

March 8, 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, the Kerygma, our newsletter 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 small fellowships of six to twelve people meeting every other week in homes, apartments and restaurants 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 the church office at 930-4480 or a community group leader identified on the Making Contact page in the bulletin.

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 appropriate form 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**
11:10 a.m. **Christian Education**

Nurseries

Redeemer offers fully staffed nurseries for children ages newborn 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. (See map at **Welcome Station**.)

Infants I: newborn – 9 months

Infants II: 10 – 18 months

Toddler I: 19 months – 27 months

Toddler II: 28 months – 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)

Youth (7th-12th grades)

Pastor's Forum (All ages)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

March 8, 2009

Second Sunday in Lent

In consideration of other worshippers, please program all communication devices to silent mode. Parents, nurseries are available during the worship service for children ages 6 weeks 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

"It is... not surprising that many congregations which are full of regenerate people are nevertheless not very alive spiritually, since spiritual life demands *metanoia*, a new mind of repentance, and this requires more than an initial setting of the heart against the shallow expressions of sin, which the believer is aware of at the time of conversion. ...Most congregations of professing Christians today are saturated with [what the Puritans would call] dead goodness, an ethical respectability, which has its motivational roots in the flesh rather than in the illuminating and enlivening control of the Holy Spirit." Richard Lovelace

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Victor R. Martinez

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: For from the rising of the sun to its setting, my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering.

People: For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. For I am a great King, says the Lord of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations.

***Hymn of Adoration**

Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power

1. Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow - er,
2. Sound - eth the heav'n of the heav'ns with his name;____
3. Ev - er as - cend - eth the song and the joy;____
4. Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb;____

wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more____
ring - eth the earth with his glo - ry and fame;____
ev - er de - scend - eth the love__ from on high;____
take we the robe and the harp and the palm;____

give ye to him who our bat - tle hath won,____
o - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flow - er
bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise____
sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,____

whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.
ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow - er.
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
dy - ing in weak - ness, but ris - ing to reign.

Words by Horatius Bonar; Music from the Paris Antiphoner, 1681

***Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Gibbs

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism[‡], Q/A #1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

[‡]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**

Be Exalted, O God

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the peoples.

I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.

For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens,

And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds!

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,

Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,

Let Thy glory be over all the earth!

Words and music by Brent Chambers

Scripture Warning

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Minister: For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. James 2:10, Matthew 5:20

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Behold, the Lord's hand is not so short, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but our iniquities have separated us from God and our sins have hidden his face from us so that he does not hear. Our mouths are filled with anger, our lips are quick to speak lies and our eyes are filled with illicit and unnecessary desires. Our feet are swift to run to evil and our thoughts are the thoughts of iniquity. We have lost our way and are far from the way of peace. The roads we travel are crooked and desperate. We hope for light, but behold darkness. Lord, only you can intercede and bring health to us. Only your strong arm can bring us salvation. May the Redeemer of Zion save us.

Prayer adapted from Isaiah 59:1-12

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon & Comfort

Ezekiel 36:25-27

Minister: I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes.

***Song of Renewal**

God, Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51)

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.
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Words from Psalm 51; Music by Christopher Miner

***Scripture Reading**

Mr. and Mrs. Josh MacDiarmid

Psalm 25:1-8

John 3:10-17

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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

Mr. Gibbs

***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

"The Bronze Serpent"

*Continuing the Series: The Exodus—Moses and the People of God
Numbers 21:4-9*

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 inner circle of the tray contains grape juice for those desiring it. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the aisles.

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

Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; bear pa-tient-ly the
2. Be still my soul: your God will un - der- take _____ to guide the fu - ture
3. Be still, my soul: when dear-est friends de- part, _____ and all is dark - ened
4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has-t'ning on _____ when we shall be for-

cross of grief or pain; _____ leave to your God to or - der and pro vide; _____
as he has the past. _____ Your hope, your con - fi-dence let noth-ing shake; _____
in the vale of tears, _____ then shall you bet - ter know his love, his heart, _____
ev - er with the Lord, _____ when dis - ap-point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, _____

— in ev - 'ry change he faith-ful will re main. _____ Be still, my soul: your
— all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last. _____ Be still, my soul: the
— who comes to soothe your sor-row and your fears. _____ Be still, my soul: your
— sor - row for - got, love's pur-est joys restored. _____ Be still, my soul: when

best, your heav'n - ly Friend _____ through thorn - y
waves and winds still know _____ his voice who
Je - sus can re - pay _____ from his own
change and tears are past, _____ all safe and

ways leads to a joy - ful end.
ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
full - ness all he takes a - way.
bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Words by Katharina von Schlegel; Music by Jean Sibelius

I Need Thee, Every Hour

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.
I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh.

Chorus:

I need Thee, O I need Thee; O I need Thee every hour;
I need you Lord, O bless me now, My Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is vain.
I need Thee every hour, teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill. Chorus

I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son. Chorus.

I need Thee every hour, I need Thee every hour,
I need Thee every hour, I need Thee every hour.

Words by Annie Hawks; music by Kevin Twit

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish, her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against a foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
'Til with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell...
That they may dwell, that we may dwell with Thee.

Words by Samuel Stone; music by Brian Moss

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis -
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he
4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to
bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like
tress; praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to
knows; in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues
gone; but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en -
face; sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers
me, his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him,
chide and swift to bless; praise him, praise him,
us from all our foes; praise him, praise him,
dures un - chang - ing on. praise him, praise him,
all in time and space, praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
praise him, praise him, praise the high E - ter - nal One.
praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Words from Psalm 103; Music by John Goss

***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*

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;

Brandon Woods, saxophone; Michael Shay, trombone;

Patrick Shay, trumpet; Wes Bright, bass;

Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Carrie Alley

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REDEEMER Highlights..... March 8, 2009

This Week

Today	11:10 a.m.	Stewarding God's Generous Resources: Brandon Eggar will lead the last class on stewardship in the auditorium. Pastor's Forum will be in Rm. 121.
Tonight	6:00-7:15 p.m.	The Doctrine of the Church: Leadership training class held at the church office, 3737 Broadway, Suite 300. Call 930-4480.
Monday	9:00-10:00 p.m.	RUF Bible Study: At Trinity University's Side Chapel. Call Justin, 267-7884.
Wednesday	9:45-11:30 a.m.	Women's Morning Bible Study: Studying Ephesians. At Alamo Heights UMC. Room 107S. Free childcare. Call 930-4480.
Thursday	11:45-1:00 p.m.	Men's Monthly Luncheon at the Lighthouse Café, 4212 McCullough Ave, 78212. Contact Jeff Judson, 822-1292.
Friday	9:30- 11:30 a.m.	Redeemer Park Day: In Brackenridge Park; Call Brandi Rickels, 826-2628

Upcoming Events

March 15	11:10 a.m.	Missions Update: Come hear about the men's mission trip to Laredo last month, as well as opportunities to participate in trips this summer and fall. There will also be a brief presentation about Urban Connection, a faith-based community development organization.
March 15	12:30 p.m.	Youth Lunch: At EZ's in Sunset Ridge Shopping Center, 6498 N New Braunfels Ave. Call Matt Beham, 508-7662.
March 20-21	5:00 p.m.	Men's Annual Spring Outing: Join the men of Redeemer for camping on the Guadalupe River, bonfires, thick steaks, and great devotionals led by Tom Gibbs on "Finding Confidence in Uncertain Times: Reflections on Romans 8". Call Henry Sauer, 310-6542 or Jeff Judson, 822-1292.
March 20	7:30 p.m.	Youth Small Groups: At Heather Shimek's home, 11047 Falling Water, 78249. Middle school girls, call Jessica Watkins for meeting place, 785-0912.
March 28	6:00-10:00 p.m.	Parents' Night Out: To help fund their summer mission trips, the youth will be hosting this night of childcare for parents of children ages 6 months-12 years old. At the Randolph's home, 417 Canterbury Hill, 78209. Pizza and drinks provided. You must register your children by March 20 th . See bulletin flyer for more details, or email heather@redeemersa.org.
March 29		Congregational Meeting: Held immediately after the morning worship service to vote on the deacon candidates. Those approved will be installed on April 5 th during the worship service.

Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy, Heather Shimek 930-4480
Book Table/ Media Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Children's Ministries.....Jill Higey 930-4480
Clerk of the Session.....Brandon Eggar, 930-4480
Community Life & Membership Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Financial (church).....Bob George 822- 2016
Local Missions.....James Sedgwick, 954-2698
Men's Ministries.....Jeff Judson 822-1292; Henry Sauer 310-6542
Mercy/ Financial Aid.....Jake Gray 884-4729
Mission, Cultural Engagement & OutreachVictor 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.....Jason Register 829-0747
Women's Ministries.....Margaret Judson 822-5901; Heather Card 467-5792
World Missions.....Elizabeth Bright, 995-3600
Worship/ Event Assistance.....Ken Harrison 828-8864
Young Professionals Community.....Brandon Eggar 930-4480
YouthMatthew Beham, 930-4480
Redeemer Prayer Requests.....930-4480, ext. 330

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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Serving Today

Nursery Greeters: Bernard & Georgianna Hildebrand

Infants 1 (9:30): Lisa Shay, Rachel George, Laura Kaupp

Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): Jeremy & Angel Whitley, Stephanie Woodward, Becky Meyers

Training in the Pews: Diane Deng, Royce & Lauren Itschner, Margaret Fitch

Greeters: Manny & Sandy Alaniz, Hannah Stuke, Reena Mathew, Cristian & Meredith Moza

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Toby Stolhandske, Royce Itschner, Carter King,

Josh MacDiarmid, Gordon Zeigler

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Ann Bingham, Kitty Inman

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Lisa Shay, Jordan Inman

Cookies: Ann Bingham, Trisha Hadler

Serving Next Week

Nursery Greeters: Trisha Hadler

Infants 1 (9:30): Diane Deng, Chrissy Fitch, Laura Kaupp

Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): Steve & Carolyn Browne, Deborah Briggs, Heather Shimek

Training in the Pews: Jason & Jill Higey, Mark & Mary Ann Randolph, Elise Miller

Greeters: Andrew & Melissa Douglas, Justin Nylund, Stephanie Swords, Rick & Susan Basse

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Toby Stolhandske, Jerry Hesko, Walt Mays, Andy Muck, Gordon Zeigler

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Bekah Stolhandske, Linda Struble

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Lisa Shay, The Laxton Family

Cookies: Destiny Ingram, Tara Gibbs

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)	\$137,550
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$165,826
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$151,694
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 14,144)

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

Community Groups

Manny Alaniz--558-4714

& Victor Martinez--509-7716

Josh Alley--731-0880

& Jonathan Card--467-5792

Wes Bright--826-3100

& Jordan Inman--265-1812

Brandon Eggar--542-4012

John Fitch--824-5973

& Mark Randolph--822-6057

Bob George--822-2016

Tom Gibbs--930-4974

& James Sedgwick--954-2696

Jerry Hesko--659-3004

& Clay Miller--830-438-5218

Jason Higey--354-7444

& Bernard Hildebrand--833-7616

Charley Hollimon--829-5760

& Jason Register--829-0747

Jeff Judson--822-5901

& Larry Rickels--826-2628

Chris Olderog--491-4101

& Jason Smith--257-0677

Henry Sauer--832-9892

& Jeremy Whitley--320-5520

Ralph Shay--488-2561

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

Sermon Notes

"The Bronze Serpent"

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶ Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live. **Numbers 21:4-9**

Main Idea: The more things change the more they stay the same, at least as far as Israel is concerned. Even after significant victory (21:1-3), Israel cannot completely shed the old ways of unbelief. The story of the Bronze Serpent, then, is both tragic and wonderful. It is tragic because it reminds us of the terrible consequence of sin. It is wonderful because the story serves as a powerful illustration of the salvation that comes in Jesus Christ, the one who was lifted up for us and our salvation (Jn. 3:14). Only by seeing him do we enter into the salvation he worked in his crucifixion and resurrection.

1) Understanding the story in the life of Israel

2) Making the story "live" in our lives today

- Sin is serious
- Salvation is not our own
- Seeing is everything