

October 4, 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 4, 2009

Eighteenth 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

"Without a doubt, Paul realized that the world often criticizes believers. He also knew that Christians often deserve severe criticism from human wisdom when they fail to live consistently with the revelation of the Spirit. Yet, as believers walk according to the teachings of the Spirit, they hold fast to outlooks and practices far superior to the ways of the world." Richard Pratt

"There is not one square inch of the entire creation about which Jesus Christ does not cry out, 'This is mine! This belongs to me!'" Abraham B. Kuyper

"Jesus is the central and defining figure in the spiritual life. His life is, precisely, *revelation*. ...Spirituality is not improved by fantasies. The Christian life is not a field in which to indulge pious dreams. By accepting Jesus as the final and definitive revelation of God, the Christian church makes it impossible for us to make up our own customized variations of the spiritual life and get away with it, not that we don't try."
Eugene Peterson

Welcome and Announcements

Mr. Jeff Judson

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men!

Minister: For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

***Hymn of Adoration**

All You That Fear Jehovah's Name

1. All you that fear Je - ho - vah's name,
2. O Lord, your good - ness makes me raise
3. For all the meek you will pro - vide;
4. The Lord's un - fail - ing righ - tieous - ness

his glo - ry tell, his praise pro - claim; you
a - mid your peo - ple songs of praise; be -
they shall be fed and sat - is - fied; all
all gen - er - a - tions shall con - fess; from

chil - dren of his cho - sen race,
fore all them that fear you, now
they that seek the Lord shall live
agé to age shall men be taught

stand in awe be - fore his face,
I wor - ship you and pay my vow,
and nev - er - end - ing prais - es give,
what won - drous works the Lord has wrought,

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Words from Psalm 22:23-26, 31; Music by Frederick M.A. Venua

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name,
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed¹

Minister: Christians, what do we believe?

All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic² and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

¹ The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325) and was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and the person of Christ.

² The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, or geographic barriers.

***Song of Praise**

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high.
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life.
I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth; to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift your name on high.

Words and music by Rick Founds

Scripture Warning

The Rev. Victor R. Martinez

Minister: And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. 1 John 2:3-6

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the pattern of this world and the desires of our hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done, and we have done those things that we ought not to have done. There is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from the Book of Common Worship, 1946

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Psalm 32: 3, 5

Minister: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

***Song of Renewal**

God, Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea.
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now.
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face.
I confess thy judgment just; speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin, thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart.
Make me pure, thy grace bestow; wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just.
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear thy voice.
From my sins, O hide thy face; blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew; make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from thee; let thy Spirit dwell in me.
Thy salvation's joy impart; steadfast make my willing heart.
Thy salvation's joy impart; steadfast make my willing heart.

Words from Psalm 51; Music by Christopher Miner

Scripture Reading

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Whitley

Isaiah 40:9-18
Philippians 2:5-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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

Mr. Martinez

***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

"Christian Spirituality"

Continuing the Series: The Church In the City

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

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

It Is Well with My Soul

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3. My sin, O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought! My
4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil-lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the

taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." It is
help - less es - tate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven so" it is well with my soul.

well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Words by Horatio G Spafford; Music by Philip P. Bliss

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord.
Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me.
(Repeat)

Words by Psalm 51; composer: unknown

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me; they have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me; heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me, while Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Soul, then know thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care,
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee; think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee; child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee; God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Words by Henry Lyte; music by Bill Moore

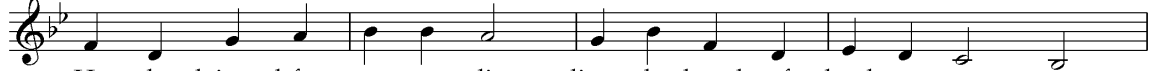
The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

Jesus Lives, and So Shall I



1. Je - sus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone for - ev - er!
2. Je - sus lives and reigns su-preme; and, his king-dom still re-main - ing,
3. Je - sus lives, and by his grace, vic - t'ry o'er my pas-sions giv - ing,
4. Je - sus lives! I know full well naught from him my heart can sev - er,
5. Je - sus lives and death is now but my en-trance in - to glo - ry.



He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sev - er.
I shall al - so be with him, ev - er liv - ing, ev - er reign - ing.
I will cleanse my heart and ways, ev - er to his glo - ry liv - ing.
life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, hence forth for - ev - er.
Cour-age, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life be-fore thee;



He shall raise me from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
God has prom-ised; be it must: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
Me he rais - es from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
None of all his saints is lost: Je - sus is my hope and trust.
thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Je - sus is the Chris-tian's trust.

Words by Christian F. Gellert; Music by Johann Cruger

***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: Brent Watkins, piano; Caleb Smith, guitar;
Wes Bright, bass; James Sedgwick, percussion;
Song Leaders: Stacy VanKlaveren, Caleb Smith*

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REDEEMER Highlights.....October 4, 2009

This Week

Today	11:15 a.m.	"Jesus Shaped Evangelism: Meals, Parties and the Unexpected" CE Class: This 5-week class will be led by Victor Martinez, and held in the Band Hall, Rm. 121.
Today	12:15 p.m.	All Youth Lunch: At Chipotle in the Quarry (on Jones Maltsberger next door to the Gap). Call Matt Beham for more info, 508-7662.
Today	2:00-3:30 p.m.	High School Community Groups: Immediately following the youth lunch, the high school girls will go to the Judson's (205 E. Wildwood, 78212), and the high school boys will be at the Hairston's (325 El Portal, 78232).
Tonight	6:00-7:15 p.m.	Intro to Christian Theology: At the Church office.
Wednesday	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Women's Morning Bible Study: Studying the book of Mark with study guide by Tim Keller. At Alamo Heights United Methodist (825 E. Basse), Rm. S107.
Tuesday	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.
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Young Professionals 1st Wednesday: At the Harrison's, 110 La Jara, 78209 for a night of worship, fellowship, and Bible study. Dinner will be provided. For more info, call 930-4480.
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Newcomer's Dessert with Tom and Tara: At their home, 219 Arcadia Pl., 78209. Get to know the Gibbs family and more fully Redeemer's vision.
Thursday	11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Men's Monthly Luncheon: At the Lighthouse Café, 4212 McCullough Ave, 78212. Contact Jeff Judson, 748-7100 or Henry Sauer, 310-6542 for more info.
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Baby Shower: To honor Chaiiss McConnell and her baby girl, Ivy, and Elizabeth Woods. At Terry George's home, 352 Arcadia Pl. 78209. Contact Anne Davidson in regards to contributing to a group gift, 683-9168.
Friday	7:30 p.m.	Redeemer Fine Arts Series: At the McAllister Auditorium at SAC. Featuring Ann MartindaleWilliams, cello, and Brent Watkins, piano. Program to include works by Bach and Rachmaninoff. Cost is \$7. Purchase tickets in the foyer after the worship service.

Upcoming Events

October 13	9:30-10:00 a.m.	Women's Tuesday Prayer: Meet to pray at First Baptist Church downtown in Webb Hall, Rm. 207. Contact Jeannie Martinez at 367-8854 for more information.
October 25	3:00 pm-'til dark	Redeemer Fall Festival in the Hill country near Boerne. Mark your calendar now for some great fun for your family and friends. See flyer to sign up.
October 30-31		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 will be 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. RSVP early to help our planners and volunteers by emailing heather@redeemersa.org. Cost is \$20. Contact John Browning, (713) 560-6211, Henry Sauer, 310-6542 or Jason Smith, 273-9373 if you have questions.
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.

Making Contact

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Mercy/ Financial Aid.....Jake Gray, 884-4729
Mission, Cultural Engagement & OutreachVictor Martinez, 930-4480
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Training in the Pews.....Ralph and Debbie Shay, 488-2561
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Serving Today

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Henry Sauer, Chris Sanders, Brian Fishero, Chris Specia, Ben Bingham
Greeters: Chris Specia (Capt), Erick & Laura Marion-Faul, Brian Casey, John & Chrissy Fitch, Bri Young
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Mary & Bowman Williams
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Dan Peavy, Zach & Leah Ellis
Nursery Greeter: Elizabeth Berenguer
Itty Bitty Babies (9:30): Rachel Gravel, Sara Ames
Younger Toddlers: The Alaniz Family
Older Toddlers: Stephanie Woodward, Becky Meyers
Training in the Pews: Will & Carter Greendyke, Bernard & Georgianna Hildebrand
Cookies: Ann Bingham, Brandi Rickels

Serving Next Week

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Henry Sauer, Justin Talarico, Tobin Walker, Brandon Woods, Ben Bingham
Greeters: Chris Specia (Capt), Greg & Rachel Chaney, Jeff & Karen Cigrang, Heather Card, Ruth Anderson
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Nicky & Jeff Sewell
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Lisa Shay, Nathan Anderson, Jason Higeey
Nursery Greeter: Georgianna Hildebrand
Itty Bitty Babies(9:30): Cristian & Meredith Moza
Younger Toddlers: Steve & Carolyn Browne
Older Toddlers: Jeremy & Angel Whitley
Training in the Pews: Jason & Jill Higeey, Neecea Eggar
Cookies: Redeemer Bakers

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 Higeey, Children’s Ministries Director
Matt Beham, Youth Director
Harriet Peavy, Office Administrator
Heather Shimek, Assistant Administrator

Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$592,437
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$666,426
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$657,810
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 65,373)

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

Community Groups

Manny Alaniz--558-4714,
Joao Chaves--323-5341
& Victor Martinez--509-7716
Josh Alley--862-8305
& Jonathan Card--467-5792
Wes Bright--826-3100
& Charlie Hargis--829-0900
John Browning--829-4176
& Tom Gibbs--930-4974
Brandon Eggar--542-4012
& Jason Smith--257-0677
John Fitch--824-5973
& Henry Sauer--832-9892
Bob George--822-2016
Craig Goedecke--824-8423,
Dean Hobbs--832-8707,
& James Sedgwick--954-2696
Jason Higeey--354-7444
& Bernard Hildebrand--833-7616
Charley Hollimon--829-5760
& Jason Register--829-0747
Jeff Judson--822-5901
& Larry Rickels--826-2628

Please visit www.redeemersa.org
to find a community group near you.

“Christian Spirituality”

⁶ Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"- ¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶ "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Main Idea: Spirituality is a hopelessly difficult word to define amidst the pluralism of faith options available today. Nevertheless, the way this word is used today in our popular discourse is amazingly consistent with the way the Greeks viewed *sophia* or wisdom. Against this background of secular wisdom/spirituality the Apostle Paul reveals **Christian spirituality, which is God's wisdom, rooted in the cross of Christ, revealed by the Holy Spirit and required to be put into practice by us.**

1) Rooted in the cross of Christ (6-9)

2) Revealed by the Holy Spirit (10-12)

3) Required to be put into practice by us (13-16)