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From the Pastor's Desk

When He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." Luke 11:1

"Our Father, who art in heaven. . . . " The familiar words of the Lord's Prayer resonate with most people. Even nonchurch goers instinctively know to bow their heads and close their eyes when the preacher or priest begins uttering the words "Our Father." Whether it is a ritual prayer to be repeated before taking the field in the big game, a repetitive spell from the climactic scene of that horror movie, or simply words of comfort for a numb family at an unexpected funeral, most of us are familiar with the Lord's Prayer.

Sometimes familiarity can be a great thing. Routines and rituals are the trellis which can help us flourish during life's highs and lows. But sometimes we must be careful with being too familiar with things. I wonder if maybe the Lord's Prayer is one of those things. It is not bad if we have it memorized. Quite frankly, I believe Jesus wanted us to have it memorized. But it is another thing to use it as a formula rather than let it form our faith.

Each year I pick a year-long church theme. For 2019, I have decided on the theme

"The Prayer." The Lord's Prayer will be our church's focus for this year. Yes, we will repeat it in worship and yes, many of you will have it memorized by the end of the year (if you do not already!) But my goal behind the theme goes deeper: What if Redeemer *lived* the Lord's Prayer this year? What if you lived the Lord's

My hope for Redeemer this vear is that the Lord's Prayer becomes an "unfamiliar familiar" prayer

Prayer in 2019?



for us. Put another way, I hope the Lord's Prayer is no longer a formula but formation for us: Our debts and their forgiveness become real; Our temptations named and avoided; Our "Daddy" we talk with is also a Holy God. The prayer changes us. Throughout 2019, whenever the pastor or priest begins saving "Our Father" we know to bow our heads and close our eyes, but we know it goes much deeper than that.

Mark@RedeemerECC.org

- Mark Mohrweis

Congregational Meeting

Sunday January 27 12 P.M.

Everyone is welcome!

Please plan to stay after worship for our annual meeting on January 27. You don't have to be

a member of Redeemer to come listen!



At this meeting you will:

- · Hear updates on Redeemer's mission and ministries
- Receive 2018 ministry reports
- · Get the updated Redeemer photo directory

Redeemer members are needed to:

- Vote on the 2019 budget
- Approve new church members and a new Nominating Committee for June Council members

Please make it a priority to join us!

Celebrate Recovery Invites YOU!

New Year's Eve Game Night

7:00 P.M. to Midnight Redeemer's Fellowship Hall

We'll provide the food! Bring your favorite game to play. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Invite your friends and neighbors for a safe, fun way to ring in the New Year!

Join us 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 with us as we seek healing and wholeness in Jesus Christ!







Taking Down the Greens

Wednesday, January 5, 9 A.M. We need your help!

Your participation will make it fun to:

- Put away Advent decorations
- Start 2019 out fresh & clean
- Get to know each other

Please help us prepare Redeemer for the new year!

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

YOU make it fun!!!

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Fellowship Committee Opportunity

As Fellowship Chair, I am excited and passionate about building a closer community at Redeemer. I am looking for people who are interested in serving on the Fellowship committee to plan and facilitate opportunities to bring people together and develop closer bonds. We will meet once a month (the day and time to be determined)



to discuss and plan ways we can accomplish this goal. I can't do this alone, I need your help. If you have an interest or have questions, please email Lyn Hall at lyn@redeemerecc.org or call me at (214) 460-3696. How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! (Psalm 133:1) I look forward to working with you. - Lyn Hall



Speaker: Pastor Dieula Previlon

Continental Breakfast 9:00 a.m. General Session 9:30 a.m. Prayer 10:30 a.m.

Thank you! FOR 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 and to Kathy Joiner who stepped in while I was sick.

- Lyn Hall Lyn@RedeemerECC.org





Racial Reconciliation Discussion Group

Sunday, January 27, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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.

We will meet in Redeemer's Fellowship Hall for our January potluck and discussion.

Contact Pastor Dieula at Dieula@RedeemerECC.org.

Pray for the 2019 Scholarship Committee!

We are entering our second year for Redeemer's \$1000 Endowed Scholarship for a local high school graduate.



Please pray for the students that will apply. They must be a senior at a Carrollton school and have at least a B average. They must be accepted to an accredited

Texas college or trade school, have financial need, and have extenuating circumstances or overcome adversity.

Please also pray for the scholarship committee as they look for this year's special recipient:

- · Ana Belville
- Deb Christopher
- Lori Dietrick
- · Shirley Lane

2019 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.

This year's Budget Committee is:

- Mike Castelli
- Randy Clark
- Gaylon Hull
- Mark Mohrweis
- Tasha Moore
- · Mike Smith

Their job is to look at our finances and giving trends, estimate next year's giving and income, listen to all the ministry leaders and consider their budget requests, and propose a budget to the Council.

Then, at the January 27, 2019 congregational meeting, the Council will propose the new budget for congregational approval.





Volunteers Needed!

Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00 – 8:30 P.M. Once a month on a rotation...

Or once a week...

Come have fun with school children! Volunteer to help our elementary classroom teacher!

- Read with the students
- · Help with homework
- · Help with crafts
- Help with snacktime

Contact Pastor Dieula at Dieula@RedeemerECC.org

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KEEPING

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

REDEEMER COVENANT CHURCH Carrollton



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25th Annual MLK Parade in Carrollton

Saturday, January 19 at 10:00 A.M.



March with us! Meet at church at 8:30 A.M.

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

We Need Your Contact Information!

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

Photo Directory:

We will update the photo directory in the next two weeks to make it available at the congregational meeting on January 27. Let us know what information you want included and give us a photo to include.



Email:

We will update our mailing lists for those who want to receive special prayer requests via email or receive our weekly news updates or a pdf copy of The Master's Touch newsletter via email each month.

Special Dates:

We would like to send you a birthday or anniversary card.

NOTE:

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

To recap, please give us:

- · Your home address
- Your phone numbers
- Your email address
- · 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@RedeeemerECC.org.



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Valentines Day is Coming!

Need a special gift for someone you love? It's that time of year, and CREW's annual Gifts of Love fundraiser is back! Watch for our catalog of beautiful and delicious items and find the perfect Valentines gift for someone you love. All items are handmade by our CREW students.

Orders are due by February 3rd

They can be picked up at the church on February 10. Mid-January see any CREW student or the table in the lobby for details!



CREW Work Day

February 9th at 9:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

We are asking all students to participate in the CREW work day as we assemble orders for the Gifts of Love Fundraiser.

The funds raised are for camp scholarships next summer. We will be meeting at Mrs. Perrson's house and lunch will be provided. The address will be sent out through email.

Contact Joy for details at Joy.Persson (at) gmail.com.

Youth Pastor Search Update

We have moved into the next phase of our youth pastor search. For the past 6 weeks, we have sorted through 80 resumes, made 12 phone calls to prospective candidates and interviewed 8 candidates. After an evening of prayer and discussion, our youth pastor search committee has recommended 2 candidates to interview with our church council.

The church council will be interviewing both candidates in the middle of January. They will choose a candidate to present to the entire congregation as our youth pastor candidate.



We encourage you to keep praying for the entire process and especially our two candidates. Pray that God would make His will clear both for Redeemer and for all of the prospective candidates we have interviewed.



Redeemer Volunteers, Save the Date!

Sunday, February 24

Who: Everyone who volunteered at Redeemer in 2018 and their families

What: Volunteer Appreciation Night **When:** February 24th at 5:30-7:30 P.M.

Where: Plaza Arts Center, 1115 4th Ave, Carrollton, TX 75006

www.plazaartscenter.com

With love and appreciation,
- Mark, Dieula, Cassie, and Lori

Watch for your invitation and RSVP: 972-466-0054 or Mark@RedeemerECC.org

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Sundays at Redeemer

Worship Service at 10:45 A.M.

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.

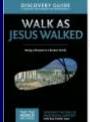
Children's Church

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.

Adult Bible Study



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

9:30-10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall A

Contact Ron or Julie Persson Walk as Jesus
Walked: Being a
Disciple in a
Broken World
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."

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

Contact Ron and Julie at rjpersson (at) Verizon.net

GIFTS

God's Girls In Faith Together Selflessly

Beginning Tuesday, January 15
a discipleship group for 4th & 5th grade girls.
It will meet at the Persson's home
on Tuesdays at 6:15-7:15 p.m.
Contact Megan Hull or Julie Persson for details
at rjpersson (at) Verizon.net



Redeemer women, you are invited to join other women in the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) for

I AM, a triennial gathering for women by women! July 18-21, 2019

You may register for the I AM Conference online, or by filling out the downloadable form (coming soon!) and emailing the completed form to

<u>jill.ulven@covchurch.org</u>, faxing it to (773) 596-2494, or mailing to Covenant Events, 8303 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631.

Registration Rates

- Early: \$369 (November 15, 2018 February 15, 2019)
- Regular: \$399 (February 16 May 15, 2019)
 PLEASE NOTE these fees do not include housing.
 Balances need to be paid in full prior to receiving registration materials on-site.

Learn more at http://iam.covchurch.org/.



JOIN US in the PRAYER ROOM

Sundays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Sunday Morning Prayer 10-10:30 A.M. - We meet in the Prayer Room to pray as the Spirit leads. **Open Prayer on Wednesdays 7 - 8 p.m.** - The prayer room is open for all who want to pray. Prayer sheets with the week's prayer requests are available in the church office.

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Wednesday Evenings at Redeemer - Join Us!

NO ACTIVITIES WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 Many of our activities have been on a holiday break, but they start back up the week of January 6! Plan to join us on Wednesday, January 9th!

Bible Study

Beginning January 9 at 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



Beginning January 9 at 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

Beginning January 7 at 6:00-8:30 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, 🛂 listening to Bible stories, and

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

ESL Classes

Mondays & Wednesdays, beginning January 7 6:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall Through Denton ISD, we offer



two classes: Beginning and Intermediate. Contact Dieula@RedeemerECC.org.

CREW Youth Group

Beginning January 9 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 Joy at Joy. Persson (at) gmail.com.

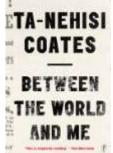
Iglesia Emanuel

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. www.facebook.com/emanuelinternacional

Book Club Sunday, January 20 6:30-8:30 P.M.

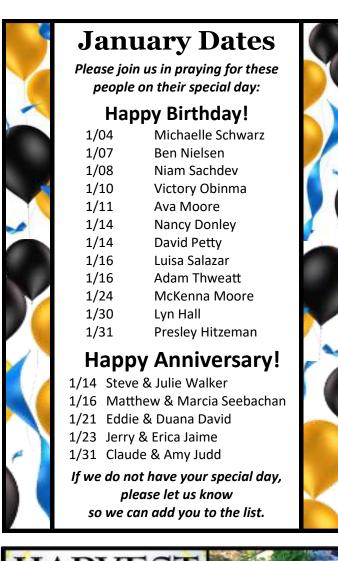


Book Club usually meets in **TA-NEHISI** Fellowship Hall on the third Sunday of the month to discuss a book from a wide variety of genres.

> We will take a break in December. Our book to discuss in January is Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Contact Lori Vriend at Lori@RedeemerECC.org.



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Our community gardeners rent a plot for a year and grow organic produce and give half to Christian Community Action's food pantry.

Harvests are on Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.

Volunteers are welcome any time!

Volunteer to help build PHASE 2 of our garden!

On the web: www.HarvestCommunityGarden.org
Email Stan: grow@HarvestCommunitGarden.org

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

Find us on Facebook.

Redeemer Covenant Church Contributions Report

Monthly As Of: 11/30/18

General

General - (Less eGiving) 20,376.00
eGiving 13,342.72
Facilities

Facilities (Less Rent) 0
Rent 0
Missions (General Fund) 0
Crisis Relief 477.95

Designated

Youth Missions 0
Penny Manna 0
Hearts & Soles 19.94
Pastor Appreciation 0
Benevolence 0
Church Mission Trip 0

Total Monthly Contributions 34,216.61

Year-to-Date Contributions:

General

General - Excluding eGiving 255,776.34 eGiving 64,967.47

Facilities

 Facilities (Less Rent)
 4,600.00

 Rent
 6,600.00

Missions (General Fund) 204.48 Crisis Relief 4,005.08

Designated

Youth Missions 6,125.67
Penny Manna 303.62
Hearts & Soles 2,597.36
Pastor Appreciation 5,097.65
Benevolence 4,703.94
Church-wide Mission Trip 4,830.00

Total YTD Contributions359,821.05YTD General Budget373,846.15YTD Actual General Contributions320,743.81

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Redeemer Women's Fellowship:

www.facebook.com/#!/ groups/226778084046250/

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January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PURPLE = Fellowship Hall RED = Sanctuary GREEN = CE Wing PINK = Whole Church ORANGE = Office BLUE = Prayer Room BROWN =		1 New Year's Day Office closed.	2 No Activities	3 Council Meeting 7pm Celebrate Recovery • Dinner 6:15 pm • Meeting 7 pm • Share Groups 8 pm • Café Koinonia 9 pm	4	5 Taking Down the Greens 9am
Sanctuary Annex		Dieula's	Vacation			<u> </u>
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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.

Year-long Theme: "The Prayer

What would it look like for every Redeemer member to pray (and live) the Lord's prayer in 2019?

Our First Sermon series will be an overview of the Lord's prayer. Then each sermon series will be to go in depth on a petition of the Lord's Prayer.

Epiphany Sermon Series

"The Prayer"- An Overview of the Lord's Prayer through stories in the life of Jesus

January 6 - Matthew 6:5-13 "The Three Roads of Prayer"

January 13 - Luke 2:41-52 "Our Father. . . Hallowed"

January 20 - Mark 3:20-35 "Thy Kingdom Come"

January 27 - John 7:1-13 "Thy Will Be Done"

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 Aм — 4 PM

(Lori's day off)

Saturday: Closed