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The Harvest is Great!

FALL IS HERE—AT LEAST ACCORDING TO THE CALENDAR—BUT YOU WOULDN'T KNOW IT BASED ON THE TEMPERATURES! And yet, Redeemer Bible Church is busily going about its God-given business of bringing in the harvest.

What do I mean? Look at these words found in Matthew 9:36-37:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, **"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."** (NIV84)

The "harvest" represents those people who are far from God and need to be brought into His presence through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

As you'll see in this issue of the Link, RBC is enthusiastically

working to bring in the harvest that God's entrusted to us. Whether through the Fall Carnival, Texas State Fair Evangelism Project, White Rock Center of Hope, or the "Reach the Hill" initiative, we are committed to introducing people to Jesus Christ.

And the Holiday Season is fast approaching! Research shows that people are more open to the Good News we possess during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons than any other time of the year. So, start thinking of ways to introduce your Jesus to friends and family in the coming weeks and months.

Enjoy this issue of the Link, and as you read, consider the various ways that you too might be used by God to help bring in the harvest this season!

Forward Together,



Mark Fortney, Senior Pastor

Reach out to our community at the Fall Festival

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, OCT. 30, TO REACH OUT TO THE KIDS AND FAMILIES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. REDEEMER'S FALL CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD 6-8:30 P.M.

Kids and families will get to enjoy complimentary photos at our photo booth, free candy, fun activities at each car, face-painting, and bounce houses. Parents can stop by the prayer booth for a cup of hot coffee and prayer with Redeemer volunteers.

How can you help? Contact Heidi and let her know you plan to bring your car. We pass out candy from the trunks of our decorated cars. Plan a fun theme and activity for your car and bring plenty of candy. Lots of cars are needed, and you're encouraged to host a car with your Adult Bible Fellowship or with friends.

You can also help by donating candy. Please leave your individually-wrapped candy in the designated bins at church. Please don't bring any products that contain nuts.

You can also sign up to pray with visitors at our prayer booth. This is a great way to share the love of Jesus with visitors.

Volunteers need to arrive by 5:30 p.m. to set

up their cars so we are ready for the kids to arrive at 6 p.m. Chili will be served for volunteers beginning at 4:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

We are having this event on Friday so Redeemer folks can be at their own homes on Saturday night to greet neighborhood children who are trick-or-treating. What a wonderful way to be a light for Jesus on the weekend of Halloween, both as a church body and in our own homes!



Redeemer Team Shares the Gospel at the State Fair

by: Bert Howard



THERE'S NOTHING QUITE LIKE GOING TO THE TEXAS STATE FAIR

for food, fun, rides and a variety of shows. People from all over the Metroplex and the entire world visit the fair each year.

But a few of God's faithful also offer fair-goers something far more rewarding: a chance to gain eternal life.

Paul wrote to the Ephesians,

“ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. ”

(Ephesians 6:19-20)

Responding to the example of Paul, more than a dozen Redeemer members volunteered to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with the crowds at the Texas State Fair in two-hour shifts on Friday evening, Oct. 16.

“So many folks at the fair are in desperate need of the good news of Jesus Christ,” Connections Pastor Bert Howard said. “Our church talked to hundreds of people while sharing the gospel and handing out tracts, and, because we were obedient, some of these people are now brothers and sisters in Christ. They came out for a good time but gained an everlasting reward. How cool is that?”

This is Redeemer's second year to serve at the booth, which is coordinated by the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship of America. If you'd like to become part of our outreach team for future events, please contact Pastor Bert Howard.



New Members



Georgina Kern



Brent and
Brianne Kirby



Tristan and
Nancy Frazier

Reach the Hill—and Free Food—is Changing Lives

by: Patrick Boyd

MEET ROLAND GLIKIAH AND SERGIO PACHECO, who are eighth-graders at Robert T. Hill Middle School.

You have played an important role in their involvement with Redeemer, and they want to thank you.

Both young men wandered over to the Oasis last fall during our Reach the Hill outreach and were captivated by your caring, warm hospitality. At first, they were in it for the food, but they soon realized the meaning behind the food. They were impressed by the willingness of people they didn't even know to feed them, welcome them, talk with them, and want to get to know them.

They experienced love that transcends age, race, religion and culture. They experienced the love of Christ made manifest in you.

Now, Roland and Sergio come to church whenever they can. They walk or ride their bikes. They come Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. They come for the men's breakfast once a month. They ring the office bell occasionally, just to say hi.

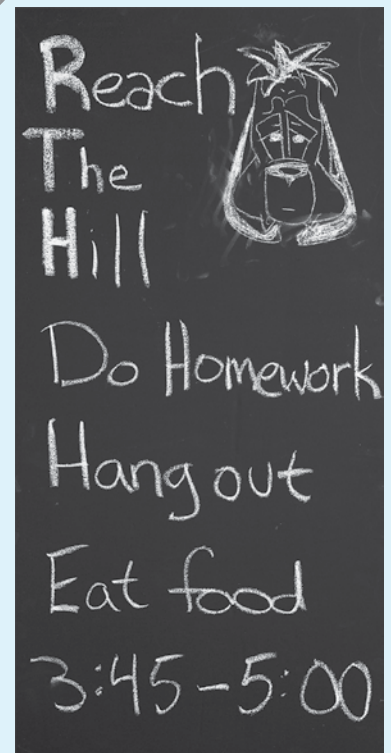
"You guys are like family to us," they said.

Roland and Sergio were a part of our youth team that went to Chicago with Praying Pelican Missions this summer. It was an honor and a privilege to see God work in their lives as they worked in the lives of others.

"I'm changed," Sergio said after the group returned from Chicago.

Reach the Hill is relational ministry at its pinnacle. **This is the Holy Spirit moving and working collectively in many people's lives to win souls for Christ.**

As we enter into a new year of ministry, please pray that God would raise up workers for His harvest and that we would see more lives changed for Christ.



Reaching Out to People Who Need Visits

by: Kent Barnard

WE LIVE ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE WHEN WE MEET OUR NEIGHBORS AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS. It is especially important that we remember to reach out to people who can be visited during the day, including retired people, shut-ins, the homebound, and people recovering from an illness, injury, or hospitalization.

As the people of the church intentionally develop relationships with people in the community, those people will get a different perspective on church community. Many not involved in a church may visit and want to be involved in the loving, friendly, and encouraging community of believers.

The following list contains some suggestions for reaching out to those who need practical help and encouragement.

1. Pray daily for the homebound person and the caregiver.
2. Offer to assist in bringing the homebound and caregiver to church.
3. Offer transportation to medical appointments.
4. Make a weekly phone call.
5. If the homebound person lives alone, visit regularly with snacks and news of the neighborhood or church.
6. Commit to regularly scheduled visits so they can be anticipated.
7. Read to homebound who are unable to themselves or provide assistance to obtain audio books.
8. Mail a card or letter of encouragement on a regular basis.
9. Help write letters or cards with the homebound to send to friends or family.
10. Assist with insurance or other paperwork.
11. Prepare meals weekly or have several people take turns one to three times a week.
12. Offer to stay with the homebound on occasion to relieve the caregiver.
13. Remember to ask about the caregiver's physical and emotional health.
14. Offer to help with housekeeping chores and repairs.
15. Take a gift from time to time—flowers, a card, or children's artwork, for example.
16. Offer to pick up needed supplies or groceries when out running your own errands.
17. Remember the holidays, especially Thanksgiving and Christmas, with any of the above suggestions.



Making a Difference in Neighborhood Schools

by: Heidi Regier

WHAT DO GARDENS, BREAKFAST CASSEROLES AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES HAVE IN COMMON? They are all ways that Redeemer reaches out to two of the schools in our neighborhood.

Anyone walking up to the front entrance at Martha Turner Reilly Elementary School will see a carefully landscaped front entrance. Redeemer member Ray Crelia maintains this area, as well as the school's courtyard and butterfly garden.

"I just keep on going," says Ray, who has been blessing the school this way since 2003.

Twice this year, teachers and staff at Robert T. Hill Middle School were delighted to arrive at school early to find hot breakfast casseroles, tasty baked goods, and juice. It's a fun way for our church to show appreciation to the hard-working members of the faculty, staff, and administration at Hill.

We received the following note after our beginning-of-the-year breakfast in August:

“ Dear Redeemer Bible Breakfast Bunch,
Once again, you provided our faculty and staff a breakfast that was absolutely delicious. We appreciate all that you do for us at Robert T. Hill, and look forward to a fantastic year.
Sincerely, The RTH Faculty, Staff and Admin Team.

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Redeemer folks brought school supplies to our Sweet 16 celebration on Sept. 13th for both Reilly and Hill. These items will help students and teachers at both schools. Thank you to all who generously provided these items.

So, whether you are weeding a garden, scrambling eggs, or purchasing school supplies, you are making a difference in our neighborhood schools. What a privilege it is to reach out to these children and teachers in the name of Jesus.

RBC's Women of Worth Serving the White Rock Center of Hope

by: Bert Howard

MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—now known as the Women of Worth (WOW)—have made a renewed commitment to serve and support the White Rock Center of Hope on Garland Road.

"The White Rock Center of Hope has been a great place to volunteer for me," said Beth Hilliard, a center volunteer and the WOW Service and Outreach coordinator.

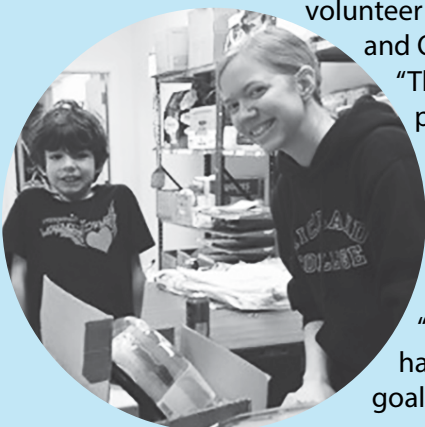
"There are so many nice people volunteering, and being able to help those in need is such a blessing."

"The Women of Worth have made it their goal to be grounded in

the Word of God and want to put that knowledge into action in ways that demonstrate the grace and love of Christ," said Nancy Frazier and Angelique Nogueira, the Women's Leadership Team co-facilitators. "The White Rock Center of Hope is right here in our community, and it just makes sense to start in our Jerusalem."

Since the center always needs coats in all sizes for men, women, and children, WOW has begun a coat drive in preparation for cooler weather. In November, WOW will help lead a collection for Thanksgiving food, from cranberry sauce and green beans to stove-top dressing and more. WOW also plans to host a December "Happy Birthday Jesus Party" to collect toys for needy children.

To find out how you can get involved, Beth Hilliard plans to coordinate an orientation evening at the center, so be on the lookout for more information!



Getting To Know You: John and Lisa Paulson

by: Tommie Loveless

John Paulson to lead outreach into care centers

John Paulson, a Dallas Seminary student, will begin an internship at Redeemer in January focused on ministering at senior-care centers in the East Dallas area.

John and his wife, Lisa, have been actively involved in ministry for several years and have a special place in their hearts for senior adults. They met at The Good Samaritan Senior Center in Oberlin, KS, where Lisa was the activity director. She asked John to lead a tent-revival service. Three months later, on Valentine's Day, John proposed to Lisa in front of all of the residents.

They were married at the center in 2007. All the seniors enthusiastically attended and gave their blessing. The Paulsons have eight children and five grandchildren.

John's main ministry goals will be to organize and conduct Sunday morning worship services for seniors who are no longer able to attend Redeemer or other churches.

"Redeemer's Care Pastor, Kent Barnard, has already been a great resource in planning this ministry," John said. "He has given me wise

counsel on more than one occasion."

John has also consulted with Kendall Carter, pastor of worship arts, who is excited about the ministry and will be suggesting talented people who could lead in the singing of hymns and provide other God-honoring music to enhance and complete the services. John also hopes to conduct baptisms when this important act of obedience is requested.

Senior Pastor Mark Fortney encourages everyone to get to know this dynamic couple while they are in our church. Also, please begin to pray for the development and success of this very important and much-needed ministry to our beloved seniors.



It's that season again - The Spirit of Christmas Concert!

Christmas is a time for great music, and we're excited to celebrate our annual holiday music celebration—the Spirit of Christmas Concert.

Mark your calendar for the most uplifting musical event of the Christmas season at Redeemer Bible Church. Presented on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m., you can kick off your holiday festivities with the sounds of rejoicing and praise.

This year's program highlights the many talents of our congregation, including rousing anthems of praise, stirring worship, and inspiring

narratives pointing our hearts heavenward as we celebrate the birth of Christ our Savior.

The Sanctuary Choir will lead the concert with stirring choral selections of adoration and celebration—complete with orchestra, piano, and organ. And a special delight will be enjoyed by all as our Children's Choir, under the direction of Jessica Carter, presents a few anthems of their own. It's certain to cheer our hearts and remind us of how special this season is, especially for kids.

Also, Christmas would seem empty without the sound of glorious bells peeling forth in proclamation of the good news of great joy. Our adult handbell ensemble, Grace Notes Handbell Choir, will offer their handiwork as they present songs of jubilation and bliss.

Additional solos and small ensembles will add the perfect touch to an evening of resplendent music. Make plans now to enjoy the concert, and invite friends, extended family, and all souls who need to hear about Jesus, Emmanuel, who came to save the world.

Key Dates

Oct. 30	Fall Carnival (Trunk or Treat)	Dec. 5	<i>Spirit of Christmas</i> Musical
Nov. 6	Parent's Night Out	Dec. 5	Manly Mugs & Bacon
Nov. 7	Men's Breakfast	Dec. 9	Last Fall Mid-Week Activities
Nov. 7 (2-5pm)	Christmas Choir Workshop	Dec. 20 & 27	No Sunday First-Hour Activities
Nov. 11	Veterans Day	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service
Nov. 24	Choir Meets	Dec. 25 & 28	Christmas (Church Office Closed)
Nov. 25	No Mid-Week Activities	Jan. 1	New Year's Day (Church Office Closed)
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving (Church Office Closed)	Jan. 3	Sunday First-Hour Activities Resume
Nov. 29	No Sunday First-Hour Activities	Jan. 12 & 13	Women's Fellowships Resume
Dec. 4	Parents Night Out	Jan. 13	Mid-Week Fellowship Resumes
Dec. 5	Women of Worth Toy Drive		

Save the Date: Dec. 5th, *Spirit of Christmas* Musical



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