

**March 21, 2010**

## For Your Information ...

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**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 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](http://www.redeemersa.org). For more information about the Presbyterian Church in America visit: [www.pcanet.org](http://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 a Community Group, please contact Brandon Eggar at 930-4480, or visit our website, [www.redeemersa.org](http://www.redeemersa.org), under Ministries, then Community Groups, to find information on locations and leaders and fill out the online registration form.

**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

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

## Nurseries

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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 in the cafeteria during each service to better prepare your children, ages 3-5, for worship. All nurseries are at the East end of Edison High School. Room numbers are listed below.

**1116—Nursing Mothers**  
**1119—Itty Bitty Babies:** 3-7 mos.  
**1119—Crawlers:** 8-12 mos.  
**1113—Cruisers & Climbers:** 13-18 mos.  
**1120—Younger Toddler:** 19-27 mos.  
**1122—Older Toddler:** 28– 36 mos.  
**Cafeteria—Training the Pews:** 3-5 yrs.

## Christian Education

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**1122—Toddler I** (age 2)  
**1120—Toddler II** (age 3)  
**1200—Pre K- K** (age 4-5)  
**1202—Primary I** (ages 6-7)  
**1213—Primary II** (ages 8-9)  
**1215—Junior** (ages 10-11)  
**1219—Jr. High Youth** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)  
**1217—Sr. High Youth** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)  
**1221—Adult CE**  
**Auditorium—Pastor's Forum** (All ages)

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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*March 21, 2010*

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

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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 service is broadcast in the lobby area immediately outside the auditorium for the convenience of parents whose children become restless during worship.

### **Reflection and Preparation**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:34-35

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD. Leviticus 19:18

### **Welcome and Announcements**

Dr. John T. Fitch

### **Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and earth.

**People: For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God.**

Minister: He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

**People: And now, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.**

**\*Hymn of Adoration**

Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee

1. Lord, with glow - ing heart I'd praise thee for the bliss thy love be -  
2. Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee, wretch-ed wan-d'r'er far a -  
3. Praise thy Sav - ior God that drew thee to that cross, new life to  
4. Lord, this bo - som's ar-dent feel - ing vain - ly would my lips ex -  
stows, for the par - d'ning grace that saves me, and the  
stray; found thee lost, and kind - ly brought thee from the  
give, held a blood - sealed par - don to thee, bade thee  
press: low be - fore thy foot - stool kneel - ing, deign thy  
peace that from it flows. Help, O God, my weak en -  
paths of death a - way. Praise, with love's de - vout - est  
look to him and live. Praise the grace whose threats a -  
sup-pliant's pray'r to bless. Let thy love, my soul's chief  
deav - or; this dull soul to rap - ture raise: thou must  
feel - ing, him who saw thy guilt-born fear, and, the  
larmed thee, roused thee from thy fa - tal ease; praise the  
treasure, love's pure flame with - in me raise; and, since  
light the flame, or nev - er can my love be warmed to praise.  
light of hope re - veal - ing, bade the blood stained cross ap - pear.  
grace whose prom - ise warmed thee, praise the grace that whis - pered peace.  
words can nev - er mea - sure, let my life show forth thy praise.

*Words by Francis Scott Key; Music by Lowell Mason*

**Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism<sup>‡</sup>, Q. #26

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.**

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<sup>‡</sup>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**

Glorify Thy Name

Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
Glorify thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.  
(Repeat using Jesus, Spirit)

*Word and music by Donna Adkins*

## **The Law of God**

The Rev. Victor R. Martinez

Minister:      Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Romans 13:8-10

## **Public Confession**

Minister:      Let us confess our sins together.

**People:      I, a poor sinner, acknowledge before you, my God and Creator, that I have terribly and in many ways sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despondency, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful affections, as you, my Lord and God, know well, and I cannot deeply enough deplore. But I repent of these things, and am sorry for them, and heartily ask you for mercy, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.**

*From the Reformed Liturgy of the Palatinate (c. 1585)*

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

Romans 8:1

Minister:      There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

## **\*Song of Renewal**

### How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That he should give his only son, to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turned his face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen one, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom,  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.  
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

*Words and music by Stuart Townend*

**\*Scripture Reading**

Mr. and Mrs. James Camacho

Hosea 14:1-7  
Galatians 5:13-25

Reader:       The Word of the Lord!

People:       **Thanks be to God!**

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

Mr. Gibbs

**\*The Greeting of Peace**

Children, ages **three through five**, are dismissed through the rear door and into the cafeteria for 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

**"The Practice of Love"**  
*Continuing the Series: The Church In the City*  
*1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13*

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 partake of the elements. 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 Fette*

## 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

Upon usher's direction, starting front to back, please exit and form a line in front of your section. Return to your seat using the opposite aisle from which you exited. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the aisles. Please use our communion time to sing and/or meditate as communion is being served.

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

## Psalm 91

1. Who with God Most High finds shel - ter  
 2. God's own truth, your shield and bu - ckler;  
 3. You have made the Lord your re - fuge,  
 4. You shall tram - ple ser - pents, li - ons,

in th'Al - might - y's shad - ow hides.  
 you will fear no ill by night,  
 God Most on High your dwe - lling place;  
 tread on all your dead - ly foes.

To the Lord I'll say, "My Ref - uge!"  
 nor the shafts in day - light fly - ing,  
 no - thing e - vil shall be - fall you;  
 "For his love to Me I'll save him,

In my God my trust a - bides.  
 nor di - sease that shuns the light,  
 in your tent no scourge you'll face.  
 keep him, for My name he knows;

From the fowl - er's snare He'll save you,  
 nor the plague that wastes at noon - day.  
 He will an - gels charge to keep you,  
 when he calls Me I will an - swer,

From the dead - ly pes - ti - lence;  
 At your side ten thou - sand fall;  
 guard you well in all your ways.  
 save and ho - nor him will I.

Co - ver you with out - spread pi - nions,  
 You will on - ly see this judge - ment  
 In their hands they will up - hold you  
 I will show him my sal - va - tion,

Make His wings your con - fi - dence.  
 which re - wards the wi - cked all;  
 lest your foot a stone should graze.  
 with long life will sa - ti - sfy."

Words from Psalm 91; Music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard

Only in God Is My Soul at Rest

Only in God is my soul at rest, in him comes my salvation.  
He only is my Rock, my strength and my salvation.

My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be afraid at all.  
My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be moved.

Only in God is found safety when enemies pursue me.  
Only in God is found glory, when I am found meek and found lowly.

My stronghold, my savior, I shall not be afraid at all.  
My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be moved. (repeat)

Only in God is my soul at rest, in him comes my salvation.

*Words from Psalm 62; music by John Michael Talbot*

## 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 3x)

*Words by Samuel Stennent; Music by Christopher Miner*

## The Offering

### Hymn of Blessing

#### Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,
4. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus, which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, o - pening to the sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, cen - ter of un - broken praise.  
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, bro - ther love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther, all who live in love are Thine;  
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!  
Sing - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.  
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us Sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

*Words by Henry J. van Dyke; Music by L.V. Beethoven*

## Covenant Children Making Professions of Faith

John Huss Clement  
Emily Whitley

### \*Benediction

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God, our Savior, be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and before all ages now and forevermore!

### 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; Jonathan Card, guitar;  
Becca Shudak, cello; Laura Gregory, violin; Jessica Watkins, violin;  
Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Jennifer Smith*

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# REDEEMER Highlights.....March 21, 2010

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## This Week

Today	11:15 a.m.	<b>"Lord, Teach us to Pray" CE Class:</b> Taught by Brandon Eggar in Rm. 1221.
Tonight	6:00-7:15pm	<b>The Doctrine of the Church Class:</b> At the church office.
Wednesday	10:00-11:30 a.m.	<b>Women's Morning Bible Study:</b> At Alamo Heights UMC, 825 E. Basse, Rm. S107.
Thursday	7:00-8:30 p.m.	<b>Women's Evening Bible Study:</b> At Mary Williams' home, 536 Castano Ave, 78209.

## Upcoming Events

March 28	1:30-3:00 p.m.	<b>Sr. High Community Group:</b> Boys will be at the Beham home, 259 W. Wildwood, 78212, and girls will be at the Judson home, 205 E. Wildwood, 78212.
April 1	6:00 p.m.	<b>Maundy Thursday Service:</b> In the auditorium at Edison. Nurseries provided.
April 2	6:00 p.m.	<b>Good Friday Service:</b> In the auditorium at Edison. Nurseries provided.
April 4	11:15 a.m.	<b>NO Christian Education</b> on Easter Sunday.
April 5	7:00 p.m.	<b>Men's Ministry Final Four Night:</b> Men of Redeemer and friends are invited to view the Final Four game at the Lion and the Rose at 5148 Broadway. Please RSVP to John Browning, (713) 560-6211 or Marc Hadler, 542-4392.
April 6	6:30-7:30 a.m.	<b>Men's Downtown Breakfast:</b> At Mi Tierra in Market Square, 218 Produce Row, 78207. Victor Martinez leads the group on "Faithfulness in Uncertain Times: Studies on 2 Timothy." Contact Bowman Williams, 860-5404, or John Ames, 725-3630 for more info.
April 7	10:00-11:30 a.m.	<b>Redeemer Women's Spring Series:</b> Ladies of Redeemer and guests are invited to this series of informal, moderated meetings where topics based on selected readings will be discussed. At Alamo Heights UMC, Room S107. Childcare is available on a limited basis—call 930-4480 to reserve childcare. Topics include the home, parenting, marriage and perfectionism. You may sign up next week for any part or all of the series.
April 7	6:30 p.m.	<b>Young Professionals 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday:</b> At the Harrison home, 110 La Jara, 78209. Dinner provided.
April 8	12:00-1:00 p.m.	<b>Men's Monthly Luncheon:</b> At Panchito's Restaurant, 4100 McCullough Ave, 78212. Contact Larry Rickels, 896-1096 or Brian Casey, 323-7775 for more info. Tom Gibbs leads the group through Philipians.
April 9	7:30 p.m.	<b>Sr. High Youth Game Night:</b> At the Hairston home, 325 El Portal, 78232.

## Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy, Heather Rudd ,930-4480  
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Mission, Cultural Engagement & Outreach .....Victor Martinez, 930-4480  
Music Ministry.....Brent Watkins, 785-0912  
Pastoral Care.....Tom Gibbs, 930-4480  
Reformed University Fellowship (RUF).....Justin Clement, 930-4480  
Training in the Pews.....Ralph and Debbie Shay, 488-2561  
Usher/ Greeter Coordination.....Wes Bright, 826-3100  
Women's Ministries.....Ann Bingham, 930-4503; Tara Gibbs, 930-4974  
World Missions.....Elizabeth Bright, 995-3600  
Worship/ Event Assistance.....Ken Harrison, 828-8864  
Young Professionals Community.....Brandon Eggar, 930-4480  
Youth .....Matthew Beham, 930-4480  
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## Serving Today

**Worship Set-up/Take Down:** Rob Eller, Glen Glass, Cristian Moza, Mark Pomeroy, John Ames  
**Greeters:** Jeannie Martinez, Reeves & Halli Hollimon, Jeff & Sara Brouillard, Ruth Anderson, Kent Harbaugh  
**Communion Set-up/Take Down:** Ginny Glass, Mary Williams  
**Nursery Set-up/Take Down:** Larry Rickels, Josh Brack, Jason Higey  
**Nursery Greeter:** Elizabeth Berenguer  
**Itty Bitty Babies:** Darrell & Debra Wagner; **Crawlers:** Jeff & Margaret Judson  
**Cruisers & Climbers:** Jake & Sharla Gray  
**Younger Toddlers:** Tara Gibbs, Milby Hartwell; **Older Toddlers:** David & Tiffany Drewa  
**Training in the Pews:** Will & Carter Greendyke, Justin & Elizabeth Clement  
**Cookies:** Margaret Judson, Ginny Glass

## Serving Next Week

**Worship Set-up/Take Down:** Rob Eller, Kendall Proctor, Mark Randolph, Jason Register, John Ames  
**Greeters:** Jeannie Martinez, Steve & Carolyn Browne, Rick & Susan Basse, Sam & Elizabeth Berenguer  
**Communion Set-up/Take Down:** Cara McVicar, Jeff & Nicky Sewell  
**Nursery Set-up/Take Down:** Larry Rickels, The Laxton Family  
**Nursery Greeter:** Meredith Moza  
**Itty Bitty Babies:** Larry & Sarah Watford; **Crawlers:** Edward & Cristina Fransen  
**Cruisers & Climbers:** Jason & Jennifer Smith  
**Younger Toddlers:** Dan & Harriet Peavy; **Older Toddlers:** Toby & Krisanne Stolhandske  
**Training in the Pews:** Dan & Tabitha Whyte, Bonnie Anderson  
**Cookies:** Meredith Moza, Cara McVicar

## 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 Rudd, Assistant Administrator

## Session

Josh Alley, RE  
Brandon Eggar, TE, Clerk  
John Fitch, RE  
Tom Gibbs, TE, Moderator  
Jeff Judson, RE  
Jason Register, RE  
Bowman Williams, RE

## Diaconate

Wes Bright, Chairman  
Bob George, Treasurer  
Jake Gray  
Ken Harrison  
Henry Sauer  
Jeremy Whitley

## Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$162,317
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$211,044
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$210,884
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 48,567)

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

## **“The Practice of Love”**

<sup>3b</sup> And I will show you a still more excellent way. <sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> **Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant** <sup>5</sup> **or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;** <sup>6</sup> **it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.** <sup>7</sup> **Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.** <sup>8</sup> Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

### **1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13**

**Main Idea:** After having considered the preeminence of love, the permanence of love and the person from whom love springs, we must now focus on love’s practice. In verses 4-7, Paul reminds us that love’s practice makes relationships flourish.

**Love’s practice demands that we....**

**1) *Stop keeping score in relationships***

**2) *Start making room for the people in our lives***

**3) *Remember the truth, which serves the purpose of love***