

October 25, 2009

For Your Information ...

Guests! We are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. It is our hope that worship is an encouragement to you and that you will have opportunity to return soon. Give us an opportunity to meet you today and introduce ourselves by staying around for coffee in the foyer after the service. Also, please assist us by **filling out the Guest Pad** when it is passed during worship.

Welcome Station: Located in the foyer, our Welcome Station is designed to assist you in understanding the ministry of Redeemer. Please help yourself to the purple guest packets, The Continuing Vision of Redeemer Presbyterian Church document, our newsletter, the Kerygma (pronounced ke-rîg'me), and other materials.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and a member of South Texas Presbytery. For more information about Redeemer Church visit: www.redeemersa.org. For more information about the Presbyterian Church in America visit: www.pcanet.org.

Community Groups: Community Groups are fellowships of twelve to twenty people meeting every other week in homes throughout San Antonio. They are the first place where we hope our people turn for applying the gospel to their lives. To find out how you can join a community group, please contact Brandon Eggar at 930-4480.

Book Table: The books found here are designed to assist you in understanding the Christian life. If you want to purchase a book, please fill out the envelope with money enclosed. Sermon CDs are also available; simply sign up at the table. Make all checks payable to Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

Sunday Schedule

9:15-9:25 a.m. **Prayer**
9:30-10:55 a.m. **Worship**
11:15 a.m. **Christian Education**

Nurseries

Redeemer offers fully staffed nurseries for children ages 3 months to 3 years of age. Redeemer encourages parents to utilize our *Training in the Pews* children's worship time during each service to better prepare your children, ages 3-5, for worship. All nurseries are at the Northeast end of the McAllister Fine Arts Center.

Little Bitty Babies: 3-7 months
The Crawlers: 8-12 months
Cruisers & Climbers: 13-18 months
Younger Toddler: 19-27 months
Older Toddler: 28-36 months
Training the Pews: 3 - 5 years

Christian Education

Toddler I (age 2)
Toddler II (age 3)
Pre K- K (age 4-5)
Primary I (ages 6-7)
Primary II (ages 8-9)
Junior (ages 10-11)
Jr. High Youth (6th-8th grades)
Sr. High Youth (9th-12th grades)
Pastor's Forum (All ages)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

October 25, 2009

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

In consideration of other worshippers, please program all communication devices to silent mode. Parents, nurseries are available during the worship service for children ages 3 months to 3 years. Babies and toddlers are also welcome in the auditorium. The balcony is available for nursing mothers; you may enter the balcony through the side door upstairs. The service is broadcast in the lobby area immediately outside the auditorium for the convenience of parents whose children become restless during worship.

Reflection & Preparation

“Paul argues for the authenticity of his leadership by appealing to his weakness.”
Peter Scazzero

“...As I study the lives of these two men of faith and zeal [George Whitefield and Charles Spurgeon], I see an element that is often missing in me. This crucial element is the way they related to the gospel. They came to it not as strong, sufficient men, as its masters, but as men broken by its teaching about man’s sin and God’s grace. What the gospel did for them was make them into ‘weak-strong’ men, men weak before God, deeply conscious of their sinfulness, but also strong in the continued fresh discovery of the pardoning grace of God as revealed in the cross.” C. John Miller

“In our radically individualistic, highly democratic society, ‘Let your conscience be your guide’ sounds akin to biblical truth. ...The Bible does teach the ability of each individual to relate directly to God, to understand enough of the Scripture to come to salvation, and to be valued in God’s eyes as much as any other human being. But these themes [priesthood of all believers and soul competency] have been increasingly distorted to support idiosyncratic, personal interpretations of the Bible and to challenge the right[s] of Christian institutions...” Craig Blomberg

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. John T. Fitch

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, proclaim, give praise, and say, "O Lord, save your people."

People: Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old men shall be merry.

Minister: I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

***Hymn of Adoration**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and
2. When dark-ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood, sup - port me in the
4. When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

right-teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
him be found; dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be - fore the throne.

rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Words by Edward Mote; Music by William B. Bradbury

Minister: Who is God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

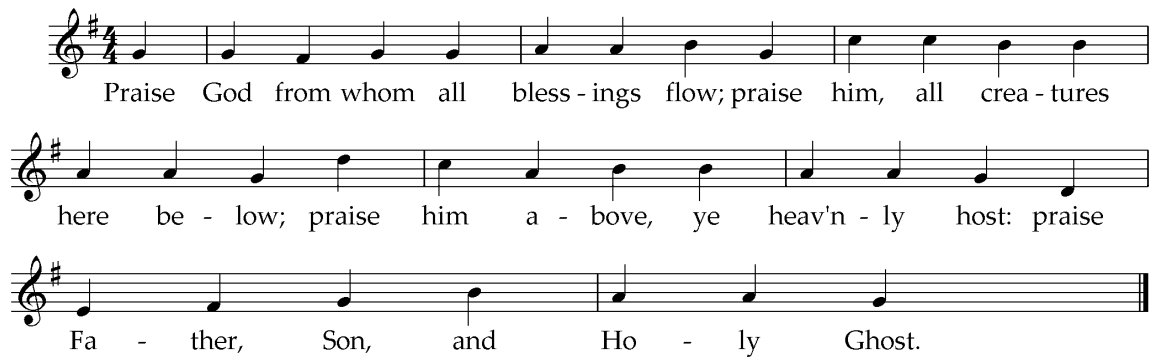
All: **[God is] the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son.**

I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world. He is able to this because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

[‡]The Heidelberg Catechism originated in Germany in 1562 under the authority of Elector Frederick III, who ruled the most important German province, the Palatinate, from his castle in Heidelberg. He commissioned the preparation of a new catechism for guiding ministers and teachers in instructing people in the Christian faith.

***Song of Praise**

Doxology



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures
here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Tune: Tallis' Canon

Understanding Ourselves Rightly

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Minister: The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? I, the Lord, search the heart and test the mind.
Jeremiah 17:9, 10

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty God, we have sinned against you and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thoughts of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Adapted from John Knox's liturgy of 1560

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Minister: Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

*Song of Renewal

The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free

The love of Christ is rich and free;
Fixed on His own eternally;
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove;
Long as He lives, His own He'll love.

His loving heart engaged to be
Their everlasting Surety;
'Twas love that took their cause in hand,
And love maintains it to the end.

Chorus: Love cannot from its post withdraw;
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,
Can turn the Surety's heart away;
He'll love His own to endless day.

Love has redeemed His sheep with blood;
And love will bring them safe to God;
Love calls them all from death to life;
And love will finish all their strife.

He loves through every changing scene,
Nor aught from Him can Zion wear;
Not all the wanderings of her heart
Can make His love for her depart.

(Repeat chorus)

At death, beyond the grave, He'll love;
In endless bliss, His own shall prove
The blazing glory of that love
Which never could from them remove.
Which never could from them remove.

Words by William Gadsby; Music by Sandra McCracken

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Lily Margaret Browning
Covenant child of Lauren and John Browning

Eliza Jane Clement
Covenant child of Elizabeth and Justin Clement

Josiah Augustine Liller
Covenant child of Carolyn and Joe Liller

**Prayers for Redeemer Church,
San Antonio & the World**

Mr. Eggar

***The Greeting of Peace**

Children, ages **three through five**, are dismissed through the side door to your right when facing the stage to *TRAINING IN THE PEWS*. After the sermon, parents will meet their children in the back of the auditorium so that the children can join their families for communion.

Minister: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Sermon

Mr. Gibbs

“Leadership”

Continuing the Series: The Church In the City
1 Corinthians 4:1-17

A Word About Communion at Redeemer:

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion (also called The Lord’s Supper or The Eucharist, which means ‘thanksgiving’) is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink wine. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so.

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

All:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Ho-ly is the Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly,
 Ho-ly is the Lord. Ho-ly is the Fa - ther, Ho-ly is the Son,
 Ho-ly is the Spir - it; Bless-ed Three in One. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly,
 Ho-ly is the Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Ho-ly is the Lord.

Music by Franz Schubert; Arranged by Tom Fettke

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again! Hallelujah!

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Holy Communion

If seated in the front outer sections, please exit toward the center aisles to partake, returning to your seat by the outer aisles. If seated in the front center section, upon usher's direction starting from back row, exit to the aisle closest to you. Please use the outer aisles to return to your seats. If seated in the back section, upon usher's direction, please exit your row to the left and return to your row from the right. Please use our communion time to sing and/or meditate as communion is being served. Redeemer serves wine for communion. The outer circle of the tray contains grape juice for those desiring it. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the aisles.

During the distribution of the elements, an elder or pastor of Redeemer is available to pray with you at the rear of the auditorium if you so desire.

Prayers for Those Not Communing

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen. **Prayer of Searching for Truth**

Lord, Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen. **Prayer of Believing on Jesus**

Lord, Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen. **Prayer of Struggling Against Sin**

Songs of Communion

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want'. It consists of three staves of music in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are arranged in five numbered lines, each corresponding to a line of music. The lyrics are: 1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; he 2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain; and 3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet 4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in 5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he me to walk doth make with in the paths of will I fear none ill, for thou art with me; pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with sure - ly fol - low me: and in god's house for - lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by. righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake. and thy rod and staff me com - fort still. oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows. ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

Words from Psalm 23; Music by Jessie Seymour Irvine

My Jesus, I Love Thee

1. My Je - sus, I love___ thee, I know thou art mine; for
2. I love thee be - cause___ thou hast first lov - ed me. and
3. I'll love thee in life,___ I will love thee in death; and
4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light, I'll

thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign. My
pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree. I
praise thee as long___ as thou lend - est me breath; and
ev - er a - dore___ thee in heav - en so bright; I'll

gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art thou;___ if
love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow;___ if
say, when the death - dew lies cold___ on my brow;___ if
sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow;___ if

ev - er I loved___ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
ev - er I loved___ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
ev - er I loved___ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
ev - er I loved___ thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.

Words by William R. Feathersone; Music by Adoniram J. Gordon

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

*Chorus: I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound),
I am bound for the Promised Land. (2X)*

No chilling winds or poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more. (chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my father's face and in his bosom rest? (chorus 2x)

Words by Samuel Stennent; Music by Christopher Miner

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

The Sands of Time Are Sinking

The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks;
The summer morn I've sighed for—the fair, sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark had been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand,
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The king there in His beauty, without a veil is seen:
It were a well-spent journey, though seven deaths lay between:
The Lamb with His fair army, doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

O Christ, He is the fountain, the deep, sweet well of love!
The streams on earth I've tasted more deep I'll drink above:
There to an ocean fullness his mercy doth expand,
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth, but on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land.

O I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner into His house of wine.
I stand upon His merit—I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

Words by Anne Cousin and music from a traditional folk melody

***Benediction**

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. You may go in peace.

Postlude

**The Congregation Stands*

*Senior Pastor: Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs
Associate Pastor: Rev. Brandon S. Eggar
Assistant Pastor: Rev. Victor R. Martinez
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Brent M. Watkins*

*Musicians: Corrie Box, piano; Jonathan Card, guitar;
Jessica Watkins, violin; Annie Camacho, violin;
Briley Cigrang, violin; Jim Dante, flute;
Song Leaders: Jennifer Smith, Jonathan Card*

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REDEEMER Highlights.....October 25, 2009

This Week

Today	11:15 a.m.	"Jesus Shaped Evangelism: Meals, Parties and the Unexpected" CE Class: Part 4 of a 5-week class will be led by Victor Martinez, and held in the Band Hall, Rm. 121.
Today	3:00 pm-'til dark	Redeemer Fall Festival: In the Hill country near Boerne. Fajita supper - \$5/person for ages 5 and up. Kids under 5 eat free. See bulletin flyer for more details and to sign up.
Wednesday	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Women's Morning Bible Study: At Alamo Heights United Methodist (825 E. Basse) Rm. S107.
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Women's Wine, Cheese & Tapas Fellowship: At Barbara Harrison's home, (110 La Jara Blvd, 78209.) The theme is Spanish/Latin American wines. Please bring an appetizer, cheese or beverage. Wine will be provided. Contact Lauren Browning with questions, (281) 222-5901.
Friday-Saturday		Men's Fall Retreat: Men will meet at the Fitch Ranch in Boerne around 5:00 pm on Friday evening for a BBQ dinner. Devotions Friday night and Saturday morning on, "Dealing with God's Absence: Testimonials and Discussion of Life's Challenges and God's Responses." Speakers will be Jeff Judson, Bowman Williams, and John Fitch. Cost is \$20. RSVP to heather@redeemersa.org. Contact John Browning, (713) 560-6211, or Jason Smith, 273-9373 if you have questions.

Upcoming Events

November 1	12:30 p.m.	All Youth Lunch: At the Bingham's home, (709 Canterbury Hill, 78209).
November 2	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Missions Dessert: Janet Pursell will share about going on the mission field with Campus Outreach. At the Fitch's home, (7 Seaton Green, 78209). RSVP to 824-5973 for the gate code.
November 3	6:30-7:30 a.m.	Men's Downtown Breakfast: At Mi Tierra in Market Square, 218 Produce Row, 78207. For further info contact Bowman Williams, 860-5404, or John Ames, 725-3630.
November 4	7:00 p.m.	Young Professionals 1st Wednesday: At the Harrison's, 110 La Jara, 78209 for a night of worship, fellowship, and Bible study. For more info, call 930-4480.
November 5	10:00 a.m.	Play Group: Alamo Heights Fire Dept Tour. Meet at the Fire Station (6116 Broadway) for a tour of the station, and to meet the firefighters. Contact Kristen Eller at robandkristen@hotmail.com for more information.
November 5	7:00 p.m.	Men's Pub Night: At the Lion and the Rose at Blanco and 410 (842 NW 410). Contact Marc Hadler, 542-4392 for more info.
November 6-8	7:00 p.m.	Christianity and Contemporary Culture Conference: Denis Haack, founder of Ransom Fellowship Ministries, will speak on the topic, "Flickers of Grace in a Darkened Room: Movies and the Things that Matter Most." In Marion Hall at Incarnate Word University, 4301 Broadway, 78209. Admission and childcare are free, but please register.
November 13-14		Women's Fall Retreat: Mark your calendar to come fellowship at the Peavy Ranch Friday evening thru lunchtime Saturday. Sign up to bring a salad ingredient. Invite friends!
November 20-21		Intro to Redeemer Class: On Friday night, Nov. 20 th from 6:00-9:30 p.m. and Sat. morning, Nov. 21 st from 8:30-noon, Redeemer will hold its membership class. Call 930-4480 to sign up or sign up in the bulletin flyer.

Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy, Heather Shimek, 930-4480
Book Table/ Media Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Children's Ministries.....Jill Higey, 930-4480
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Serving Today

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Henry Sauer, Josh Alley, Jeff Brouillard, John Browning, Ben Bingham
Greeters: Chris Specia, Don & Connie Hendrix, Bernard & Georgianna Hildebrand,
Nell Glazener-Cooney, Ned Hodge
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Ann Bingham, April Duvall
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Lisa Shay, The Laxton Family
Nursery Greeter: Lizette Crosson
Itty Bitty Babies (9:30): The Laxton Family
Younger Toddlers: Jeff & Nicky Sewell
Older Toddlers: Brian & Abby Fishero
Training in the Pews: Tobin & Gina Walker, Rob & Kristen Eller
Cookies: Carrie Alley, Leah Ellis

Serving Next Week

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Ken Harrison, Jake Gray, Sam Hairston, Don Hendrix, Charley Hollimon
Greeters: Kent Harbaugh, Shelley Galbraith, Chris & April Duvall, Wes & Elizabeth Bright
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Bekah Stolhandske, Amanda Brack
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Lisa Shay, Marcus Rudd, Josh Brack
Nursery Greeter: Elizabeth Berenguer
Itty Bitty Babies (9:30): Ruth Anderson, Laura Sedgwick
Younger Toddlers: John & Lauren Browning
Older Toddlers: Reeves & Halli Hollimon
Training in the Pews: Dan & Tabitha Whyte, Bonnie Anderson
Cookies: Tiffany Drewa, Elizabeth Bright

Redeemer Staff

Tom Gibbs, Senior Pastor
Brandon Eggar, Associate Pastor
Victor Martinez, Assistant Pastor
Justin Clement, RUF Pastor at Trinity
Brent Watkins, Music Ministries Director
Jill Higey, Children's Ministries Director
Matt Beham, Youth Director
Harriet Peavy, Office Administrator
Heather Shimek, Assistant Administrator

Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$630,478
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$727,238
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$688,142
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 57,664)

YTD includes all activity for the fiscal year, which begins January 1.

Community Groups

To register for a Community Group or find Community Group locations and leaders, please visit our website, www.redeemersa.org and fill out the online registration form.

“Leadership”

¹ This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ² Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. ³ But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴ I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵ Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God. ⁶ I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another. ⁷ For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it? ⁸ Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you! ⁹ For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. ¹⁰ We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. ¹¹ To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, ¹² and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; ¹³ when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things. ¹⁴ I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. ¹⁵ For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ¹⁶ I urge you, then, be imitators of me. ¹⁷ That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church. **1 Corinthians 4:1-17**

Main Idea: We have seen how the Corinthians were dividing into factions because leaders were being unduly regarded, and a kind of celebrity culture of pastoral super stars was emerging. To answer this, Paul reminded the Corinthians that their salvation and church community were not rooted in these various personalities, but in the one person and work of Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, *Paul's counsel does not deny the appropriate role leadership ought to serve in the church.* In chapter four, Paul delineates the important role **spiritual leadership** plays in the church.

1) Stewardship

2) Trustworthy service