

Set Your Clock Forward



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 14 at 2 AM. Set your clocks forward one hour Saturday night.

CPR Recertification Class, March 12

This class, taught by **Lauren Raikes**, is for anyone who has an existing American Red Cross card whose CPR/AED certifications expire in the spring. It will meet Friday evening, March 12, from 5 – 9 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Contact **Kristen Raikes** by Saturday, March 6, to reserve your spot.

CPR/AED & First-Aid Class, March 13

This Red Cross-certified class, taught by Lauren Raikes will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 13, from 9 AM – 6 PM. Contact **Kristen Raikes** by Saturday, March 6, to reserve your spot.

Eggstravaganza, March 27

Held Saturday, March 27, from 3 – 6 PM at the Raikes' Ranch, this event is for Redeemer families with young children. Come to fellowship, play on five acres of land, read a story about our risen King, go on an egg hunt, and enjoy a delicious cook-out. Each family should bring a side dish to share.

No Man is an Island

English clergyman John Donne famously said, "No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main." As true as this may be, people do not always *feel* a part of the larger whole. What are you doing at Redeemer to usher newer or uninvolved folks into deeper relationships with God and others? Following are some things we're doing to improve the process and how you can help.

Redeemer Web Site

Increasingly, this is a visitor's first step. Our Web site team is currently overhauling the site to make it more inviting, user-friendly, and informative. *Please pray for them as they*

prepare for an April re-launch, and flash a big smile at roving photographers!



Name Tags

Let's face it: there are too many names to know in a church our size. Wearing name tags is a simple activity that helps all of us. They serve as good reminders of both new names and those we "should know." *Please get and wear your name tag.*

ABF Hour

Ultimately, a church is composed of many smaller groups where people share life on a deeper level. Adult Bible

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Holy Week Highlights

Beginning the last Sunday of the month of March, we'll celebrate holy week at Redeemer by observing our Lord's life, death, burial and resurrection in a series of special worship services.

Palm Sunday, March 28

Looking first to our triumphant and praise-filled worship service, we'll be led by our children, offer loud 'hosannas,' enjoy a rousing spiritual, and celebrate our rightful King.

Good Friday, April 2, 7:00 PM

Triumph turns to tragedy as we consider our Lord's sacrifice on the cross during our Good Friday service at 7:00 PM. Hymns, songs,

scripture, strings, and quiet reflection accompany a brief meditation by Pastor Hornok pointing us to our suffering Servant. We'll celebrate the Lord's Table together and will be encouraged to anticipate resurrection morning.

Easter Sunday, April 4

This victorious declaration of praise to our risen Christ at 10:30 AM will include classic Easter songs, hymns, prayers, and musical anthems. Our choir, orchestra, and handbells will remind us of the joy of a life transformed by Jesus. We'll hear the story of the resurrection and be challenged again to live in such a way as to bring honor to our risen Lord.

From the Pastor's Pen

God can make it happen

Doug Hornok, Senior Pastor

In his book *Victory Over Darkness*, Neil Anderson tells the remarkable story of a girl born almost 70 years ago outside Nashville, Tennessee. She had major health problems which left her disabled. She had a large, wonderful Christian family. But while her brothers and sisters enjoyed running and playing outside, she was confined to leg braces.

Her parents took her into Nashville periodically for physical therapy, but the little girl's hope was dim. "Will I ever be able to run and play like the other children?" she asked her parents.

"Honey, you only have to believe," they responded. "If you believe, God will make it happen."

She took her parents' counsel to heart and began to believe that God could make her walk without braces. Unbeknownst to her parents and doctors, she practiced walking without her braces with the aid of her brothers and sisters. On her twelfth birthday, she surprised her elders by removing the braces and walking around the doctor's office unassisted. Her doctors couldn't believe her progress. She never wore leg braces again.

Her next goal was to play basketball. She continued to exercise her faith and courage — as well as her underdeveloped legs — and went out for the school basketball team. The coach selected her older sister for the team but the courageous girl was told she wasn't good enough to play. Her father, a wise, loving man told the coach, "My daughters come in pairs. If you want one, you have to take the other also." Reluctantly the coach added the girl to the team. She was given an outdated uniform and allowed to work out with the other players. One day the daughter approached her coach and said, "If you will give me an extra 10 minutes of coaching each day, I'll give you a world-class

athlete." He laughed, then realized she was serious. He half-heartedly agreed to give her some additional time playing two-on-two with her best friend and a couple of boys. Before long her determination started to pay off. She showed tremendous athletic skill and courage, and soon she was one of the team's best players.

Her team went to the state basketball championships. One of the referees at the tournament recognized her exceptional ability and asked if she had ever run track. She had not. The referee, who also happened to be the coach of the internationally famous Tiger Belles Track Club, encouraged her to try running. So after basketball season she went out for track. She won many races and earned a berth in the state track championship.

At the age of 16 she was one of the best young runners in the country. She went to the Olympics in Australia and won a bronze medal for anchoring the 400-meter relay team. Not satisfied with her accomplishment, she worked diligently for four more years and returned to the Olympics in Rome in 1960. There Wilma Rudolph won the 100-meter dash, the 200-meter dash, and anchored the winning 400-meter relay team — all in world-record times. She capped the year by receiving the prestigious Sullivan Award as the most outstanding amateur athlete in America. Wilma Rudolph's faith and hard work had paid off.

Wilma Rudolph has taught us that the most restrictive braces are not those of the body, but the braces of the mind.

Pastor Lloyd Ogilvie often asks this question: "If you had no fear of failure, what would you attempt for God?" Good question! Too many times we limit our success for God by an it-can't-be-done attitude. The fact is: it won't be done if we don't try. As Redeemer Bible Church faces the future, we need to continue to be visionary and thinking big things for God — just as the founding members did more than 10 years ago. May I ask you to join me in praying for the mind of Christ as it relates to our future. If we believe, trust God, work hard, He can make even greater things happen!

Missions Conference: A Message of Hope

This year's missions conference will take place the weekend of April 9-11. The conference will begin on Friday night with "Dinners for 8 or 9." These will be informal dinners at various host homes where you will get a chance to interact with other saints of RBC and become better informed about missions. During the ABF hour on Sunday morning, workshops will be offered with an emphasis on the practical aspects of missions. Former RBC member and missionary, Oscar Lopez, will be the featured speaker during the morning worship service. Saturday night will provide an excellent opportunity for us to put missions outreach into practice as Holocaust survivor, Alexandra Goode of International Guardian Angels Outreach, will share her inspiring story of hope.

Alexandra was orphaned at the age of 12 when her mother died of an illness and her father, who had gone underground to fight the Bolsheviks, was killed in battle. Her older brother also died in battle and her twin brother was killed when their home was bombed. She was truly alone, with no family. For three years Alexandra lived in an orphanage in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. At the age of 14 the Germans came to the orphanage and took her and the other children to Dachau. "They packed us in crowded cattle cars and shut the sliding doors after they couldn't pack

any more of us in. Alexandra and the other girls were forced to dig mass graves for the dead and cover them with sulfur, which burned the bodies and eventually removed all evidence of their existence. "We had to pitch the bodies in the mass graves, even while some of them were still breathing."

Later Alexandra would experience medical experiments as she was subjected to injections, which caused boils all over her body. She experienced severe stomach pains, bad colds, sore throats, headaches, and vomiting. To make matter worse, she was strapped to a chair and had her tonsils ripped from her mouth without the use of anesthesia.

"I asked God, 'If you are real and if You love me, take my life.'" He chose not to do so, because He had something special in store for Alexandra. "I asked God to take my life, but instead he gave me a new heart. Life can be exciting as long as we give of ourselves."

Alexandra Goode's story and testimony is one you will not want to miss during our missions conference. That Saturday evening also provides us a unique opportunity to practice missions locally by inviting others to hear her story of how God worked in the midst of one of the greatest human tragedies of all time.

Getting to Know You: Joe and Joanna Howard

Tommie Loveless

Joe and Joanna Howard were born in California: in San Diego and Tarzana, respectively. They both served in the military and attended the same officer training courses in El Paso, TX, and Fort Rucker, AL. However, they actually met in a Bible study at Fort Leavenworth, KS! Joanna explained, "Although we met in Kansas, we didn't start 'dating' until June, 2004, after we were transferred to Suwon, Korea!" Joe added: "I had my eye on Joanna before we started 'hanging out.' I discovered she was a Christian, which was important to me, and we had mutual friends who wanted us to meet!" Joanna continued, "By December, when we realized we were right for each other, we traveled back to the States to meet each other's families. Due to logistical matters, we married in Korea on March 23, 2005, but agreed to a traditional ceremony on July 3 with our families in Maryland!" The Lord has blessed the Howards with three beautiful children: **Zara** (3 ¾ years), **Daniel** (2), and **Gabriel** (2 months). Joe shared, "When Gabriel gets older we will go hiking, and camping. We also enjoy singing and listening to worshipful music with the children." Joanna stated, "Before I married, I loved to scuba dive and travel; but since becoming a wife and mother, I realize this is the most challenging and rewarding job I could ever have."



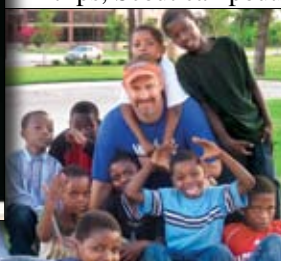
Joe graduated from the United States Military Academy in New York (better known as West Point), and will soon earn a ThM degree in Media Arts from Dallas Theological Seminary.

Joanna earned a degree from Cedarville College in Ohio in 1999. Joe trusted Christ at the age of six. As an adult he has been involved in various ministries, including leading music at a large Korean church, involvement with Bible studies, and a Campus Crusade outreach to Hispanic communities. As a gifted musician, Joe plays many musical instruments and enjoys writing hymns which explain doctrine, theology, and Scripture. Presently the Howards are embarking on a new ministry opportunity with Campus Crusade for Christ's Military Ministry. Joe commented: "It seems only fitting the Lord has called us to this ministry, since we both have military backgrounds. We are praying God will open a door to minister at West Point, as

we prepare to minister to college cadets." They presently desire to meet with anyone who would be interested in hearing more about their future ministry plans, and possibly helping with their financial and/or prayer support. The Howards agree that being involved at Redeemer has taken their faith and goals to a new level. Joe concluded: "God has renewed our commitment to Him by showing us a living demonstration of grace-oriented body life. We have never witnessed these simple acts of genuine love, care, and prayers, until coming here." Redeemer has loved worshipping and serving with you, Howards; and we look forward to seeing how God will lead you, bless your family, and direct your future endeavors.

Thanks, Barbres!

Shortly after Redeemer began, the first person Pastor **Don Geiger** hired after the church secretary, **Carolyn Owens**, was **Blake Barbres**. Providentially, Don first met Blake in 1987 while pastoring in Indianapolis and later encouraged him to attend Dallas Seminary. Blake graduated from Indiana University in 1992, married **Juliet** two weeks later, and left immediately for Dallas and DTS. Blake was awarded a Master of Arts in Christian Education in May of 1996. Following seminary graduation, Blake served (first part-time, then full-time) as Youth Pastor of Scofield Memorial from 1993-1999. Ordained at Scofield in 1997, Blake began serving at Redeemer in October 1999 and will resign as



Youth Pastor, effective March 15, 2010: *that's ten years!* During those years God used Blake's many talents to touch lives for Christ through activities such as movie nights, mission trips, Scout campouts, Bible lessons, service projects, school visits, graduation skits, phone calls, personal visits, and more. God has powerfully used Blake among us (especially our youth), mostly because of who he is: a deeply-devoted and loving son of God, husband, father, and servant.

We are profoundly grateful for Blake's ministry among us as youth pastor and look forward with the Barbres to their next phase of life and ministry. On Sunday, March 14, we will take a few minutes in the morning worship service to express in a public way our deep gratitude to God for all Blake and Juliet have done and what they have meant to the saints of RBC.

Dr. Zuck Receives National Recognition

Dr. Roy B. Zuck has been awarded the prestigious 2009 Warren S. Benson Distinguished Educator Award by the North American Professors of Christian Education (NAPCE). The NAPCE seeks to provide fellowship and dialogue for the nation's top teachers in Christian education and related disciplines, who serve in evangelical Bible colleges, liberal arts colleges, and theological seminaries. Nominated by the nation's top evangelical educators, Dr. Zuck's award recognizes a career filled with outstanding contributions in the field of Christian education: graduating summa cum laude from Biola University; receiving his ThM and ThD from Dallas Theological Seminary; engaging in



Dr. Roy Zuck

post-doctoral studies at both Northern Illinois University and the University of North Texas; serving fourteen years as a writer, editor, and Executive Vice President at Scripture Press Publications; authoring 15 books; editing more than 65 books; writing tracts for the American Tract Society; and serving as editor of Dallas Seminary's theological journal, *Bibliotheca Sacra*. We are grateful that Dr. Zuck has honored God by applying his extensive Bible knowledge in serving the Koinonia Fellowship, our larger church family, and his dearly departed wife, **Dottie**. Congratulations and thanks, Dr. Zuck. It's a privilege to serve with you and to be served by you.

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Fellowships are our most accessible way for new people to grow in Christ and "share life" with others. *If you are not in an ABF already, join one or be part of starting a new one. If you are in one and meet someone who is not, invite him/her to yours. Make room for visitors by leaving easily-accessible seats open. If your ABF is starting to feel full, talk to the pastors about launching a new one so everyone can have a place.*

Worship Hour

Newer folks tend to arrive later and feel awkward about stepping in front of someone they don't know. *If you are physically able, consider sitting more toward the front, and in the middle of the row, to make it easy for visitors to find a seat. Also, please sign the registration cards, as we will soon begin calling those who have not registered attendance during a 3-week period.*

Welcome Team

Beginning Sunday, March 14, we will begin inviting visitors to meet with a "welcome team" in "The Cove" (our downstairs elevator lobby). There they will meet a cross-section of our church family and be given a welcome bag full of Redeemer goodies. *If you'd really like to be part of this team, talk with a pastor.*

If you have read through the list and did not feel compelled to participate in any new way, then one sure-fire way you can begin to help others feel welcomed and get plugged in is to ... SMILE! In one way or another, to one person or another, at one moment or another, you are the face of Redeemer. Each of our faces should, in some pleasant way, remind others of Christ's. In the grace of God, may our smiles and other gestures of love remind others that indeed, no man is an island.

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