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Linking us with the ministries of our church

Suggest Candidates for Boards & Committees

The Nominating Committee will soon begin discussing nominees for upcoming vacancies on the Elder Board, Deacon Board, Finance Committee and Nominating Committee. One person will be nominated for each open position. If you have suggestions for these positions, send an email to nominate@redeembiblechurch.org.

Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31

Trunk or Treat is a great way to reach out to our community. We need volunteers to donate candy, host a car, and join our greeters team or evangelism team at the church on Oct. 31. Arrive at 5 p.m. to help set up. Contact **Heidi Regier**, director of Children's Ministries, for more information and to RSVP.

"This is a wonderful way for the people of Redeemer to show love to our neighborhood," Heidi said. "We anticipate that hundreds of children, young people and adults will visit our campus that night for fun, games and candy, and we'll reach out to them with the love of Christ."



Redeemer Offers Many Ways to Connect



Our Fall Connections Fair was held on Sept. 22. It showcased Sunday fellowships, home fellowships, Women's Fellowship, and the Men's Group. You can get connected by contacting Bert Howard.

Chuck Swindoll said it well: "I cannot even imagine where I would be today were it not for that handful of friends who have given me a heart full of joy. Let's face it, friends make life a lot more fun."

At Redeemer Bible Church, we want to help you get plugged into the fellowship of faith with more than just a handful of friends so that your own heart will be filled with joy. There are plenty of ways to get connected:

- Five Sunday morning Adult Bible Fellowships, which meet at 9:15 a.m.
- Nine small-group home fellowships that meet at various locations and times.
- A dynamic Women's Fellowship that meets on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings.
- A men's group that is stepping up.
- A weekly mid-week fellowship and Bible study on Wednesday evenings.

'Connecting with Christians as Christians in the community of faith is key to the disciple-making process'

– Bert Howard

"Discipleship in community is the biblical model," said **Bert Howard**, Connections pastor. "Connecting *with* Christians *in* the community of faith is key to the disciple-making process and clearly leads to the building up of believers, reaching out to the unchurched, and ultimately to all people glorifying God. These are tremendous reasons for all of our folks here at Redeemer to get involved within our community of faith.

"Many of our members also participate in other tremendous Wednesday-evening

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Youth Group provides renewal

By John Barbre

In his first epistle to the Thessalonians, Paul challenges his readers to continue strengthening each other in the Lord. "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing" (1 Thess. 5:11 ESV).

Often, I have come to youth group feeling exhausted and overwhelmed by school, sports and my own numerous mistakes. After spending some time with my friends and learning more about myself, the other students and God, I feel a sense of renewal that I have not been able to find anywhere else. Every Sunday morning and mid-week lesson is something refreshing that I anticipate immensely throughout the rest of the week.

It is fascinating: Each time you revisit a passage from Scripture you can learn something new and exciting. Youth group is a wonderful place for a student to learn about God and His Word alongside his or her friends.

On Sunday mornings, we have been watching Focus on the Family's *The Truth Project*. And on Wednesday evenings during midweek we have watched *Anything But Ordinary*, a video-series about finding ministry opportunities outside of the church. I am very excited to see where the youth group will go next under the direction of our new youth pastor, **Patrick Boyd**.

John Barbre is a high school sophomore at Lakewood Presbyterian School.



New Director of Student Ministries

Patrick Boyd: 'I'm excited about the opportunity to teach the Bible'

Patrick Boyd, Redeemer's new director of Student Ministries, is passionate about developing disciple-making relationships and leading a Christ-centered ministry focused on outreach.

"Youth ministry fires me up because it's an opportunity to meet students where they are and win them to Christ at a young age, giving them more time to walk the plan that God has laid before them," he said. "I'm excited about the opportunity to teach the Bible to students and transfer to them my own passion for the Bible."

Patrick joined the ministry staff on Oct. 16 following a three-month search. The search process included reviewing many resumes and conducting interviews with more than a dozen people. Patrick met extensively with Senior Pastor **Mark Fortney**, other staff members, a few parents and the Elder Board. He also taught the students one Wednesday evening.

"We're confident that God has raised up the right man for this position," Mark said. "Patrick has a gifting and passion for reaching students for Christ and then helping them grow and mature in their relationship with Him."

Patrick and his wife, **Michelle**, met on a mission trip to Mexico and have been married more than four years. They worked side-by-side in youth ministry at their home church in Hopewell Junction, N.Y. They have two sons: **Declan**, 2, and **Grady**, 1. Patrick is a first-year student at Dallas Theological Seminary, where he is pursuing a master of theology degree. The Boyds live near Redeemer and have been attending the church since they moved to Dallas in August.

Patrick earned a bachelor's degree in organizational leadership from Nyack College, a Christian college in New York. Michelle earned a certificate of biblical studies from Frontier School of the Bible in Wyoming.

"I am honored, humbled and overwhelmingly excited to lead the youth ministry at Redeemer," Patrick said. "I look forward to seeing God's plan unfold."



Patrick and Michelle Boyd with sons Declan (2) and Grady (1)

As a high-school student, Patrick went through a youth-ministry discipleship program that he later helped lead. He envisions a similar program at Redeemer that would include:

- Fun, inclusive large-group activities where students can invite their friends.
- Sunday school, which would enable students to learn about their faith.
- Bible studies and small groups, mission trips, and outreach ministries.
- Student leadership opportunities.

"This discipleship process had a big impact on my life," he said. "It challenged me and helped me grow in my walk with Christ. I later led students through it and saw life-changing growth."

Getting to Know You: Dick Lane

Tommie Loveless

Dick Lane serves on the Finance Committee and is a member of the Koinonia Adult Bible Fellowship.

What is your family background?

I was born in Tulsa, Okla., where I grew up with my parents and brothers, Francis and Kennedy. My mom and dad passed away in the early 1980s, but I recently visited Kennedy and his family, who live in Portland, Maine. I rarely travel, but it was a great trip and so nice to see them. I have never been married, but I enjoy going out to eat with friends. I also love reading and studying God's Word, researching investment possibilities, and going to Texas Rangers baseball games.

How and when did you become a Christian?

I became a believer in my childhood through the teachings of my family and the Presbyterian church where we worshipped. I have fond memories of going with my grandfather when he would evangelize on the streets of Tulsa. Playing golf with my dad was also a source of spiritual maturation.

What has been instrumental in your spiritual growth?

I have taken numerous theology courses at the Dallas Theological Seminary Lay Institute, and was influenced by several of the great theologians. I taped my classes and attended many theology conferences and Bible studies, including the Disciple program. Perhaps the highlight of my theological growth came through the guidance of **Andy Woods**. He invited me to Redeemer in 2006 and introduced me to **Dr. Zuck's** Adult Bible Fellowship, where I faithfully participated for six years. I have an extensive library of Bible commentaries, books, CDs, and other information by various Bible scholars and sources.

What is your educational and career background?

I graduated from Oklahoma University with a BBA in 1972. I also completed an infantry officers course at Fort Benning, Ga. I have always loved finance and investments,

which led to my financial career. I have basically retired, but I still stay very involved in these areas. You could say I am a long-term investor.

Tell us about your project to put biblical information on USB drives.

Recently, I have made copies of a thumb drive which includes 325 hours of Andy Woods' pastoral teachings and arguments of all 66 books of the Bible. It is filled with visuals and a tremendous amount of information regarding God's historical accomplishments and future plans. If anyone would be interested in getting one, just let me know. I love giving this thumb drive to others.

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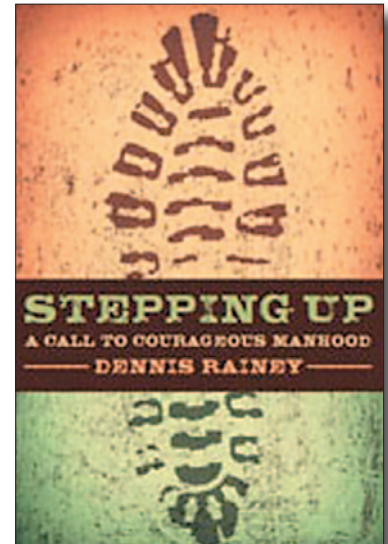


Men: Step Up to Make a Difference

Today's men are shrinking back when they should be stepping up. That's why we need men at Redeemer to participate in a special event in November. Watch the bulletin for details.

"We'll be unpacking biblical manhood to discover what it means to be a godly, courageous man in today's world," said **Bert Howard**, Connections pastor. "We are going to challenge each other to step up, reach back to younger generations in discipleship and point the future through a personal legacy."

Are you ready to step up? Make a difference in your lifetime.



Women's Fellowship

Amy Kumar to Speak About Mentoring and Leadership

Come and be inspired by how God has worked in the life of Amy Kumar. A widow with two grown daughters, she felt God's leading to start More Than Jewels, a program that teaches mentoring and leadership to women. For several years, Amy has taught women in the Dallas area. Soon she will be taking the program to India to reach out to Indian women for the Lord.

Join us as Amy gives her testimony and shares wisdom the Lord has given her about the joys of mentorship and leadership, what it looks like, and how we can apply it to our lives.

Amy will address the ladies of Redeemer on Wednesdays Oct. 30, Nov. 6 and Nov. 13 from 6:30- 8 p.m. in Room 102.

Come and see what the Lord has to teach us through Amy.

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fellowship ministries, such as the fellowship meal, Sanctuary Choir, Grace Notes Handbell Choir, Youth Group, Scouts, Pioneer Girls and Boys' Brigade, prayer meetings, and Bible study. These all are excellent choices and all have proven vital to the success of our church's mission," he said.

If you'd like to get connected in one of Redeemer's Connections groups, contact **Bert Howard** at the Church Office: (214) 340-3633. You'll be both warmly welcomed and blessed as you help Redeemer Bible Church glorify God, build up each other in love, and reach out to unbelievers to win them to Christ.

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