redeemer's Fellowship Hall

The couple is registered at Walmart, Target, and Bed Bath & Beyond.

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

Ladies' Game Night!

Friday, September 16

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).



WOMEN in CHRIST

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

Thursday, September 8th

Begins with prayer at Noon sharp in Fellowship Hall

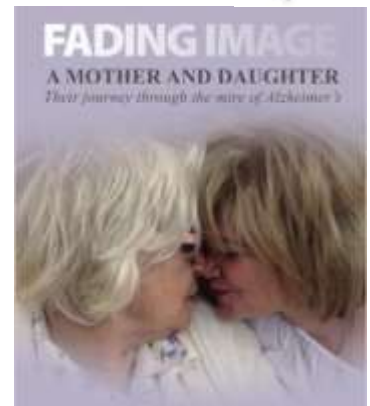
Bring a potluck dish and a friend!

Guest Speaker:

Mary Ray Birdwell, Author of "Fading Image" *The journey of a mother & daughter through the mire of Alzheimer's*

Save these Dates: October 10 & November 8

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



Wednesdays At Redeemer

New for kids!

Kids Connect!

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 P.M.

At Redeemer for Elementary Students

Kids Connect is a place where children can connect with God, adults, each other, and the rest of the world through:

- Getting help with homework and reading
- Listening to Bible stories
- Engaging in fun activities



Kids Connect allows parents from ESL, Bible study, Redeemer's open prayer time, and Iglesia Emanuel's prayer group to fully focus on their Wednesday night activities.

Contact Mary Anne: MaryAnne@RedeemerECC.org



Wednesdays,
beginning
September 7
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Two class levels:

- Basic Beginning English—meets in Fellowship Hall A
- Level 1 Beginning English—meets in Fellowship Hall B

Class size: : limited to 10 students

Cost: \$10 for 2 books and 2 CDs

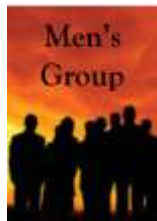
We have 2-3 teachers/assistants per class so students receive a lot of one-on-one and small group attention.

Contact Pastor Dieula at Dieula@RedeemerECC.org.



Men's Small Group

Wednesdays, 6:30 A.M.



All men are welcome to join us for study and support.

Location: Fellowship Hall A

Leader: Warren Leonhardi

Contact: [wsleonhardi \(at\) Verizon.net](mailto:wsleonhardi@verizon.net)

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 P.M.



Everyone is welcome!

Leader: Pastor Mark

Current study: Job

Location: Currently we meet in the Conference Room.

Thursdays At Redeemer

Celebrate Recovery

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

Weekly Schedule

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| 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 Lyn or Steve at 469-751-7596 or email

RedeemerCR@gmail.com.



News & Opportunities

Forming Small Groups



Redeemer's vision is to walk alongside one another as we seek healing and wholeness in Christ. One of our goals in meeting that vision is to form small groups where people can truly 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 being a part of a small group, contact Pastor Mark at 972-466-0054 or Mark@RedeemerECC.org.

Christian College Fair

When: Monday, September 19, 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Where: Prestonwood Baptist Church's atrium

What: About 60 Christian colleges from across the country will be represented at the fair. A financial aid seminar will also take place. (Sponsored by the North American Coalition of Christian College Admission Personnel)

Who: High school students & parents are all welcome.

Questions? Contact: Ron Moss at 972-930-4148 or [rmoss \(at\) prestonwoodchristian.org](mailto:rmoss(at)prestonwoodchristian.org)

Book Club

Sunday, September 18, 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 Fellowship Hall usually on the 3rd Sunday each month. **The book for September is *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman.**

Contact Lori at Lori@RedeemerECC.org.

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!**

From the E-Team



Hearts & Soles

Lunch and Learn

Sunday, September 25, at noon

The Evangelism Team will be hosting our first Lunch and Learn event on September 25th following the morning service.

We'd like to invite everyone to join us for a **light lunch and learn about ways to plug in** and serve our neighbors through various events and ministries at Redeemer.

A guest speaker from Metrocrest Services will also join us to talk about the needs in the Carrollton community and how our efforts with Sack Summer Hunger and Hearts & Souls are making a positive impact.

Sign up: Make sure to sign up in the foyer as the event gets closer.

Contact Tasha at [Tasha.Lynn.Moore \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:Tasha.Lynn.Moore(at)gmail.com).



Thank you!

Thanks for a wonderful summer of outreach and service in our community!

Through Sack Summer Hunger and Hearts & Souls, Redeemer was a beacon of God's light, love, and hope to our community.

A big thank you to all the volunteers and supporters!

September Dates

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

Happy Birthday!

9/01	Andie Seeley
9/02	David Fletcher
9/02	Jeremy Wright
9/03	Sarah Judd
9/03	Elvis Obinma
9/04	Curt Swindoll
9/05	Emily Burdett
9/05	Shari Sparks
9/06	Tom Muncy
9/08	Jimmy Muncy
9/10	Trinity Page
9/14	Becky Lamb
9/14	Fausto Ordonez
9/18	Elaine Petty
9/20	Solomon Page
9/20	Mike Smith
9/21	Jenna Martin
9/22	Dr. Willie Peterson
9/25	Terry Dryden
9/25	Pamela Head
9/27	Ella Flynn
9/28	Kyle Flory
9/29	Patti Bass
9/29	Courtnei Hitzeman
9/30	Reynel Previlon

Happy Anniversary!

9/14	Joe & Sherry Thweatt
9/15	Kathy & Amos Burdett
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.

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. Learn more at www.covchurch.org/cwr.

Redeemer Covenant Church

Month:	AUGUST	
Monthly Contributions:		
General (8/01-22)		29,300.87
	eGiving (08/01-29)	6,235.49
Crisis Relief		445.00
Missions		0.00
Facilities - Renovate		370.00
Designated		
Total Monthly Contributions		\$30,115.87
Year-to-Date Contributions:		
General		247,878.63
	eGiving	13,910.06
Crisis Relief		4,495.00
Missions		372.00
Facilities		13,121.00
Designated		
	Hearts & Soles	3,973.00
	Penny Manna	214.00
	Mortgage Fund	1,650.00
	Worship	800.00
	2015 VBS Missions (Cleared)	95.05
	Youth Missions	2,856.00
	Youth Paintball (Cleared)	210.00
Total YTD Contributions		\$289,364.74
YTD General Budget		\$259,707.69
Wk General Budget		\$7,638.46
Wk General Actual		\$7,699.67
Wk General Contributions Difference		\$61.21

As of 08/21/16



Redeemer has 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 Christian Community Action's food bank. We are also an affiliate with the North Texas Food Bank!

Learn more:

Email Stan: grow@HarvestCommunitGarden.org

On the web: www.HarvestCommunityGarden.org

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

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

I AM NOT A ROBOT—Midsouth Camp 2016

Several Redeemer members and friends had a fantastic week at Midsouth Covenant Camp in July! Here are a few highlights:

We had a record high number of campers - 118!

Campers, counselors and CILTs alike had fun while learning and growing closer to God.

Our week started by learning the difference between robots and humans. Robots do what others tell them, while humans make choices. One of these choices we focused on was choosing to be a “God-Pleaser.” We also talked about being “transformers” as we turn over control of our lives to God. Many campers dedicated their lives to Christ for the first time while several others re-dedicated their lives. Everyone agrees, “I am not a robot!”

We had some incredible new activities at camp this year. In the chapel we had “Cirque de Munk” where board games, video games, and movies were enjoyed. Each day we had a different water activity on the field including shaving cream slip n’ slide, obstacle courses, kiddie pool ice baths, a sno-cone truck, and giant inflatable water slides! One of the highlights of the week was the Robot fashion show and “Battle of the Bots.” Campers cheered on counselors as they attempted to complete an obstacle course in a robot costume. The evening ended by watching all the counselors battle it out!

Overall, it was an incredible week spent with our Midsouth Covenant family! We would love to have you join us next year!!

Save the date.... July 30- August 5, 2017!

“Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. The world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from the world. This world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.”

- 1 John 2:15-17

Learn more about Midsouth Covenant Camp: Contact Kimmy at [Kimberly.Petty28 \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:Kimberly.Petty28@gmail.com). Visit www.midsouthcov.org or find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/73376571975/>



September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PURPLE = Fellowship Hall BLUE = Conference Room RED = Sanctuary GREEN = CE Wing PINK = Whole Church	PLAN AHEAD: 10/10 Woven potluck 10/31 Trunk or Treat 11/08 U.S. elections 11/10 Woven potluck 11/11-12 CREW lock-in 11/13 Thanksgiving service			1 Council Meeting 7pm Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm	2	3
4 Iglaesia Emanuel 1pm CREW 5:30pm CREW Fight Club 7:30pm	5 Labor Day Office closed	6	7 Men's Small Group 6:30am 7-8:30pm: ESL, Prayer, Bible Study, Kids Connect, Iglaesia Emanuel	8 Woven potluck 12pm Council/Staff Meeting 7pm Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm	9	10
11 Iglaesia Emanuel 1pm CREW Parent meeting 4pm CREW 5:30pm	12	13	14 Men's Small Group 6:30am 7-8:30pm: ESL, Prayer, Bible Study, Kids Connect, Iglaesia Emanuel	15 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm	16 Ladies' Game Night 6:30pm	17 Bridal Shower 2pm
18 Small Group Studies begin 9:30am Iglaesia Emanuel 1pm CREW 5:30pm Book club 7pm	19 Christian College Fair at Prestonwood Baptist 6:30pm	20	21 Men's Small Group 6:30am 7-8:30pm: ESL, Prayer, Bible Study, Kids Connect, Iglaesia Emanuel	22 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm	23	24 CREW Movie Night
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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.

Fall Sermon Series

“Shout to the Lord” Sermon series on worship...How and why we do what we do.

September 4 - “Shout to the Lord: Veneration and Purification”
2 Kings 17:27-39

September 11 - “Shout to the Lord: Tradition and Innovation”
Psalm 98 and Deuteronomy 6:20-25

September 18 - “Shout to the Lord: Jubilation and Desolation”
Psalm 131 and 2 Samuel 6:14, 20-22

September 25 - “Shout to the Lord: Isolation and Cooperation”
John 4:23 and Revelation 7:9

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