

July 2017



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

The Master's Touch

From the Pastor's Desk

When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. (Mark 4:17)

36-32. I have spent some time pondering those numbers. That was the tally on one of our votes during the congregational meeting this past month. That figure stands out for how close it was. The vote for our \$100,000 in 2014 was 53 to 4. The vote for our land deal that same year was 48 to 2. The vote on calling me as your pastor in 2007 was 66 to 1. (Yes, I'm still on the hunt for the one guy who voted "no.")

But oddly enough, what would normally be a cause for concern has me fairly excited. Don't get me wrong - with a vote this close there is a very real danger of hurt feelings, lingering suspicions, and even resentment. But at the same time, I am convinced that much of what the church calls "unity" is actually superficiality. We "love" each other because we never challenge each other and certainly never rock the boat. Contrary to this, the Bible exhorts us to go deeper. True love and true community (koinonia) extends beyond the surface. It loves even when decisions are made that we disagree with.

I think it's important for our church to be unified, but we need to clarify what unity is and is not. Unity is NOT everyone conforming to the same opinion. For those that have strong feelings for or against the scholarship program we need

not change those opinions. (And to clarify – many were not against the scholarship idea, but felt strongly that a portion of the money needs to be given away before a scholarship program). Unity is making a commitment to understand another's perspective, even if you disagree. Unity is dealing with our hurts in healthy ways. For example, we confront those we are upset with rather than gossiping with our friends.

Two years ago I was on sabbatical. I visited one of the pre-eminent multi-ethnic churches in the United States and had lunch with



the pastor afterwards. His advice on multi-ethnic ministry? "If you are NOT being offended or offending someone, you are NOT doing it right". Like me, he was not a fan of conflict. But he also knew that a false sense of unity was even more dangerous than a genuine conflict.

I can live with 36-32 if it forces us to go deeper in our relationships with God and with each other. No one asks for persecution. No one wants to intentionally offend. But when these moments come, it is an opportunity to prove the genuineness of our faith. Let's see how genuine Redeemer is these next few months.

- Mark Mohrweis
Mark@RedeemerECC.org

Council Corner

Congregational Meeting Report First, we welcomed some new council

Thanks to all who came and participated in our congregational meeting on June 4th. It was a long meeting, but plenty of exciting steps took place!

members:

- Gaylon Hull will switch from our Church Vice-Chair to our Treasurer.
- Elvis Obinma will become our new Church Vice-Chair.

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Council Corner (continued from page 1)

- Elaine Petty will become our Church Secretary.
- Cynthia Northrop will become our Worship Chair.
- Chuck Dietrick will become our Facilities Chair.
- And of course, Tasha Moore signed on for another term as Evangelism Chair, which we are excited for!

Second, we approved two motions related to the gift of \$350,000.

- The first motion put \$100,000 into “Pressing Deferred Maintenance” at Redeemer. Projects include: Roof, Windows, Playground, Parking Lot, Doors.
- Also in the first motion, \$15,000 was set aside for new ministries. This money wasn’t set aside for anything specific but rather to be used as the Holy Spirit led (and placed back in the bank if it is not used). If you have an idea for a new ministry or project at Redeemer, we want to hear about it.
- A second motion was approved to set aside \$35,000 for Endowed Scholarship fund. While the details haven’t been worked out, our hope is to start a fund that will go to a local high-schooler (not necessarily a Redeemer member) for college. Since it’s an endowment, it would

re-occur year after year without losing the initial investment.

Finally, we do want the congregation to know about next steps.

- After what was approved, there is still \$200,000 left in the original anonymous gift we received. Our hope is to present plans for that at our next congregational meeting (January 2018). While nothing is official, it is safe to say that several of us are looking at taking on the children’s wing with the bulk of this money.
- The vote on the endowed scholarship was close 36-32. In discussion with several members who voted “no”, it’s important to point out that they were not against a scholarship per se, but rather felt money should have been given away immediately rather than kept in a bank. As the new council meets this summer, I’m sure a discussion will take place regarding whether or not to have a follow-up meeting with the congregation this fall. We will keep you posted.

Questions? Contact Pastor Mark at Mark@RedeemerECC.org.



Sunday Adult Bible Study

BEGINNING JULY 9 AT 9:30 A.M.

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL A

On Sunday, July 9 we will begin a new Bible Study on the book *The Power of Knowing God* by Kay Arthur.

Join us this summer and discover for yourself what God says about Himself! This inductive study (no homework required) will help you understand who God is and what He wants.

(Sorry, no childcare available at this time.)

Contact Julie Persson for more information: [rjpersson \(at\) verizon.net](mailto:rjpersson@verizon.net).

Wednesday Adult Bible Study

7:00 P.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL A

This study of **the Book of Daniel** is led by Pastor Mark. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join us Wednesdays this summer! The Bible study takes place at the same time as CREW Youth Group (Jr & Sr High) and Kids Connect (K– 5th grades), so bring your children, too!

We would love to have you join us this summer!

Contact Pastor Mark at Mark@RedeemerECC.org.

Midsouth Summer Camp

Sunday, July 30 to Saturday, August 5

Summer Camp for students entering grades 2-9 in the fall will be filled with tons of fun! Spaces are filling up fast: You won't want to miss it!

The theme this year is "SEVA: Jesus Style!" We'll take a look at what it means to give with no need to receive, and Jesus is our best example!

To reserve a space at camp, each camper must submit a \$50 deposit and all the registration forms (including immunization records) by July 15.

The registration price is \$475. Payments can be mailed to the Midsouth office or paid online.

Go to www.midsouthcov.org for more information, to make payments, or to download forms.

Registration forms are in the church lobby and should be mailed to the Midsouth office or scanned and sent to kim@midsouthcov.org.

Important Dates:

July 15 - All registration forms (including medical records) need to be turned in to the Midsouth Conference office.

July 30 - Camp check-in & all camp fees are due.

Counselors in Leadership Training (CILT) is for students entering grades 10-12 in the fall. We are still accepting CILT applications, and potential CILTs will be placed on our waiting list and accepted if space is available. We currently have 18 CILT applicants and have room for more female CILTs. Go to www.midsouthcov.org to download the application.



CREW Youth Group

Wednesday, July 5th - NO CREW!

Enjoy celebrating Independence Day with your families.

**CREW is going to Six Flags!!
Saturday, July 15th**



Please mark your calendars for a day of fun at Six Flags Over Texas! You are welcome to invite your friends just please be sure to contact me for pricing

information for them. More details in regards to time will be released soon.

**Midsouth Covenant Camp is
July 30th - August 5th
There will be NO CREW August 2nd.**

Contact Pastor Nick

Nick@RedeemerECC.org

972-466-0054

WOMEN in CHRIST

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

Monday, July 10
Begins with prayer
at Noon sharp.

Ladies, please join us in Fellowship Hall!
Bring a potluck dish, a smile, and a friend...the more, the merrier!

July's topic:
"Where Is It Written?"
We will learn some
Covenant history.

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

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News & Information

Small Group Ministry

Redeemer's vision is to walk alongside one another as we seek healing and wholeness in Christ.



One of our goals to help us achieve 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 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.

Book Club

Sunday, July 16, at 7-9:00 P.M.



Our Book Club discusses one book a month from a wide variety of genres, Christian and secular. Join us in Fellowship Hall this month for our final discussion of *Middlemarch* by George Eliot. For details about book club, contact Lori Vriend at Lori@RedeemerECC.org.

Racial Reconciliation

Sundays, July 9 and July 30 at 6:00-8:00 P.M.



This group usually meets the last Sunday of the month for a potluck dinner and a discussion of racial issues. But our June meeting is postponed to July 9, due to vacations. Contact

Pastor Dieula for details at Dieula@RedeemerECC.org.

Save the Date: Sunday, August 28, 6 P.M. Racial Reconciliation Panel Discussion

Join us for a panel discussion on racial issues plaguing our society and what it will take to bring about reconciliation.

Praying Together



Sundays at 10:00 A.M.

Do you need prayer? Do you want to pray for others, for Redeemer, or our world? Please join us in the Prayer Room.

Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.

The Prayer Room is open for people to gather to pray. Prayer sheets with the congregation's prayer requests are available in the church office.

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.



Want to support the garden?

All of our plots have been adopted, but we are looking for people to adopt the care of our rose bushes, asparagus garden, or blackberry plants!

Email Stan: grow@HarvestCommunitGarden.org

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

Call Lori at the church: 972-466-0054 or email

Lori@RedeemerECC.org.

ESL Classes Take a Break

July-August

ESL has finished up the 2016-2017 school year and will not meet during July and August.

In August we will begin to register for September classes, which will begin on Wednesday, September 6.

Contact Pastor Dieula at DieulaPrevilon@gmail.com.



Summer Kids Connect

Wednesdays at 7-8:30 P.M.

All Kindergarten through fifth grade children are invited to come play games, do crafts, enjoy a snack, and learn together. Watch for special summer activities!

Contact Mary Anne at MaryAnne@RedeemerECC.org.



Kids Connect



Gear Up for VBS!

Jesus said,
"I am the light of the world."
(John 8:12)



VBS is Coming!

Have you registered?

Camp Out will be at Redeemer for 1 weekend only!

Friday, July 21 & Saturday, July 22

6:00 - 8:30 P.M.

Sunday, July 23, 10:45 A.M.

(We hope to provide a lunch following the service!)

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: Come help for as long or short a time as your schedule allows!

- July 10-14 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
- July 17-19 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

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

CAMP OUT Registration Form

Child's Name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Last school grade completed _____
(as of June, 2017)

Child's Name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Last school grade completed _____
(as of June, 2017)

Child's Name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Last school grade completed _____
(as of June, 2017)

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? _____

Summer Travels: Missions

PRAY FOR OUR SUMMER MISSIONS!

We have folks involved in all sorts of missions outreaches this summer. Take a moment to pray for them today!

Haiti Trip: July 1-8

- Pastor Dieula and her family will be ministering to hurting women and their families in Gressier.

Note: Thanks to all the Redeemer members and attenders who made purses for the women of Haiti!

Guatemala Trip: July 7 – 16

- Four churches (30 people total) from the Mid-South Region of the ECC are combining together to go to Patzicia, Guatemala to serve.
- Pastor Mark & Megan Hull will be going from Redeemer.

Pray for Camp: July 31 – August 6

- While not a traditional “mission” we have a big group of children and youth going for a life-changing week at camp.
- In addition, Pastor Nick, Jake & Kimmy Petty, Sandra Ninemire, Megan Hull, and Mary Anne Jensen are going.

Local Missions

- Pray for Sack Summer Hunger – all summer long.
- Pray for the youth participating in homeless ministry at *Our Calling* on June 17.



Redeemer Evangelical Covenant Church is partnering with Metrocrest Services to pack and distribute nutritious food to families in the Carrollton community this summer.

Delivery 9:15 –11 am

– Saturday, July 22nd

Packing

- Thursday, July 13th 6 - 8 P.M.
- Friday, July 21st 12 - 2 P.M.

For more information or to sign up contact Tasha Moore at: [tasha.lynn.moore \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:tasha.lynn.moore@gmail.com)



Save the Date: Sunday, August 13

Hearts & Soles

Sharing God's love in a practical way



Every year there are hundreds of students in our community who will start the new school year unprepared. We partner with Metrocrest Services every August to help students prepare for school by receiving a new pair of shoes.

Here is how you can help:

- Make a financial donation to the program. Our goal is to raise \$3,000 to help purchase shoes for 200 or more students.
- Sign up to help students try on shoes on Sunday August 13th from 8 A.M. to 11 A.M.
- Pray for the students and parents as they prepare for another school year.

Have questions or want to volunteer? Please contact Tasha Moore at [tasha.lynn.moore \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:tasha.lynn.moore@gmail.com).

July's Dates

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

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
 7/13 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

Monthly Contributions (May):

General		29,153.00
	eGiving	7,693.25
Crisis Relief		1,090.00
Missions		0.00
Facilities - Rent		800.00
Designated		
	Penny Manna	11.00
	Youth Missions	861.00
Total Monthly Contributions		\$39,608.25

Year-to-Date Contributions:

General		152,297.11
	eGiving	28,827.95
Crisis Relief		2,694.00
Missions		15.00
Facilities - Renovate/Rent		5,945.00
Designated		
	Hearts & Soles	0.00
	Penny Manna	310.09
	Pastor Appreciation	0.00
	Youth Missions	3,317.00
Total YTD Contributions		\$193,406.15

YTD General Budget	\$176,484.00
YTD Actual	\$181,125.06
YTD General Contributions Difference	\$4,641.06

(The newsletter goes to print before the monthly financial report is finished, so the June report will be in next month's newsletter.)

Ladies, would you like to attend this together?

PROPEL WOMEN

Activate
EVENT

Saturday, November 11, 9:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

This women's conference will be at the Verizon Theater in Grand Prairie and will feature Lisa Harper, Christine Caine, Beth Moore, Passion, and more.

Group pricing (10+) is as follows:

Before July 21 = \$49.95 each

July 22 - October 20 = \$64.95 each

After October 20 = \$79.95 each

Please contact Kathy Joiner ASAP if you are interested:

[KJLNJJ \(at\) yahoo.com](mailto:KJLNJJ@yahoo.com) or 972-765-0214 (cell)

Our Denomination

Redeemer is a member of The Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC). Visit the webpage www.covchurch.org.



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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>RED = Sanctuary PURPLE = Fellowship Hall GREEN = CE Wing PINK = Whole Church BLUE = Prayer Room BROWN = Sanctuary Annex</p>	<p>PLAN AHEAD: July 30-August 5 Midsouth Summer Camp (August 2 No CREW) August 13 Hearts & Soles Outreach August 28 Racial Reconciliation Panel Discussion September 9 Carrollton's Jubilee of Cultures October 31 Trunk or Treat November 19 Thanksgiving Service & Feast</p>					1
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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.

Summer Sermon Series

“In Christ” - A Study of Ephesians

As supporting actors/actresses we point to Jesus Christ as the Center of all.

July 2 - Ephesians 5:3-14 “Hot Air, Dirty Jokes, and the Truth Exposed”

July 9 - Ephesians 5:15-21 Pastor Nick preaching

July 16 - Pastor Dieula preaching

July 23 - VBS Sunday

July 30 - Ephesians 5:22-6:9 “Rules of the House: Reinterpreted”

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

Wednesday: 9 AM — 4 PM

(Staff meeting 2 — 3 PM)

Thursday: 9 AM — 4 PM

Friday: 9 AM — 4 PM

(Lori’s day off)

Saturday: Closed