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From the Pastor's Desk

So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. (Acts 13:3)

I always come back to Antioch. In the book of Acts, we hear about a lot of churches: Corinth, Ephesus, Thessalonica, Rome, and of course, the one that started it all, Jerusalem. I love reading about these churches. I love that each church has its own ethos. I love that God uses each church differently for His purposes. I have learned different spiritual lessons from each church. But I always come back to Antioch.

Antioch was the church that broke down barriers by first welcoming the Greeks to their membership rosters (Acts 11:20). Antioch was the church that opened its arms to Saul – then known only as a murderer who had been blinded by God (11:26). Antioch was the church that let the Spirit lead them by listening to prophets and responding in generosity (11:27-29). Antioch was the church that did not let the fact that it was the "little brother" (when compared to Jerusalem) hold it back from doing bold things for the Lord.

But there is one unsettling aspect about Antioch. I say unsettling because even though it is a good aspect of Antioch, it is a difficult thing to live out. Antioch is a sending church. It is known to us today primarily because of one prayer meeting in which people were called to leave, instead of staying at the church. The impact Antioch has had on the faith is through the

members who left. I've always known about this side of Antioch. But this year it became personal as we at Redeemer have had to live it out for ourselves.

Deep down I would like to have 2017 back. 2017 we were dreaming big dreams with unexpected financial blessings. Then 2018 came. 2018 was the year that several in our congregation left us. They loved us. They hated to leave. But the same Spirit which set apart Saul and Barnabas has sent them to

different parts of the country for the next phase of life. The next person we send? Pastor Nick and his family as



they seek to plant a church.

You will read more details about Nick's transition and the future of our youth ministry in this newsletter. I do believe God has a plan and a future for our church and our youth group. But for now I urge you to pray about Antioch. Let's try to emulate as a church the things they did well: crossing racial and ethnic boundaries, welcoming the outcast, letting the Holy Spirit have the last word. And when years like 2018 come, let's continue to be like Antioch: by letting people faithfully depart for the greater good of the Kingdom, even if it hurts us.

Mark Mohrweis Mark@RedeemerECC.org

Youth Pastor Search

As many of you heard in October, we received some bittersweet news from our youth pastor Nick. Pastor Nick has been accepted into a church planting internship and will be finishing his time at Redeemer

in December. While we will miss Nick, we are excited that God will use him to plant a new church and spread the Gospel.

Nick has done tremendous work and helped bring new life into our youth

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Youth Pastor Search (continued)

group. Our church council wants to see that work continued and voted unanimously to search immediately for a new youth pastor to take on the role when Nick has finished.

A search committee has been formed. It consists of:

- Joy Persson
- Matthew Castañeda
- Betsy Flynn
- · Tasha Moore

By the time you read this article, they will be starting interviews with prospective candidates. Our hope is to have a candidate to present to the council and

congregation by December.

Please take time this month to pray:

- Pray for Pastor Nick and Carlisa as this new stage of their life begins.
- Pray for the search committee as they discern God's will.
- Pray for our youth group as they deal with a difficult loss (in Nick).
- Pray also for the person God has for Redeemer next.
- Pray that God would prepare us and this person for wonderful ministry here at Redeemer.



Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 11, 10:45 A.M.

Thanksgiving is a holiday often celebrated among family and close friends enjoying a meal together.

We want to expand our definition of family to include our

brothers and sisters in Christ and celebrate Thanksgiving together.

So we invite you to join us for a special worship service to reflect on the goodness of God and collectively thank Him for His many blessings.

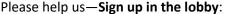
Invite others to join us! This is a great outreach opportunity.

Thanksgiving Meal

Sunday, November 11, 11:30 A.M.

Immediately following the Thanksgiving Service, we will continue our worship by sharing in a free potluck Thanksgiving feast. We will provide the turkey. Sides and

dessert will be potluck.



- Let us know what you might bring...so we don't have all gravy and no potatoes!
- Volunteer to help with set up, decorations, or clean up.

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



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Upcoming Holiday Schedule

Sunday, November 4

- Daylight Saving Time ends
- Sign-ups for Thanksgiving Potluck

Sunday, November 11

Special Thanksgiving Service & Feast at 10:45 A.M.

Sunday, November 18

Begin Advent Dinner ticket sales

Wednesday, November 21

NO Wednesday activities.

Thursday, November 22 - Thanksgiving Day

- · The church office will be closed.
- Celebrate Recovery will NOT meet.

Friday, November 23

The church office will be closed.

Sunday, November 25

Begin Angel Tree Outreach

Wednesday, November 28

• Hanging the Greens 5:30 -8:30 P.M.

Sunday, December 2, The first Sunday of Advent

Advent Dinner at 5:30 P.M.

Saturday, December 8

Children's Program Practice

Sunday, December 9

Children's Christmas Program at 10:45 A.M.

Sunday, December 16

Racial Reconciliation Christmas Party

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 & 11:00 P.M.

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day

The church office will be closed.

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 New Year's Day

The church office will be closed..



Hanging the Greens

Wednesday, November 28 5:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Come join the fun!

Bring the whole family to "Deck the Halls!"

Join us for a festive time decorating for Christmas!

Coffee & goodies will be provided.

LOTS of Help Needed...even 15 minutes is welcome!

Come have fun setting up Christmas trees, hanging the wreaths, setting out the candles, etc.

Questions? Contact Joy Persson at Joy. Persson (at) gmail.com.

Advent Dinner ~ December 2 at 5:30 P.M.

Ticket sales begin November 18th

\$6 adults/\$3 children

Join us for an evening of fun entertainment, joyful fellowship, and great food (catered meat and potluck side dishes and desserts). This is a great time to bring anyone who you want to introduce to Redeemer.

Help Needed

Setup: We will need lots of help after the worship service on Sunday, to move chairs, set up the tables, and do some decorating.

Food: Help prepare and serve food and drinks. **Clean up:** We will need lots of help cleaning up.

Contact: sherylsmith123 (at) verizon.net



Entertainment

Want to share your talents and be part of the evening's entertainment?

Sign up with Cassie Watson at cassiewatson_music @ yahoo.com.

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Angel Tree Ministry

"One in 28 children in America has a parent behind bars. These children often feel abandoned, ashamed, and alone. • Help create But they don't have to. Give these children the joy of Angel Tree!"*

Beginning Sunday, November 25

Look for the display in Redeemer's lobby to learn how you can help these families.

Helping meet the need of an angel is as easy as 1-2-3:

- 1. Select an angel from the Angel Tree in the foyer beginning **November 25**. You will follow the instructions given to you that correspond with the particular angel you chose.
- 2. Purchase a gift (costing \$25) and wrap it.
- 3. Deliver the gift during the week of December 18th by following directions given for your angel.

You also can volunteer to help:

- Angel Tree Tags before November 25
- **Deliver gifts** for members who are not able to deliver the gift's themselves



• Pray in advance for the families who will be touched by this ministry. Thanks!

To volunteer or ask questions:

Please contact Pastor Dieula at dieula@redeemerecc.org.

*Quote from an Angel Tree postcard.



Metrocrest Services Food Pantry Needs

Metrocrest is requesting holiday meal supplies: canned items (no glass or expired items), baking supplies in smaller weights: 1-2 lb sugar, flour etc.

The food pantry always needs bags of rice and flour (1-5 lbs.). They run out quickly because of high demand. They also need personal hygiene items for individuals or families.

Bring donations to their warehouse location:

13375 N. Stemmons, Suite 410

Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Or, place it in the basket in Redeemer's lobby by the front doors.

Learn more online at metrocrestservices.org.



Penny Manna Collecting coins for Covenant World Relief

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**

- Disaster response
- Urgent relief
- Serve displaced people
- Empower churches & mobilize leaders

Learn more at: worldrelief.org

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Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 4, 2:00 A.M.

Early Sunday morning is the official time to move our clocks back one hour.



So turn your clocks back an hour before going to bed on Saturday, and you'll get an extra hour of sleep!

OR, forget about it, and arrive at church an hour early to pray or join the adult Bible studv!

Sunday Morning **Adult Bible Study**

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

Walk as Jesus Walked: Being a Disciple in a Broken World

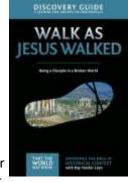
This is volume 7 of *That the World* May Know, the video series with Ray Vander Laan.

"Come rediscover the fierce passion of the apostle Paul and our early Christian brothers and sisters

as the rabbi leads you through cities such as Aphrodisias, Antioch Pisidia, Lystra, and Cappadocia in ancient Asia Minor."

www.thattheworldmayknow.com/walk-as-jesus-walked (Sorry, no childcare provided.)

Contact Ron or Julie Persson: ripersson (at) Verizon.net



Book Club

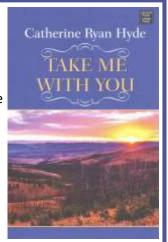
Sunday, November 18 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Book Club meets in Fellowship Hall to discuss one book a month from a wide variety of genres.

Our next book to discuss is Take Me With You by Catherine Ryan Hyde.

Contact Lori Vriend at

Lori@RedeemerECC.org.





www.HarvestCommunityGarden.org

Harvest Community Garden (HCG) is a nonprofit organization that enables people from the community to come together to grow organic produce and donate half of the produce to a local food bank.

The garden is a member of Community Gardens of Carrollton* and is open to anyone. It is located on the south side of Redeemer Covenant Church's property.

PHASE 1: Redeemer ECC built 12 raised beds (20' x 4'), a shed, and a fence and set up a Board to oversee the running of the garden. Members of the community now adopt a whole or a half plot for a year. The garden also has an asparagus bed, blackberries, and a xeriscape garden which volunteers help care for.

PHASE 2: The plan has always been to build another 12 beds and to expand the fence to surround a bigger

garden. Last year Redeemer designated funds to help make that happen. In the spring of this year grading was done to prepare the area for the expansion, and this



month we plan to begin laying the irrigation, building the beds, etc.

Help Needed!

Over the next several weeks we will need help with:

- Installing irrigation
- · Building raised beds
- Collecting cardboard and laying it down in the beds and walkways
- Filling beds with dirt
- · Covering walkways with mulch
- · Building a fence

Join us on Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m. to help!

To Volunteer, contact:

Stan Basnett at 972-561-0269 Lori Vriend at 972-466-0054, Lori@RedeemerECC.org

Find us on Facebook:

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

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Ongoing Ministries - Please Join Us!



Discussion Group

NOTE: We will NOT meet in November.

This group usually meets the last Sunday of the month to discuss issues of race, ethnicity, multiculturalism, and how to be united as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Join us as we educate ourselves, listen to each other's stories, seek God's heart of love for everyone, and seek healing and justice for all people.

Next meeting: Christmas Party! Sunday, December 16, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Bethel Bible Fellowship (1944 E. Hebron Pkwy, Carrollton)
Potluck and "Multicultural Elephant" gift exchange
Contact Pastor Dieula at Dieula@RedeemerECC.org.



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.



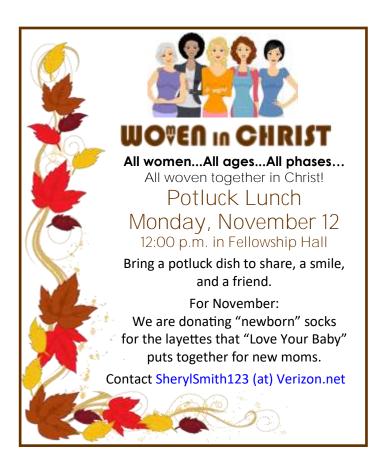
Every Thursday at Redeemer! Everyone is welcome to this place of fellowship and support!

Join us for any of these activities:

- 6:15 P.M. Unwind from the day: Join us as we relax while eating dinner together. We usually enjoy a home-cooked meal (donation of \$3).
- 7:00 P.M. Worship God: Join us for music, teaching, inspiration, and testimony in the sanctuary.
- 8:00 P.M. Share what's on your heart: We meet in men's and women's groups for Open Share time.

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

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Sankofa is a word from the Akan tribe in Ghana. It means San (to return), ko (to go) fa (to fetch, seek, and take). The bird with its head turned backwards taking an egg off its back embodies Sankofa's meaning. Sankofa attests that we must look backwards (into our history), before we can faithfully move forward together, in the present and future. The Sankofa experience does just this, by exploring historic sites of the Civil Rights Movement, connecting the freedom struggle of the past, to our present realities.

Sankofa is an invitation to understand race as a critical component of our Christian discipleship. It is an interactive, spiritual formation, pilgrimage that equips Christians to pursue racial righteousness inside and outside the church. This relational journey traces the

history of race in the U.S., and tangibly equips believers to begin living into the church's mission to be ambassadors of reconciliation in a divided world.

Register for Sankofa: March 28-31, 2019

To register for the ECC Sankofa Journey Spring 2019, please fill out this form. We can guarantee your seat once we have received your \$200 deposit due February 1st, 2019. Space is limited so we encourage you to send your deposit in as soon as possible. Click here to pay online or mail a check to:

The Evangelical Covenant Church Attn: Love Mercy Do Justice 8303 W Higgins Rd Chicago, IL 60631

Sankofa registration cost:

\$450 for participants from Covenant churches \$525 for participants from non-Covenant churches

Registration with a partner is encouraged. If you need to identify a partner, please coordinate those details before your register. We look forward to journeying with you! Questions?

Email: Lmdj@covchurch.org or call 773-596-2489 covchurch.org/justice/racial-righteousness/sankofa

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Wednesday Evenings at Redeemer - Join Us!

Wednesday evenings are packed with lots of activity at Redeemer. Join us for some fun, inspiration, and learning!

Bible Study

7:00-8:30 P.M. in Room 110



Pastor Mark is leading a verse-byverse study of the Gospel of John. Everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings! Contact Pastor Mark at

Mark@RedeemerECC.org.

Open Prayer



7:00-8:30 P.M.

The prayer room is open for anyone who would like to gather to pray. A prayer guide with the congregation's prayer requests is available in the church office.

Kids Connect

7:00-8:30 P.M. in Room 109



Kids Connect is a place where children K-5th can connect with God, adults, each other, and the rest of the world through getting help with homework and reading, Kids Connect listening to Bible stories, and

engaging in fun activities. Volunteer to help! Contact Pastor Dieula at Dieual@RedeemerECC.org.

ESL Classes

6:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall

Through Denton ISD, we offer two classes: Beginning and Intermediate. Contact Dieula@RedeemerECC.org.



CREW Youth Group

7:00-8:30 P.M. in Room 108 Redeemer CREW (Christians Reaching Everywhere Worldwide) is our youth program for middle school and high school students. Contact Pastor Nick at Nick@RedeemerECC.org.



Iglesia Emanuel

7:00-8:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary Iglesia Emanuel is a Spanish speaking church that rents Redeemer's building on Wednesday evenings for Bible study and on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 for worship.



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www.facebook.com/emanuelinternacional

Please Pray for Our Budget Committee



Please pray for Redeemer's Council and the Budget Committee this month as they look at our finances and work on a budget for 2019. Their job is to look at our finances and giving trends, estimate next year's giving and income, listen to and consider all the ministry leaders' budget requests, and propose a budget to the Council. Then, at the January congregational

meeting, Council will propose the new budget for the congregation's approval.

Our Denomination

Redeemer is a member of The Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC).

Learn more on the webpage www.covchurch.org.

We are part of the Midsouth Conference of the ECC.

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Redeemer's Vision

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

Because Love unites diversity.

Redeemer Covenant Church Contributions Report

Contributions Report						
Monthly As Of: 09/30/18						
General						
General - (Less eGiving) eGiving	22,453.00 6,359.79 28,812.79					
Facilities	·					
Facilities (Less Rent)	4,500.00					
Rent	800.00					
	5,300.00					
Missions (General Fund)	0.00					
Crisis Relief	105.00					
Designated						
Youth Missions	0.00					
Penny Manna	0.00					
Hearts & Soles	19.95					
Pastor Appreciation	189.00					
Benevolence	4,419.94					
Church Mission Trip	0.00					
	4,638.33					
Total Monthly Contributions	\$38,856.12					
Year-to-Date Contributions:						
General						
General - Excluding eGiving	195,370.17					
eGiving	64,967.47					
	\$260,337.64					
Facilities						
Facilities (Less Rent)	4,500.00					
Rent	5,800.00					
	10,300.00					
Missions (General Fund)	204.48					
Crisis Relief	2,627.18					
Designated						
Youth Missions	6,125.67					
Penny Manna	288.62					
Hearts & Soles	2,557.48					
Pastor Appreciation	189.00					
Benevolence	4,703.94					
Church-wide Mission Trip	4,830.00					
Total YTD Contributions	18,704.15 \$292,173.45					
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YTD General Budget	\$311,538.46					

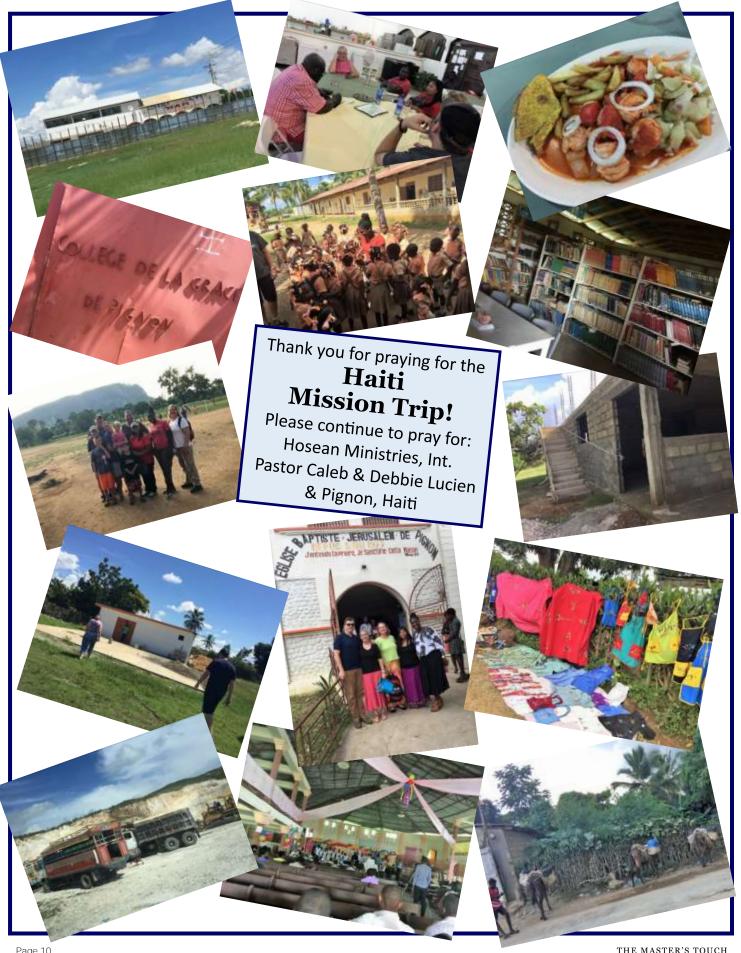
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YTD Actual General Contributions

YTD General Contributions Difference

\$260,337.64

-\$51,200.82



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November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PURPLE = Fellowship Hall RED = Sanctuary GREEN = CE Wing PINK = Whole Church ORANGE = Office BLUE = Prayer Room BROWN = Sanctuary Annex	PLAN AHEAD: 12/2 Advent Dinner 12/8 Children's Program Practice 12/9 Children's Christmas Program 12/10 Women Woven in Christ Christmas 12/16 Racial Reconciliation Christmas Party 12/24 Christmas Eve Services (No ESL) 12/25 Christmas - office closed 12/26 No activities 12/31 New Year's Eve (No ESL) 1/1/19 New Year's - office closed			1 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6:15 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm	2	3
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11 CE Team Mtg. 8am Thanksgiving Service & Feast 10:45am	12 Veteran's Day Woven Potluck 12pm 6-8:30 pm ESL & Kids Connect	13	14 6-8:30 pm ESL & Kids Connect	15 Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6:15 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm	16 Office closed Mark's Vacation	17
18 Begin ticket sales for Advent Dinner Book Club 6:30pm	19 (NO ESL)	20 cation	21 No Activities	22 Happy Thanksgiving! Office closed (NO CR)	23 Office closed	24
25 Begin Angel Tree Mark	26 6-8:30 pm ESL & Kids Connect	27	28 Hanging the Greens 5:30-8:30pm 6-8:30 pm ESL & Kids Connect	29 Celebrate Recovery Dinner 6:15 pm Meeting 7 pm Share Groups 8 pm Café Koinonia 9 pm	30	

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Worship at Redeemer

Worship Services

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

November Sermons

November 4 - Acts 13:1-3 "This is Us: 2019 Vision

November 11 - Thanksgiving Service and Feast

November 18 - Pastor Dieula Preaching

November 25 - Guest Preacher: Pastor Bernadette Moore of

Bethel Bible Fellowship

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