

February 2019



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

The Master's Touch

From the Pastor's Desk

Note: This is a shortened version of Pastor Mark's 2018 report shared at the 1/27/19 Congregational Meeting. Pick up a copy of the original in the church lobby.

For 2018, our church leadership had planned a theme of "This is Us". Unbeknownst to us, the actual theme of this year was "Book of Exodus". But instead of Redeemer being delivered from the Egyptians into the promised land, we simply saw a lot of people leave our church. We have said goodbye to multiple families and friends this year, more than any year I can recall previously. From the beginning of the year going all the way through Pastor Nick's goodbye in December, it seemed like we were praying someone off to the next stage of their journey at least once a month. There is good news and bad news when folks left. The good news: Many (all?) of those leaving have left with fond memories and strong faith. The bad news? This is probably the world we live in 2018. People no longer live in a community for 10 years, let alone 40 years. In light of this, Redeemer has the dual task of "Grieve and Receive".

We must make a priority to say goodbye well. At the same time, just as soon as a long-time friend says goodbye, God has planted a new face at our doorstep. Or, maybe even God is calling us to go out and meet that new face.

For 2019, in order to "grieve and receive" and under the



guidance of Grafted Life, the church council has identified three strategic goals for the upcoming year: a ministry goal, an administrative goal, and a communication goal. While the communication and administrative goals are important, I want to highlight the ministry goal: Each council member has committed to hosting new faces ("new" can be brand new to Redeemer, or brand new to the council member) for meals to get to know each other. 2018 was a year of grieving. Let's make 2019 a year of receiving.

- Mark Mohrweis
Mark@RedeemerECC.org

Annual Meeting Follow Up

The **2018 annual ministry and financial reports** were handed out at our January 27 Congregational Meeting and are available in the church lobby.

The **2019 budget** was approved. Copies are available in the lobby. A **Nominating Committee** made up of Mark Mohrweis, Dieula Previlon,

and Kathy Joiner was approved to look for the following Council positions for June: Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Evangelism, Property, and Worship.

Photo directories are available in the church office, or ask Lori Vriend. A **new member** was welcomed into fellowship: Elbert Moore.



WE APPRECIATE ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

To thank our volunteers of 2018, Redeemer leadership invites you to our

Volunteer Appreciation Banquet!

Sunday, February 24, at 5:30-7:30 P.M.

- Who:** Redeemer 2018 volunteers and their families
What: A night of fun and fellowship
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 from Mark, Dieula, Cassie, and Lori

Watch for your Evite and please RSVP

Or call 972-466-0054

Or email Mark@RedeemerECC.org to let us know how many are coming.



Racial Reconciliation Discussion Group

Sunday, February 17*, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

(*We are NOT meeting the last Sunday of February.)

@ Bethel Bible Fellowship

1944 E Hebron Pkwy, Carrollton, TX 75007

This group meets 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.

Contact Pastor Dieula at Dieula@RedeemerECC.org.



Pray for Our Endowed Scholarship!

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
- They must have financial need and have extenuating circumstances or overcome adversity.

Information and application are on the Links page on our website:

www.RedeemerECC.org.

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

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

Kids Connect



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 snack time

Contact Pastor Dieula at Dieula@RedeemerECC.org



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.

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. Persson'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

In January we had narrowed the Youth Pastor search to one candidate. However, we encountered some last-minute issues which led us to the difficult decision to keep looking.

Please continue to pray for our youth group and volunteer leaders, as well as for the Search Committee and the future candidate for Youth Pastor.

Questions?

Contact Pastor Mark at Mark@RedeemerECC.org.



Men's Pancake Breakfast

First Saturday of the Month
8:30—10:00 A.M.
Fellowship Hall

*Join us for breakfast,
fellowship, and prayer*

Contact: Johannes Hylkema or Steve Hall



Midsouth Covenant Camp

July 28 – August 3, 2019

at Frontier Camp in Grapeland, TX

The theme this year is “If Rocks Could Talk” based on Jesus’ lesson from Luke 19: 39-40. We will explore how we are special to God, the worship and celebration of Jesus, God’s forgiveness and judgment, and how we are called to ministry and leadership.

Definition of Camp: an outdoor church meeting or event at which attendees camp, typically offering religious and recreational activities; a camp meeting.

THE TRUE DEFINITION CAMP at THE MIDSOUTH COVENANT CAMP: A place where a crazy guy named Monk plans outrageous fun! A place where you realize God is REAL! A place reflecting heaven’s many colors of skin. A place where you get to do recreational things you can’t do anywhere else! A place where people of any age spend intentional time together. A place where distractions are kittens, snacks, and sounds of nature. A place where people love one another and are kind. A place where leaders are developed and invested in. A place where you realize you are not alone. The truth is...camp cannot be defined. You can see the pictures and hear the testimonies but the moments that are imprinted on your heart and mind are so much BIGGER than that! You can see camp pictures and posts on the Midsouth Covenant Camp Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/73376571975/>

Watch the YouTube camp video! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3mTi-8FZ3-4&feature=youtu.be>

Important dates:

April 30 – Counselor applications & references due to Dale “Munk” Lusk

June 1 – CILT applications & references due to camp registrar

June 15 – Early registration due (must turn in forms 1-4, shot record and \$50 deposit)

July 15 – All camp paperwork due to camp registrar

July 28 – Camp check-in & all camp fees due

Register online at www.midsouthcov.org or see the church lobby for registration forms.

2019 Midsouth Family Camp

April 5-7, 2019

Family Camp is a great time of praise, worship, and fellowship using the Covenant Affirmations as our theme. Once again, we will be using the new campus at Fossil Creek Camp built by Frontier Camp in Grapeland, TX. These camp facilities are self-contained under one roof so we can enjoy a family style gathering. Family Camp begins Friday at 7 pm and concludes at 11 am Sunday. You won’t want to miss this Family Camp! Stay tuned for registration details...

<http://www.midsouthcov.org/2019-midsouth-family-camp/>



Wednesday Evenings at Redeemer - Join Us!

Wednesdays are a busy, exciting place at Redeemer. Please join us!

Bible Study

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



Pastor Mark is leading a verse-by-verse 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

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,
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 Joy Persson at Joy.Persson@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

Saturday, February 23

6:30-8:30 P.M.



Book Club usually meets in Fellowship Hall on the third Sunday of the month to discuss a book from a wide variety of genres. Our February book is *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng.

NOTE the time change for this month.

Lori@RedeemerECC.org

Harvest Community Garden

Saturdays in February and March

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join us as we build Phase 2! Beginning February 9 we will start with trenching and laying irrigation. Then, each Saturday we will be building the plots, laying down the walkways, building a fence, etc. Stop by!

Adopt a plot and learn how to grow organic produce for yourself and the Christian Community Action food bank!

Learn more: www.harvestcommunitygarden.org

Find us on Facebook. Email Lori@RedeemerECC.org.



Sundays at Redeemer

Worship Service at 10:45 A.M.

Nursery Care



10:30 A.M. - noon - Infants from birth to age 2 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

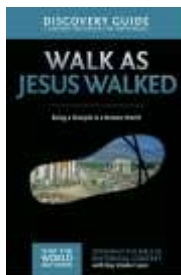
We provide age-appropriate opportunities for children to learn and have fun during the worship service.

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.thatttheworldmayknow.com/walk-as-jesus-walked
(Sorry, no childcare provided at this time.)

Contact Ron and Julie at [rjpersson \(at\) Verizon.net](mailto:rjpersson@verizon.net)

Sunday Morning Prayer

10-10:30 A.M.

We meet in the Prayer Room to pray as the Spirit leads. (Sorry, no childcare at this time.)



Celebrate Recovery

Join us every Thursday at Redeemer!

All are 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!

GIFTS

God's Girls In Faith Together Selflessly

a discipleship group for 4th & 5th grade girls that meets at the Persson's home on Tuesdays at 6:15-7:15 p.m.

led by Megan Hull and Julie Persson.

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

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.

February Dates

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

Happy Birthday!

2/03	Marcia Seebachan
2/07	Lori Vriend
2/08	Michele Dryden
2/12	Debbie Swindoll
2/13	Mike Blodgett
2/14	Sarah Leonhardi
2/14	David Obinma
2/16	Ellis Mohrweis
2/17	Erica Jaime
2/18	Elbert Moore
2/20	Jan Erickson
2/20	Walker Moore
2/21	Eddie David
2/23	Stan Campbell
2/23	Julie Muncy
2/23	Devin Previlon
2/23	Justin Previlon
2/24	Garrett Lemay
2/26	Marilou Castelli
2/26	Steven Schwarz
2/27	Solomon Page, Sr.

Happy Anniversary!

2/26 Andy and Darlene Clark

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 As Of: 12/31/18

General	
General - (Less eGiving)	40,477.00
eGiving	15,013.25
Facilities	
Facilities (Less Rent)	0.00
Rent	800.00
Missions (General Fund)	0.00
Benevolence/Crisis Relief	258.95
Designated	
Youth Missions	0.00
Penny Manna	75.52
Hearts & Soles	19.95
Pastor Appreciation	0.00
Church Mission Trip	0.00
Total Monthly Contributions	\$56,644.67

Year-to-Date Contributions:

General	
Note: e-giving revised up ~80k because of corrected error in e-giving YTD calculation. General excluding e-giving revised down by same amount due to dependent formula	
General - Excluding eGiving	272,099.03
eGiving	104,135.03
Facilities	
Facilities (Less Rent)	4,600.00
Rent	7,400.00
Missions (General Fund)	204.48
Crisis Relief	4,264.03
Designated	
Youth Missions	6,125.67
Penny Manna	379.14
Hearts & Soles	2,617.31
Pastor Appreciation	5,097.65
Benevolence	4,703.94
Church-wide Mission Trip	4,830.00
Total YTD Contributions (Less Rent)	\$409,065.72
YTD Actual General Contributions	\$376,234.06
YTD Budgeted General Contributions	\$405,000.00
YTD General Contributions Difference	-\$28,765.94

Find Us on Facebook

Redeemer:

www.facebook.com/#!/redeemercarrollton

Redeemer Women's Fellowship:

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

Redeemer CREW:

www.facebook.com/#!/groups/157436294355726/



Did you know? You can make contributions online.

Visit www.RedeemerECC.org and click on the Online Giving tab.

February 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 = Sanctuary Annex	Plan Ahead: 3/6 Ash Wednesday Service 3/10 Daylight Saving Time begins 3/11-15 Spring Break 4/13 Women's Reflection 4/19 Good Friday service 4/21 Easter Sunday				1	2 Men's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Harvest Community Garden Meeting 9am
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We are
on the web!



WWW.RedeemerECC.org

www.facebook.com/redeemercarrollton

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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.

Sermon Series

“The Prayer”- An Overview of the Lord’s Prayer through stories in the life of Jesus

February 3 - Luke 12:22-34 “Our Daily Bread”

February 10 - Luke 19:1-10 “Forgive Us Our Debts”

February 17 - Matthew 4:1-11 “Lead Us Not into Temptation”

February 24 - John 6:5-15, 25-29 “Hope - For Thine is...”

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