

January 2010

Linking us with the ministries of our church

*Spring 2010 Midweek
(January 13 - May 12)*

- 5:30-6:30 PM Supper (fellowship hall)
- 6:00-8:30 PM Childcare, infants through age 5 (rooms 205, 206)
- 6:00-7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal (room S213)
- Library Open (downstairs)
- 6:15-7:30 PM Pioneer Girls, grades K-6 (room 212)
- 6:15-8:00 PM Boy Scouts, grades 6-12 (Oasis)
- 6:15-8:45 PM Girls of Grace, grades 7-12 (off campus)
- 7:00-8:00 PM Prayer Meeting (room 103)
- Adult Elective, Proverbs: *How to Wise up and Live* (room 120)
- 7:00-8:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (choir room)
- 7:30-8:30 PM College & Career "Upper Room" (room S214)
- 9:00-11:00 PM Coffee House, grade 12 and College & Career (Oasis)

Annual Meeting, January 31

Redeemer members and regular attenders should plan to attend our annual congregational business meeting at 6:00 PM on Sunday, January 31. If you'd like to come a bit early, our men's ministry will provide free hamburgers and sides (donations accepted) at 5:00 PM.

The important meeting will include a 2009 ministry review; a look at the year ahead; consideration of the 2010 budget; and the election of one elder, one deacon, one nominating committee member, and one finance committee member. (See the back page of this *Link* for information about the nominees.)

You may pick up your household's copy of the annual report on Sunday, January 24.

Operation FRIENDSHIP

January 23-24, 2010

All of us desire to share Christ with our lost friends, work associates, neighbors and relatives. We know we are to witness, but the vehicle isn't always available. As the title of this outreach indicates, this evangelistic weekend is centered on friendship. Use the friendship concept as you invite your non-Christian friends. The weekend will consist of a friendship dinner, an evangelistic message, and training in how to effectively share your faith. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, January 23, 6:00 PM

Evangelistic Supper @ Radisson Dallas East (11350 LBJ, 75238, near Jupiter and LBJ). *If God only had five minutes to talk to you, what would He like to tell you?*

Sunday, January 24, 10:30 AM

Evangelistic Service @ Redeemer Bible Church. *What kind of person do you have to be in order for God to accept you?*

Sunday, January 24, 6:00 PM

Evangelism Training @ Redeemer Bible Church. *What's so scary about evangelism and how do you overcome those fears?*

As far as the dinner is concerned, tell them that you are inviting them to a dinner sponsored by your church to get to know them better and hear a gifted speaker. A good approach

From the Pastor's Pen

Doug Hornok, Senior Pastor

The beginning of a new year is traditionally the time when resolutions are made. People determine they are going to lose weight, get out of debt, be more punctual, be more patient, etc. The struggle with resolutions is that they are quickly broken. We start out with the best of intentions, only to find ourselves in despair over our failure.

As a Christian, all of us should have on our list of resolutions the desire to be more controlled by the Spirit of God. As we are controlled by the Spirit, we will produce the fruit of the Spirit. Paul writing to the churches at Galatia said in Galatians 5:22-23, *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law."*

As I turned to God's Word and meditated on these Spirit directed qualities, several things caught my attention. First, earlier Paul had talked about the "acts" of the sinful nature: now he speaks about the "fruit" of the Spirit. The difference between acts and fruit is that acts make you think of a struggle, whereas fruit is the unfolding of a life. Acts are dead, while fruit is alive.

Second, Spirit-produced fruit has within it the seed for still more fruit. Love begets more love! Joy produces more joy! Jesus said in John 15:2-5, *"He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.... I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

Third, each of these qualities listed has to do with Christian character; they speak of the graces of the Spirit.

Fourth, the fruit of the Spirit, as with all fruit, takes time to fully develop. To enjoy an apple, pear, or banana you must allow

that fruit the needed time to grow, develop, and ripen. Fruit cannot be made, manufactured or engineered. It is not an instantaneous process.

Finally, these are qualities that are not produced by our own effort. We do not purchase this fruit from another. It is not a reward for doing good deeds, like a merit badge, a gold medal or a blue ribbon. This fruit is produced when we allow the Holy Spirit to work in us. He produces spiritual fruit that like a ripe cluster of grapes brightens our lives.

The fruit God wants to develop in us is love – divine *agape* love: a love that is sacrificial and caring in nature. When a person lives in the sphere of love, then he experiences joy – that inward peace and sufficiency that is not affected by outward circumstances. It's a "holy optimism" that keeps you going in spite of difficulties. Love and joy together produce peace.

The next three qualities express the man-ward aspect of the Christian life. Patience is that courageous endurance that carries on without quitting. Kindness is a benevolent and tender spirit towards those who are hurting. Goodness is simply love in action. The Christian who is patient will not avenge himself or wish difficulties on those who oppose him. He will be kind and gentle, even with the most offensive, and will sow goodness where others sow evil.

The final three qualities are self-ward. Faithfulness is simply dependability. Gentleness is the right use of power and authority – power under control. Self-control is not allowing ourselves to give in to fleshly desires, being in control of our desires, the desire to not eat or talk more than we should.

As you think on these qualities, determine by God's grace this year to walk in the Spirit and produce His fruit. I believe this fruit is crucial to being a man or woman of God. Failure to manifest these qualities is a clear indication that God is not at work in your life. Surrender to God. Allow Him to work. This is the pathway to joy and productivity.

Redeemer Men Serving Others

On the heels of Pastor Hornok's recent sermon series on deacons and servants, several men from our helps ministry once again showed us what God-honoring service looks like. One of our elderly church members placed a call to the church office asking if someone could come and look at a "leak." Our eager servants sprang into action!

In the attic, the men found that the vent pipe from the gas furnace ended at the underside of the roof. Apparently, when the house was re-roofed, workers had removed the old wood shingles, decked the roof, cut a hole in the decking for the vent pipe, then shingled over the vent hole. No one ever took the vent pipe through the roof! Consequently, when the hot flue gases hit the asphalt shingles, the shingles began to melt and drip tar

down through the attic fan vent. Our men observed that the decking around the melting shingles was charred, creating a potentially serious fire hazard.

During their initial assessment visit, the men opened a hole in the roof so natural convection could vent the furnace. They left, located the necessary repair parts, returned, and were able to repair the roof and allow proper venting. The house was now safe and without leaks.

Redeemer's men take seriously God's exhortation to care for those in special need: especially widows, seasoned saints, and the mobility-impaired. If you find yourself in special need, call the church office, speak to one of the pastors, and he'll get the ball rolling. Thanks, Redeemer men,

for this powerful reminder of what it means to serve in love!

So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

Galatians 6:10 (NASB)

Getting to Know You: Jerry and Tommie Loveless

Jerry & Tommie Loveless are charter members of Redeemer and served on the Steering Committee. Jerry shared: "When **Don Geiger** called to ask if we would pray about the possibility of starting another Bible church, we were very interested, and committed to seeking God about it. We diligently prayed for and envisioned a church that would be God-honoring, and grow and develop, according to God's will. Tommie stated: "Redeemer is a profound example of God's promise in Ephesians 3:20-21: 'He, who can do exceedingly beyond anything hoped for or imagined ... be praised forever.' When we look back over the years, we still marvel at how God has blessed the church so richly, in every way; from the excellent and dedicated staff, to the leadership, to providing our beautiful facilities, to the loving unity shared by each member of the congregation."

Jerry and Tommie met in Houston on a blind date when Jerry was graduating from University of Texas Dental School. Tommie admitted: "When Jerry walked in to our friend's kitchen and I met him for the first time, my heart skipped a beat! I knew this was the man I wanted to marry! However, because it took Jerry a little longer to realize this, I accepted an offer to be a flight attendant with Trans Texas Airlines. The night before leaving for Dallas to begin my new career, Jerry asked me to marry him! Boy, was I surprised! Consequently, I only flew a few months, and we married June 27, 1964."

Tommie assisted Jerry in his dental office for six years, until they trained the staff, which remained with him until he had to retire in 1997 due to severe health complications. Tommie



remembered: "I called 911 on that terrible Monday morning, as Jerry was experiencing heart problems. These issues led to several strokes and Jerry was never able to return to his practice, where he had served for over 34 years! Jerry continued, "Thankfully, Tommie had been working full-time since our daughter, **Holli**, started at Texas A & M University. Tommie was able to continue working for eleven more years; but on May 4, 2008, it was *my turn* to call 911. Four days later she had brain surgery to remove a large tumor. But through it all, God has been faithful to provide for our needs."

Jerry graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary in 1984, with a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies. Afterward, he returned to his dental practice full-time.

Jerry served on the Redeemer Elder Board for eight years, while organizing and leading the Missions Leadership Team. Jerry, Tommie, and Holli fondly remember traveling to Hungary with our first short-term team. Jerry and **Kent Barnard** taught the new members class, and Jerry created and provides new member certificates. Jerry and Tommie have led and taught various adult Bible studies. Recently Jerry stepped down from leading The Seekers ABF, started by him and **Tony Gomillion** three years ago. Tommie served on the first Nominating Committee, was Editor of the *Link*, and still writes the monthly "Getting to Know You" articles. She recently led the October Women's Fellowship Bible Study, "God Moments." The Loveless' reiterated their love for the Redeemer family, and the support they have been given by saying, "**We are truly blessed to be here!**" And we, their church family, are blessed by them being here!

Welcome New Members!



Roger and Suzanne Doriot

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to use in inviting your guests to the dinner could be something like this: "Jim, we have been friends for quite some time and my wife and I would like to get to know you better. Our church is having a Friendship Dinner on Saturday at the Radisson Hotel East. There will be a special program including an excellent speaker from Dallas, Texas. He will speak on the subject: 'If God had only five minutes to talk to you, what would He like to tell you?' I think you'll really enjoy it. We'll have a great evening together. My wife and I would love for you to join us." Tickets will be available for purchase in the foyer of the church for the next few weeks.



Larry Moyer has been acclaimed by many as "The clearest communicator we've ever heard." A graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary, Larry serves as President and CEO of EvanTell in Dallas, Texas. His ministry has taken him throughout the United States and into many foreign countries.

Nominees to Be Voted on at Annual Meeting

In preparation for our annual business meeting on January 31, here are the nominations for your consideration for 2010:



Kris Dane—Deacon

- 11 years as speech and language pathologist; previous 15 as history teacher
- reared Lutheran; grew in Christ after attending Austin College dorm Bible study
- serves as ABF Leader and VBS volunteer; engages in mid-week electives

- loves dog, “Hampton,” and enjoys making memories with friends
- marvels at how God provides for her through friends & family ■



Byron Donaho—Deacon

- retired Colgate/Palmolive sales rep of 32 years
- met now-deceased wife, Claudette, through mutual friends; married 40 years
- trusted Christ in local church at age 10; became fully committed at 30
- Geiger Island director; parking lot security; youth ministry; short-term missions

- enjoys fitness, water skiing, and spending time with friends and family ■



Don Geiger Jr.—Elder

- self-employed for 10 years as corporate communications consultant, writer, and project manager; previously newspaper journalist and communications manager for TI
- met wife of 22 years, Sharon, in school class at Reinhardt Bible Church
- trusted Christ at age 5 in Sunday school

- 9 years as Redeemer Elder, 9 as chairman; pastoral search committee; children’s Sunday school; Boy Scouts
- enjoys reading and spending time with wife, son, other family, and friends ■



Stu Howe—Elder

- retired (1994) aerospace engineer
- met wife, Dorothy, when calling to ask her sister for a date; married 55 years
- trusted Christ in the local church, age 23
- 3 children; 9 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren
- 6 years as Redeemer elder, 1 as chairman; Seasoned Saints leader; Berean ABF

- enjoys family, friends, studying the Word, and finding creative ways to re-use “junk” ■



Sandy Sparks—Finance Committee

- worked 25+ years in banking industry; 4 in public relations
- trusted Christ as a young adult at a Bill Gothard seminar
- met husband (Redeemer Elder), John, through friends; married 19 years next month
- 5 years on women’s ministry team, 2 as leader; 7 years as Finance Committee Secretary

- loves “dog-child,” “Yogi,” decorating, painting watercolors, entertaining, and Yankee baseball ■



Mary Lou Green—Nominating Committee

- registered nurse for 45+ years, primarily in operating rooms
- trusted Christ at age 9; Bill Gothard seminar spurred spiritual growth in college
- married to now-deceased husband, Cecil, for 49 years
- steering committee and founding member of Redeemer; 4 years as deacon; Berean ABF; women’s ministry
- enjoys gardening, cooking, traveling, and reading ■

We Are Grateful for Your Service

Retiring officers, thank you for your faithful and excellent service. God has mightily used your ministries to point us and others to Christ.



Glenn Clark
Deacon
6 years
(2 as chairman)



John Morgan
Elder
6 years



Lillian Rees
Deacon
9 years

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