

February 2013

Linking us with the ministries of our church

Annual Business Meeting Report

Redeemer's annual business meeting was held on Sunday evening, Jan. 27. With 119 voting members present, the congregation:

- Heard a Search Committee update about the search for a new senior pastor.
- Elected these officers: Don Geiger Jr. to the Elder Board and Kris Dain, Byron Donaho and Scott Eickman to the Deacon Board.
- Heard a report about the 2012 finances.
- Approved the 2013 budget

Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit

Join us for an exciting new Wednesday night study series.



We pray in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, but often live with an awareness of only the first two.

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Beth Winterbauer Retires After 10 Years of Nursery Service

For the last 10 years, Beth Winterbauer arrived at church early and waited for her young charges to arrive with their parents at the crib nursery. Then she lovingly and carefully watched over the infants during the first hour while their parents enjoyed fellowship and teaching.

"I just love children," Beth said. "It's very fulfilling. I always looked forward to Sunday morning."

But after a decade of Sunday mornings, Beth decided in November that it was time to retire from serving in the crib nursery every week. She also served in similar capacities at other churches for many years before joining Redeemer.

"We are so thankful for Miss Beth and the care she has given to Redeemer's little ones over the years,"

said Heidi Regier, director of Children's Ministries. "She has modeled the love of Jesus to the babies and toddlers with her gentle spirit and loving interactions with them. What a blessing she has been."

Beth showed her love for children in very practical ways. The children got a book from her on their first birthday. She made

small blankets by hand for many of them. And she sang to them when they got fussy. And although she continues to help in the nursery some Sundays during the second hour, she misses the weekly opportunity to care for the babies.

"There's something special about every one of them," she said.



Beth Winterbauer with Whitaker Bakk
Inset: Redeemer found a fitting token of appreciation for Beth!



Redeemer Supports Short-Term Missions

Q & A with Paul Ramler

From its founding in 1999, Redeemer has been a missions-minded congregation. We support missionaries and mission organizations and help send teams and individuals on short-term trips. **Paul Ramler**, chairman of the Missions Leadership Team, explains why Redeemer is committed to short-term missions.

Why is the short-term mission ministry important?

First, short-term missions provide vital support to missionaries. Teams perform functions and fill roles that a missionary on the field may not be able to do. The ministry with **Laci** and **Sandra Kadar** at the Word of Life summer camps in Hungary is a good example of this. The camp needs native English-speakers to teach English and to coach baseball. Redeemer helps meet that need by sending teams to fill those roles.

Second, the ministry encourages and blesses missionaries. Redeemer missionaries are always eager for someone to come see the ministry firsthand, to get to know them better and to learn what God is doing where they serve.

Third, short-term missions has an impact on those who go. Their lives are enriched by the people they serve. They form lasting friendships. They are blessed to be a part of what God is doing. They come away with a better understanding of the ministry they served and are better able to pray for it.

Our two home-grown missionaries, **Kristen Raikes** and **Nathan Ramler**, will tell you that their

experience with short-term missions played a significant role in God's leading for them to serve full time on the field.

What has been Redeemer's involvement with short-term missions?

Redeemer has consistently encouraged and supported short-term missions. We have sent teams to Hungary, Guatemala and the The Philippines. We have helped send individuals on trips to Serbia, Papua, Germany, The Philippines, Hungary, Guatemala, Mexico, Thailand, Jordan, Kenya and Ireland.

Through these trips, we have been involved in projects such as installing cooking stoves, putting on a roof and painting. We have taught English and coached baseball. We have been involved in evangelism and outreach, and worked in schools doing puppet shows and sharing the gospel. Some have taught seminary classes and trained national pastors. Some have

worked in orphanages. We have had many opportunities to serve and be involved in sharing the love of God and the good news of the gospel around the world.

What opportunities will be available later this year?

We are developing the trips for this year. We anticipate sending another team to Hungary from July 26 to Aug. 4. Other trips are in the planning stages.



John Arms, left, and Charlie Reibenstein, right, taught baseball at Word of Life Hungary last summer.

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ABFs: Opportunity for Fellowship and Great Teaching

Redeemer Bible Church has sound, trusted and capable Adult Bible Fellowship teachers and leaders who have a heart for helping others "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

As we enter into the second month of 2013, we invite and encourage every member, as well as our guests, to participate in our ABF classes.

"The ABF classes are a great way to participate in the joy and blessings of Christ-centered instruction with other believers," said Bert Howard, pastor of assimilation.

Each of the six ABFs is comprised of a growing community of believers who desire to live out Redeemer's mission of glorifying God, building each other up in love and reaching out to unbelievers to win them to Christ.

If you'd like to develop sound biblical doctrine and life-changing principles while developing tremendous friendships in 2013, then get involved in an ABF on Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

The Sojourners meet in Room 102 and are led by Carl Martin and Kris Dain. Teacher Scott Shaffer is facilitating a study of the book of Joshua.

The Young Adults gather in Room 105 with class leader Colin McCaslin. The YABF teacher is John Pettitt, who is leading a study that takes a closer look at the Word of God we call the Bible.

The Discipleship Class, which meets in Room 110, is led by Brian Coppinger. Teacher John Rack is presenting a study series entitled Christ in the Old Testament.

The Seekers, which meets in Room 112, is led by Byron Donaho and Phil Rehlander, with Howard Joslin as the class teacher. Howard is leading the class about Isaiah's Great Expectations.

The Bereans gather in Room 113 under the leadership of Scott Eickman with special guest teacher Brian Coppinger presenting "The Kingdom of Heaven is like..." during the month of February.

The Koinonia Class, which meets in Room 120, is led by Charlie Reibenstein and taught by Dr. Roy Zuck. Dr. Zuck is taking the class through a detailed study of the book of Judges. Dr. Ed Smith will also be supplementing instruction with a study of the book of Ephesians.

Getting to Know You: Jonathan Smith

Tommie Loveless

Jonathan Smith, one of our most recent and active new members, was born in Kuwait while his father was teaching at Kuwait University. Later, Jonathan and his family moved to Dallas, where his father was on the faculty at SMU, and then on to Egypt, where his father taught at the American University of Cairo.

Jonathan's parents, **Ed and Laurie**, brother **Elisha** and sister **Martha** also worship at Redeemer. He also has a brother, **Samuel**, who is in the Army, and a sister, **Maryellen**, a sophomore at Malone University in Ohio.

Jonathan was home-schooled during his elementary and high school years. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in history from Cedarville University in Ohio and is presently a second-year student at Dallas Theological Seminary, pursuing a master of theology degree.

"I believe God has called me to be a pastor here in the states, perhaps in the New England area," he said. "However, down the road, I hope to be involved in training pastors who have come from India and the Middle East."

Jonathan works part time at The UPS Store in Dallas. In addition to his studies and work, he enjoys ornithology (the study of birds), playing baseball and soccer, reading historical fiction, and collecting baseball cards. He also finds time to play



the piano. Other interests include discipleship, Bible teaching, discussing the history of theology and the church, and political theory.

Jonathan loves to travel and says living in a number of locations around the world has been a true blessing.

"I grew up with Christian parents who took their discipleship very seriously," he said. "I prayed to accept Christ as my personal savior at 3 and was baptized at the age of 12. I grew up spiritually in college, participating in discipleship groups and leading some of them. But possibly my best personal ministry experience was a prison ministry.

"One of the main reasons I attend Redeemer is because of the men who have reached out to minister to me," he said. "I thank God for how He has chosen to use Redeemer in my life, hearing the living Word of God

taught and lived out by and in the community of the church. I also appreciate the opportunities the church has afforded to me."

He has recently taught the Seekers ABF, assisted in the sound and video room, and even chauffeured many to their cars in our golf cart. **Jonathan, we thank God for guiding you to Redeemer.**

Annual Advance-O-Ree Hits the Mark Once Again

The Annual Boy Scout Advance-O-Ree this year was another success! **Gordon Robinson, David Tatom**, and volunteers from Troop 48 organized a fantastic day for all the visiting Scouts looking to earn a few new Merit badges. The day saw a total of 189 scouts and 35 adults come through our church. John Gibson did a Gospel presentation at lunch and presented almost 100 New Testaments to those Scouts who wished to receive one! Thanks to RBC's own Troop 48 for hosting this event and representing themselves, and our church, to the community!



Volunteers Guide Young Lives to Jesus Each Week

Walking through the children's wing on Sunday mornings, you hear the voices of teachers interacting with children as they teach about God and His Word. On Wednesday evenings, teachers guide young lives to Jesus. In March, you will hear the sounds of music starting at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays as we begin a children's choir ministry.

"Our church has been given the privilege of guiding young lives to Jesus every week and our team of volunteers is an integral part of that process," said **Heidi Regier**, director of Children's Ministries.

In addition to dedicated adult volunteers, Redeemer is blessed with faithful youth volunteers who help with childcare and in Children's Church. Each of these young men and women serve the Lord each month by meeting the needs of our children and by being godly examples for them. A big thank-you goes to **Nicole Nogueira, John and Thomas Barbre, Lydia and David Robinson, Jonathan and Joshua Hepp, Elijah Howard, Katherine and Luke Rodgers, Callie Simon, and Helene and Hannah Regier.**

Could This Apply to You?

There's always a need for more volunteers. Contact Heidi in the church office if you would like to help. Are you available to bless children in one or more of the following ways?

- Substitute one time per month.
- Lead children's church for one month this year. Curriculum is provided.
- Pray that our children will come to know and love Jesus as they study His Word on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

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If you want to develop a better understanding of the Holy Spirit and His role in your life, then join us for this compelling seven-week DVD series by Francis Chan.

This life-changing series — designed to help you better understand, embrace and follow the Holy Spirit's direction in your life — will be facilitated by **Bert Howard** and includes a time for reflection, questions and discussion.

The series starts on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



William Matthews was one of the many volunteers who participated in a recent CPR Course offered at Redeemer.

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How can people at Redeemer be involved in missions even if they can't go on a trip?

Prayer is the number one thing. People can pray for God's direction in deciding where to go, for God to raise up individuals to lead the trips and to serve on teams, that God will raise up funds for the trips, for the health and safety of team members, for open doors for ministry, that God will work through teams, and that they will be a blessing. Prayer is vital at every stage.

People can also support the church's annual garage sale. This is the primary way we fund trips. People can be involved there by donating items for the sale and by helping at the sale itself.

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