



# The Master's Touch

## From the Pastor's Desk

*He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.*

- Ecclesiastes 3:11

About a year ago, the singer Sam Smith released a popular song called *Too Good at Goodbyes*. The song focuses on a relationship break-up and strikes at what many of us have felt about our world nowadays: We are becoming experts at cutting ties, at breaking off relationships, and at . . . well, saying goodbye.

The song got me thinking about something. Is it possible there is both a "good" way and a "bad" way to say goodbye? Is there even such a thing as a "good" goodbye or are all partings by nature sad and/or tragic? If it does exist, what does a "good" goodbye even look like?

Here at Redeemer we have had to deal with the goodbyes of several friends who have relocated to other parts of the country this summer. I am sure many of you are dealing with endings and transitions in your own lives outside of Redeemer. And it isn't just saying goodbye to people. Even if those in our lives remain the same, the pace of our world forces us to quickly re-think our traditions, our technology, our hobbies, and for the church, our ministries. It

seems like in 2018, you *have* to be good at goodbyes.

For that reason, we will spend some time in September talking about "good" goodbyes and grieving well. We won't do it to focus on painful memories, but rather to be prepared to face the future.

I do believe there is such a thing as a "good" goodbye. Furthermore, I think that just saying "goodbye" a lot doesn't



magically make us good at it. A "good" goodbye brings mourning and thanksgiving, closure and opportunity, and most importantly the freedom to face the future with faith and confidence.

The Bible says that no one can fathom all the things God will do in the history of the universe. But we can enjoy the beauty of the things – the people, the ideas, the experiences – we have right now. When the time comes to say goodbye to those things, we can lay them down at peace, knowing that God will usher in the next movement of His Spirit, in its time.

- Mark Mohrweis

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## Council Corner - Tasha Moore

I'm a transplant to Texas, but in my heart, Oklahoma will always be home for me. Although my family was not involved in a church growing up, I visited a variety of different churches and denominations with friends. In high school everything clicked, and I



began to get involved in a youth group on my own. There was a realization for me that going to church and personally knowing Christ were two very different things. As a sophomore in high school I made the decision to follow Christ and was baptized. After high school I moved to Atlanta where I attended the

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## Council Corner (continued from page 1)

Georgia Institute of Technology and played softball. College was a new adventure. During college everything I had once been told about God and Christianity was challenged. Through the challenges my faith was strengthened and refined. After college I moved to Waco and attended Baylor University. Over the next seven years I earned my Master of Social Work and Master of Divinity from George W Truett Theological Seminary. It was also during my graduate work that Walker and I first meet. We married in 2007, and then in 2009 Ava arrived, and then in 2011 Adaline joined the family. In 2012 we moved to Carrollton, and shortly after McKenna joined the family.

During the day I work for a non-profit called *Communities In Schools of North Texas* working to keep students at risk of dropping out of school in the classroom and on track to graduate high school.

My family and I have been part of Redeemer for the past 5 years and have been encouraged and affirmed. We chose Redeemer because we wanted to live life alongside a group of fellow believers who shared the same passions for the community as our family. I have served on the council for 3 years now; first as the Evangelism Chair and currently as the Council Chair. We have an amazing group of people on the council, and I am excited to work alongside them to continue moving us forward towards our mission to be a multi-ethnic community that is committed to walking alongside anyone seeking healing or wholeness in Christ. In this next year I would love to see our church grow deeper in our relationships with each other, embracing our growing ministries and outreach, and living out the Gospel in our community.

-Tasha Moore [Tasha.lynne.moore \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:Tasha.lynne.moore@gmail.com)

## ESL & Kids Connect Begin September 5

**September 5, 2018 - June 5, 2019**  
Mondays/Wednesdays 6-8:30 P.M.  
ESL is in Fellowship Hall.

**Kids Connect** is in Room 109.  
Denton ISD does not provide childcare; however, Redeemer is offering it for grades K-5. We envision a place where children can connect with God, adults, each other, and the rest of the world by:

- Getting help with homework and English literacy
- Listening to Bible stories
- Engaging in fun activities & enjoying a snack together

**VOLUNTEER  
TEACHER  
AIDES  
NEEDED!**

No teaching experience needed...just a willingness to talk with clear English!  
Contact Pastor Dieula.



**ESL**  
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

**We have hired childcare workers** to work regularly and consistently with the children.

**We also need volunteers** to help out!

**Redeemer Kids Connect is Wednesdays at 7 P.M.**

**How You Can Help:**

- Pray for students and teachers, both in ESL and Kids Connect.
  - Volunteer to help an ESL teacher or with childcare.
- Contact Pastor Dieula at [Dieula@RedeemerECC.org](mailto:Dieula@RedeemerECC.org).



**Ladies' GAME NIGHT**  
Friday, September 14  
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

Bring: a friend, a snack to share, a favorite game, or just come as you are!



**WOMEN in CHRIST**  
All women...All ages...All phases...All woven together in Christ!

**POTLUCK LUNCH**  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10  
12:00 P.M.

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

2018 Outreach:  
Love Thy Neighbor  
Bring New Underwear  
(any size, age, or gender)

September



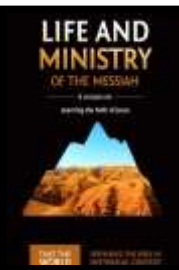
## Wednesday Night Bible Study: **New Study!** Beginning September 5<sup>th</sup>: ***The Gospel of John***

Join us at 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. in room 110.

Everyone is welcome to join us as we start a Bible Study that goes through the Fall. Pastor Mark will lead this verse-by-verse study on the Gospel of John.

Contact Pastor Mark at [Mark@RedeemerECC.org](mailto:Mark@RedeemerECC.org) for more information.

Parents: Kids Connect for children in grades K – 5 and CREW youth group for students in grades 6–12 also meet at the same time.



## Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

9:30 A.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL A

*That the World May Know: Life and Ministry of the Messiah*

Historian Ray Vander Laan illuminates the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the Scriptures. This film series broadens our understanding of God and challenges us to be a true follower of Jesus. Contact Julie Persson for details: [rjpersson \(at\) verizon.net](mailto:rjpersson@verizon.net).

## Celebrate Recovery (CR)

Every Thursday at Redeemer!

Everyone is welcome to this place of fellowship and support! Join us for any of these activities:

**6:15 P.M. - Unwind & Eat:** Join us as we relax and eat dinner together. We usually have a home-cooked meal.

**7:00 P.M. - Worship God:** Join us for music, teaching, inspiration, and testimony in the sanctuary.

**8:00 P.M. - Share what is on your heart:** We meet in men's and women's groups for Open Share time.

**9:00 P.M. - Café Koinonia:** Have a cup of coffee and a snack, look for an accountability partner, or just get to know some people.



**Come walk alongside us as we seek healing and wholeness in Jesus Christ!**

To learn more or volunteer to help, contact Steve or Lyn Hall at [RedeemerCR@gmail.com](mailto:RedeemerCR@gmail.com).

# Celebrate HISPANIC HERITAGE Month

Redeemer Evangelical Covenant Church  
&  
Iglesia Cristiana Emanuel Internacional  
will hold a

## Joint Celebration!

Sunday, September 16, at 10:45 A.M.

We will celebrate together  
in worship and with a meal!

**Location:** Redeemer's Sanctuary

### Schedule:

10:45-11:15 A.M.—Join us for Redeemer's worship service  
11:15-11:45 A.M.—Combined celebration  
11:45 A.M.-1:00 P.M.—Lunch together  
1:00-1:30 P.M.—Clean up  
1:30 P.M.—Iglesia Emanuel's worship service

### Lunch:

We will eat a potluck lunch together.

Members are encouraged to sign up in the church lobby so we can plan well.

**All are welcome!**



## Racial Reconciliation Discussion Group

Sunday, September 31, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

### Potluck Dinner & Discussion at Bethel Bible Fellowship

Everyone is welcome to join us for a potluck and discussion of multi-culturalism within the Church and the racial issues that plague our society today. Since it is Hispanic Heritage Month, we will celebrate our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters.

Contact Pastor Dieula Previlon for details at [Dieula@RedeemerECC.org](mailto:Dieula@RedeemerECC.org).

## Lunch with Covenant Trust Company Representatives

**Wednesday, Sept. 19**

Representatives from the ECC's Covenant Trust Company will be in town.

If you are interested in learning more about their services, please RSVP for lunch: email [Mark@RedeemerECC.org](mailto:Mark@RedeemerECC.org) or call Lori 972-466-0054.



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# Christian Education (CE) at Redeemer

## Special Invitation: Discipleship Team Breakfast

Sunday, September 9, at 8:00 A.M. in Fellowship Hall

All CE volunteers and interested people are invited to attend the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will furnish breakfast and go over some important information.

- Johannes & Tommie Hylkema [Thylkema@redeemerecc.org](mailto:Thylkema@redeemerecc.org).
- MaryRose Ratcliff [maryrose@redeemerecc.org](mailto:maryrose@redeemerecc.org)



## Call for Help: We Need You!

Are you willing to give one Sunday a month to **disciple our children**? We are seeking volunteers for our Children's Ministry. Please prayerfully consider taking part in this vital ministry. If you are interested please contact Mary Rose Ratcliff at 214-636-0054 or Tommie Hylkema at 214-535-6842.

## CREW Youth Group

Redeemer CREW (Christians Reaching Everywhere Worldwide) is our youth program for middle and high school students. CREW meets **Wednesday nights at 7-8:30 P.M.** in the Youth Room (room 108) at Redeemer.

Contact Pastor Nick at [Nick@RedeemerECC.org](mailto:Nick@RedeemerECC.org) or text 682-597-8220.

### Theme for the School Year: "Make Room"

This year we want to challenge our students to consistently **make room** for Jesus in every aspect of their lives and remind them to allow Jesus to be their number one priority. We will encourage our students to move over any and everything that attempts to take priority over their relationship with Christ. Jesus is too much of a gentleman to force Himself into anybody's life, but we will see that once we actually invite Jesus into our lives (when we actually make room for Him and create a space for Him to be our Lord), He can truly change us in ways we cannot imagine!

### September 8<sup>th</sup> - "Search & Rescue" with Our Calling

**7:45 A.M.—2:00 P.M.** Last summer our youth volunteered with OurCalling's hospitality team.

We helped clean up their facility and were able to prepare and serve lunch for our homeless brothers and sisters. This year we are taking it a step further. We will be on OurCalling's Search & Rescue Team where we actually take the love of Jesus and supplies to the homeless right where they are on the streets. I know you may be thinking that this is a bit risky and maybe even unsafe. But I want to assure you that the OurCalling Staff take the proper safety precautions, have been doing this ministry for well over 10 years for 3 Saturdays per month, and usually visit the same areas of Dallas and know our homeless brothers and sisters by name! I have served on a team with many 8- and 9-year-old children before, as well. This will be a great opportunity to get our students out of their comfort zones and really put their faith into action.

Please **RSVP by Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

Please **meet at Redeemer @ 7:45 AM!** We will be carpooling over and should return by 2:00 PM. We will have donuts for our students at the church that morning for breakfast and we plan to stop at CiCi's by the church afterwards, so please send **some money for lunch.**



### September 9<sup>th</sup> - Camp Sunday!

**10:45 A.M.** Mark your calendars for this special Sunday! During our morning worship service we will hear from our students about their camp experience and what God is doing in their lives now.

Please help me make sure that **all** of our students are here for this! More details coming soon!

Redeemer Covenant Church Contributions Report		
<b>Monthly As Of: 08/1/2018</b>		
General - Excluding eGiving		20,195.00
	eGiving	7,224.63
Crisis Relief		75.00
Missions		0.00
Facilities - Rent		800.00
Designated		576.62
	Youth Missions	2,102.00
	Penny Manna	250.00
	Hearts & Soles	0.00
	Church-wide Mission Trip	250.00
<b>Total Monthly Contributions</b>		<b>\$31,473.25</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Contributions:</b>		
General - Excluding eGiving		156,626.43
	eGiving	42,534.01
Crisis Relief		1,910.00
Missions		10.00
Facilities - Renovate/Rent		4,200.00
Designated		11,464.34
	Hearts & Soles	130.00
	Penny Manna	288.62
	Pastor Appreciation	0.00
	VBS Missions	0.00
	Youth Missions	5,931.72
	Church-wide Mission Trip	4,830.00
<b>Total YTD Contributions</b>		<b>\$227,925.12</b>
YTD General Budget		\$233,653.85
YTD Actual		\$199,160.44
YTD General Contributions Difference		-\$30,759.19

## September Dates

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

### Happy Birthday!

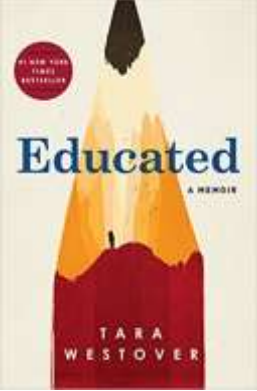
9/03	Sarah Judd
9/03	Elvis Obinma, Jr.
9/04	Curt Swindoll
9/05	Emily Burdett
9/05	Shari Sparks
9/06	Tom Muncy
9/08	James Muncy
9/09	Jade Fritz
9/09	Jeremy Wright
9/10	Trinity Page
9/14	Becky Lamb
9/14	Fausto Ordonez
9/18	Johannes Hylkema
9/18	Elaine Petty
9/20	Sean Kane
9/20	Solomon Page, Jr.
9/20	Mike Smith
9/22	Dr. Willie Peterson
9/25	Terry Dryden
9/27	Ella Flynn
9/29	Patti Bass
9/29	Courtnei Hitzeman
9/30	Reynel Previlon

### Happy Anniversary!

9/04	Scott & Barbara Taylor
9/14	Joe & Sherry Thweatt

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

## Redeemer's Book Club



**Sunday, September 16**  
**6:30-P.M. in Fellowship Hall**  
**Book Club usually meets the third Sunday** of the month to discuss a book chosen from a wide variety of genres. Join us regularly, or just for the books that interest you!

**This month we will discuss**  
***Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover.**

Contact Lori Vriend at [Lori@RedeemerECC.org](mailto:Lori@RedeemerECC.org).

## Penny Manna

**Help us bless those in need! Let God take what is considered worthless and magnify it for His Glory!**

Collect those unwanted pennies and coins and place them in the Penny Manna jar located in the church lobby. All donations are sent to Covenant World Relief ([covchurch.org/relief](http://covchurch.org/relief)).



# September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	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: October 12-17 – Haiti Mission Trip October 23 – Missionary Visit</p>					1
<p>2 Adult Study 9:30 am Prayer 10 am Worship 10:45 am Greeters mtg. 12 pm Iglesia Emanuel 1 pm</p>	<p>3 Labor Day Office closed</p>	4	<p>5 6-8:30 pm: ESL &amp; Kids Connect 7-8:30 pm: CREW, Bible Study, Prayer, Iglesia Emanuel</p>	<p>6 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6:15 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm</p>	7	<p>8 CREW @ OurCalling 7:45 am - 2pm</p>
<p>9 <b>Children's Ministry</b> Breakfast 8 am Adult Study 9:30 am Prayer 10 am Worship: Camp Sunday 10:45 am Iglesia Emanuel 1 pm</p>	<p>10 <i>Women Woven in Christ</i> Potluck 12 pm 6-8:30 pm: ESL &amp; Kids Connect</p>	11	<p>12 6-8:30 pm: ESL &amp; Kids Connect 7-8:30 pm: CREW, Bible Study, Prayer, Iglesia Emanuel</p>	<p>13 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6:15 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm</p>	<p>14 <b>Ladies' Game Night</b> 6:30pm</p>	15
<p>16 Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Prayer 10 am Hispanic Heritage Celebration 10:45am Iglesia Emanuel 1 pm Book Club –6:30pm</p>	<p>17 6-8:30 pm: ESL &amp; Kids Connect</p>	18	<p>19 Covenant Trust Company here at lunchtime (11:30 am - 1:00 pm?) 6-8:30 pm: ESL &amp; Kids Connect 7-8:30 pm: CREW, Bible Study, Prayer, Iglesia Emanuel</p>	<p>20 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6:15 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm</p>	21	22
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<p>30 Racial Reconciliation Group 6 pm</p>						

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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.

### Current Sermon Series: “This is Us”

What are some of the things Redeemer needs to do to be “Us”?

**September 2** - “This is Grief: Loss” John 11:17-37

**September 9** - Special Service: Camp Sunday

**September 16** - Special Sunday: Hispanic Heritage Month

**September 23** - “This is Diversity: the Gift of Diversity”

**September 31** - “This is Diversity: Hard Topics”

### Master’s Touch Submissions

To submit information or an  
article, e-mail it to Lori at  
[Lori@RedeemerECC.org](mailto: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**