

January 2017



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

The Master's Touch

From the Pastor's Desk

Anyone who loves Me will obey My teaching. My Father will love them, and We will come to them and make Our home with them. - John 14:23

If all goes according to plan, sometime between this newsletter and the next newsletter (February) my wife and I will welcome a new baby girl. Jessica is due on February 1st. (If you have a moment – we would appreciate your prayers for a safe and smooth delivery!) I am incredibly excited for this new arrival. But I also must share an honest confession: I am going to enjoy my time as much as possible BEFORE the baby gets here. I know that once the baby gets here, there will be all sorts of demands on my time and energy, trying to care for the baby, my wife, and my other two children. And compared to Jessica, I have the easy part.

Believe it or not, this experience has got me thinking about Jesus' birth. I am guilty, along with most Christians, of placing a lot of emphasis on the time BEFORE Jesus' birth. We have Christmas shopping to do, plans to be made, and friends to see. AFTER Jesus' birth, I return to my routine as usual. Even Christians I know who use Advent and

Christmas as a spiritual tool still seem to revert back to the business-as-usual side of faith once December 25th passes. And yet, if you think about it, AFTER Jesus' birth is the crucial time. Like the birth of a child demands our attention, the birth of Christ demands our attention – to a life of obedience and service.

Now that Christmas has come and gone, what has changed for you? Does life return to normal? Or like the Magi who bring Jesus' gifts



– is there something in your life that you need to surrender to God? Do you have a willingness to respond to Him when He calls out, as you would when a newborn baby cries? Does everything else come second, after the gift of this precious life? Christmas has come and gone, but the child born Immanuel still changes everything for us. We have celebrated the days leading up to his birth. Now that He has come, it is time to obey.

- Mark Mohrweis
Mark@RedeemerECC.org

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 29, 12:05 P.M.



Everyone is welcome!

Please plan to stay after worship for our annual meeting on January 29. You don't have to be a member of Redeemer to come listen!

At this meeting you will:

- Hear updates on Redeemer's ministries
- Get the updated Redeemer photo directory

Redeemer members are needed to:

- Vote on the 2017 budget
- Approve the Nominating Committee

Please make it a priority to join us!

Join Us at the MLK Parade in Carrollton

Saturday, January 14 at 10 A.M.

Since 1997, the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade in Carrollton has been sponsored by Christ Community Connection, Inc. and cosponsored by the City of Carrollton and the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District

The parade will start on Rainwater Lane (behind Carrollton City Hall) and proceed West to Josey



Lane; South on Josey to Keller Springs; East on Keller Springs to Kelly Blvd.; South on Kelly Blvd. to Ted Polk Middle School at 2001 Kelly Blvd.

There will be a program following the parade at 11:30 A.M. Learn more at <http://carrolltonmlkparade.com/>.

Contact Pastor Dieula if you would like to go, learn more, or carpool. Dieula@RedeemerECC.org

Thank you!

ADVENT DINNER

Thank you to the untold number of people who helped with the Advent Dinner by getting the word out, selling tickets, moving furniture, decorating tables, providing food, entertaining us, running the sound, cleaning up, and in so many other ways!

A special thanks to Sheryl Smith who coordinated everything while I was out of town!

- Kathy Joiner

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



Thank you!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Dear parents and families of Redeemer kids, I can't tell you how much of a blessing your kids have been to me again this year. Working with them and planning to teach them about Christ's birth as we prepared for the 2016 program actually meant that they taught me so much more! Once again, this has been an experience of great joy and laughter... with some confusion and exhaustion along the way. This is truly a highlight of my year each year, and I'm delighted to say that this year was no exception.

Blessings,

- Heather Erickson

We Need Your Contact Information!

In case of emergency: We want to email you to let you know if there is an emergency closure or the like.

Photo directory: We want to update the photo directory (available at the congregational meeting on January 29). Let us know what information you want included and give us a photo to include.

Prayer partner email group: We will update our mailing list for those who want to receive special prayer requests via email.

Newsletter email group: Let us know if you want to receive a pdf copy of The Master's Touch newsletter via email each month.

Special dates: If you give us your birth date and/or anniversary date, we will add you to our special dates list so we can send you a card.



NOTE: If there is any information you do not want in the church directory, please make a note for Lori.

To recap, we want:

- Your **home address**
- Your **phone numbers**
- Your **email address**
- A **photo** for the directory
- Instructions as to which **email lists** should include you
- **Birth date**
- **Anniversary date**

Please fill out the form in the bulletin on Sunday and put it in the offering basket or in the church office.

OR, you can email Lori at the church office:

Lori@RedeemerECC.org



Sundays at Redeemer

Adult Bible Study

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

Join us in Fellowship Hall A.



Prayer Ministry

10:00-10:30 A.M. - We meet in the Prayer Room to pray as the Spirit leads.



Nursery Care

10:30 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.



Worship Service at 10:45 A.M.

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

Mary Anne Jensen at [MaryAnne \(at\) RedeemerECC.org](mailto:MaryAnne@RedeemerECC.org).

Wednesdays at Redeemer

Open Prayer

7:00 to 8:00 P.M. - The prayer room is open for all who want to pray. Prayer sheets are available in the church office.



Bible Study

7:00 to 8:30 P.M. - Everyone is invited to join Pastor Mark in room 110 for a study of the book of Job. Mark@RedeemerECC.org



English Classes

7:00 to 8:30 P.M. - We have two ESL classes for beginners: Basic and Level 1. They meet in Fellowship Hall. Contact Pastor Dieula at Dieula@RedeemerECC.org



CREW Youth Group - Beginning January 11!

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 Youth Pastor Nick for details at Nick@RedeemerECC.org.

Kids Connect

7:00 to 8:30 P.M. - Elementary age students get together for homework, snacks, Bible learning, and a variety of activities. Contact: [MaryAnne \(at\) RedeemerECC.org](mailto:MaryAnne@RedeemerECC.org).



Taking Down the Greens

Wednesday, January 11, 6 P.M.

We need your help! Your participation

will make it fun to:

- Put away Advent decorations
- Start 2017 out fresh & clean
- Get to know each other

Please help us prepare

Redeemer for the new year!

Contact Jake Petty at [Craftsman4Christ \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:Craftsman4Christ@yahoo.com).

YOU make it fun!!!



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.

CREW Youth Group



CREW IS MOVING TO WEDNESDAYS!

Beginning January 11, 7:00 P.M.

Due to the schedules of our youth and much feedback from parents in the process, **CREW will now be meeting on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30 P.M.!**

After the holidays, our first meeting of the 2017 year will be **Wednesday, January 11th**. Please feel free to contact Pastor Nick if you have any questions or concerns!

CREW Parent Meeting

Sunday, January 8, 12:30 P.M. (Right After Church)
All parents and youth, please join us for a **QUICK** meeting as we discuss upcoming important dates for 2017 and our hope for mission trip in the summer!

CREW Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a few more volunteers to join us this year! If you are interested with helping out with CREW, please contact me directly and we can discuss potential opportunities for you to serve!



CREW IS GOING BOWLING!

January 21, 12:00 – 3:30 (Tentative)

We are planning on going to Bowlmor located at 3805 Belt Line Rd, Addison, TX 75001 (Just 6 miles from the church). Students, please bring \$10.00 on Sunday, the 8th or to CREW on the 11th. This event will be contingent upon how many students bring the \$10.00 deposit. This includes 2 hours of bowling with unlimited food, drinks and an arcade gift card. This will be really fun! Details in regards to transportation will be determined after we get a head count!



Looking Ahead

We will be doing our **Gifts of Love fundraiser** this year for Valentine's day as we work towards raising money for our 2017 Youth Mission trip back to Tulsa. So **ALL** students please try to make yourselves available **February 11th** as a "work day" to help fill the Valentine orders. Details will be emailed at a later time.



Contact Pastor Nick

Pastor Nick: Nick@RedemerECC.org

News & Information

WOMEN in CHRIST

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

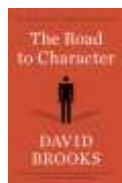
Monday, January 9, at Noon in Fellowship Hall



Bring a potluck dish and a friend.
"Getting to Know You" We'll celebrate friendships, old and new!

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

Book Club

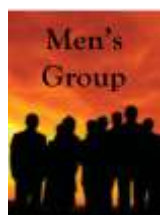


Sunday, January 15 at 7-9:00 P.M.

Join us in Fellowship Hall for a discussion on *The Road to Character* by David Brooks.

For details, contact Lori Vriend at Lori@RedeemerECC.org.

Men's Small Group



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

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

Location: Fellowship Hall A

Leader: Warren Leonhardi

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

Small Groups



Redeemer's vision is to walk alongside one another as we seek healing and wholeness in Christ. One of our goals 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 already, and would like to help form more. If you are interested in being a part of a small group, contact Pastor Mark at Mark@RedeemerECC.org.

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.

Missionary Visit

Sunday, January 22, 10:45 A.M.

Our Covenant missionaries to refugees, Steve and Barbara Swanson will visit with us and update us on their ministry. Watch for details.



Our Council Members

Council Chair:	Mike Castelli
Vice Chair:	Gaylon Hull
Council Secretary:	Sherry Thweatt
Church Treasurer :	Deb Christopher
Financial Secretary:	Jayne Wright
Discipleship Chair:	Mary Anne Jensen
Evangelism Chair:	Tasha Moore
Fellowship Chair:	Kathy Joiner
Missions Chair:	Warren Leonhardi
Property Chair:	Steve Walker
Worship Chair:	Jake Petty

Find Us on Facebook

Redeemer: www.facebook.com/#!/redeemercarrollton

Redeemer Men's Ministry: www.facebook.com/#!/groups/177117385741727/

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

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

Our 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 our webpage www.covchurch.org.



Contacts & Information:

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.

January Dates

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

Happy Birthday!

1/04	Erin Hull
1/04	Michaelle Schwarz
1/07	Ben Nielsen
1/08	Niam Sachdev
1/10	Victory Obinma
1/11	Ava Moore
1/14	Nancy Donley
1/14	David Petty
1/16	Luisa Salazar
1/16	Adam Thweatt
1/21	Luke Bayard
1/24	McKenna Moore
1/26	Jennifer Burdett
1/30	Lyn Hall
1/31	Presley Hitzeman

Happy Anniversary!

1/14	Steve & Julie Walker
1/16	Matthew & Marcia Seebachan
1/21	Eddie & Duana David
1/23	Jerry & Erica Jaime
1/31	Claude & Amy Judd

special day, please let us know so we can add you to the list.

Redeemer Covenant Church

Month:	NOVEMBER
Monthly Contributions:	
General	20,572.00
	eGiving TBD
Crisis Relief	460.00
Missions	0.00
Facilities - Renovate	185.00
Designated	
Total Monthly Contributions	\$21,217.00
Year-to-Date Contributions:	
General	329,113.07
	eGiving 31,676.25
Crisis Relief	5,603.00
Missions	545.00
Facilities - Renovate	14,331.00
Designated	
	Hearts & Soles 4,073.00
	Penny Manna 225.00
	Pastor Appreciation 3,168.00
	Mortgage Fund 1,650.00
	Worship 800.00
	2016 VBS Missions 36.15
	2015 VBS Missions (Cleared) 95.05
	Youth Missions 3,066.00
	Youth Paintball (Cleared) 210.00
Total YTD Contributions	\$394,591.52
YTD General Budget	\$320,815.38
Wk General Budget Contributions	\$7,638.46
Wk General Actual Contributions	\$8,590.22
Wk General Contributions Difference	\$951.76

As of 11/13/2016

Pumpkin Trifle Recipe

At our Thanksgiving Feast in November, 2016, Patricia Greer from Iglesia Emanuel brought a dessert that caused many people to ask about the recipe. Here it is:

Pumpkin Truffle -from the kitchen of Elaine Gestring

- 3 c. fat-free cold milk
- 2 small pkgs. sugar-free vanilla pudding
- 1 15-oz. canned pumpkin
- 3/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp. ground ginger
- 1 2/3 c. gingersnap crumbs, roughly crushed
- 2 1/2 c. fat free Cool Whip (8-oz. container)



Mix together the milk, pudding, pumpkin, and spices.

Layer as desired:

- Ginger snaps
- Pumpkin mix with spices
- Cool whip

Tips:

- Pumpkin spice can be used
- World Market tin of gingersnaps –they crush easier or can be layered
- Easy to double the recipe

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. No other activities	2	3	4 Men's Small Group 6:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.: Prayer, ESL, Bible study, Kids Connect, Iglesia Emanuel	5 Celebrate Recovery 6-10 p.m.	6	7
8 CREW Parent meeting 12:05 p.m.	9 Women Woven in Christ Potluck 12:00 p.m.	10	11 Men's Small Group 6:30 a.m. Taking Down the Greens 6-8:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.: Prayer, ESL, Bible study, Kids Connect, CREW begins, Iglesia Emanuel	12 Celebrate Recovery 6-10 p.m.	13	14 MLK Parade 10 a.m.
15 Book Club 7 p.m.	16	17	18 Men's Small Group 6:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.: Prayer, Bible study, ESL, Kids Connect, CREW, Iglesia Emanuel	19 Celebrate Recovery 6-10 p.m.	20	21 Harvest Community Garden meeting 10 a.m. CREW Bowling 12 p.m.
22 Missionaries Barb & Steve Swanson Visit 10:45 a.m.	23	24	25 Men's Small Group 6:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.: Prayer, Bible study, ESL, Kids Connect, CREW, Iglesia Emanuel	26 Celebrate Recovery 6-10 p.m.	27	28
29 Congregational Meeting 12:00 p.m.	30	31		PLAN AHEAD: February—CREW's "Jars of Love" fundraiser February 13—Woven Potluck March 1—Ash Wednesday		PURPLE = Fellowship Hall RED = Sanctuary GREEN = CE Wing

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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.

January Sermon Series: “My Story”

Redeemer Staff members will give a story of their faith as well as what they resonate with in the vision statement.

January 1 - Matthew 2:13-23 “The Battle for Christmas”

January 8 - John 4:21-26 My Story: Mark

January 15 - My Story: Lori & Cassie

January 22 - Missionary visit: Barb & Steve Swanson

January 29 - My Story: Nick

February 5 - My Story: Dieula

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