

April 11, 2010

For Your Information ...

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.

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.

Pastor's Forum: This is an opportunity to ask the pastor questions regarding the sermon, about Redeemer Presbyterian Church and the PCA, as well as other questions concerning the Christian life. Takes place in the auditorium during Christian Education, which begins at 11:15 a.m.

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, under Ministries, then Community Groups, to find information on locations and leaders and fill out the online registration form.

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 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

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 (6th-8th)
1217—Sr. High Youth (9th-12th)
1221—Adult CE
Auditorium—Pastor's Forum (All ages)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

April 11, 2010

First Sunday after Easter

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

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. 1 John 3:2-3

“We always pay dearly for chasing after what is cheap.” Alexander Solzhenitsyn

“There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a giant gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit—immortal horrors or everlasting splendors. It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you can talk to may one day be a creature which, if you say it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship....” C. S. Lewis

Welcome and Announcements

Mr. Bowman Williams

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age,
according to the will of our God and Father.

People: **To whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen**

***Hymn of Adoration**

O Worship the King

1. O wor-ship the King all-glo-rious a-bove, O
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose
3. The earth with its store of won-ders un-told, Al-
4. Your boun-ti-ful care what tongue can re-cite? It

grate-ful-ly sing his pow'r_ and his love; our
robe is the light, whose can-o-py space. his
might-y, your pow'r has found-ed of old; has
breathes in the air; it shines_ in the light; it

shield and De-fend-er, the An-cient of Days, pa-
char-iots of wrath the deep thun-der-coulds form, and
'stab-lished it fast by a change-less de-ree, and
streams from the hills; it de-scends to the plain; and

vil-ioned in splen-dor and gird-ed with praise.
dark is his path on the wings_ of the storm.
round it has cast, like a man-tle, the sea.
sweet-ly dis-tils in the dew_ and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

Words based on Psalm 104; Music by Johann Michael Haydn

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**

O Lord, You're Beautiful

O Lord, you're beautiful—your face is all I seek.
For when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds to me.

O Lord, please light the fire—that once burned bright and clear.
Replace the lamp of my first love that burns with holy fear!

O Lord, you're beautiful—your face is all I seek.
For when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds to me.

Words and music by Keith Green

Scripture Warning

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

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.

People: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him the glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may live as the people of God. Give us your Spirit that we would delight in your commandments unto obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is sole king and head of the church, his body. Amen.

A prayer of confession for the Easter season

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Isaiah 1:18

Minister: Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

***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.
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Words from Psalm 51; Music by Christopher Miner

***Scripture Reading**

Mr. and Mrs. John Ames

Zechariah 9:12-17
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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

Mr. Eggar

***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

"Future Resurrection"

Continuing the Series: The Church In the City
1 Corinthians 15:35-57

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 is the Lord of hosts;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts! The

whole earth is full of His glo - ry, the whole earth is full of His glo - ry, the

whole earth is full of His glo - ry; Ho - ly is the Lord!

Words from Isaiah 6:3; Music by Nolene Prince

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

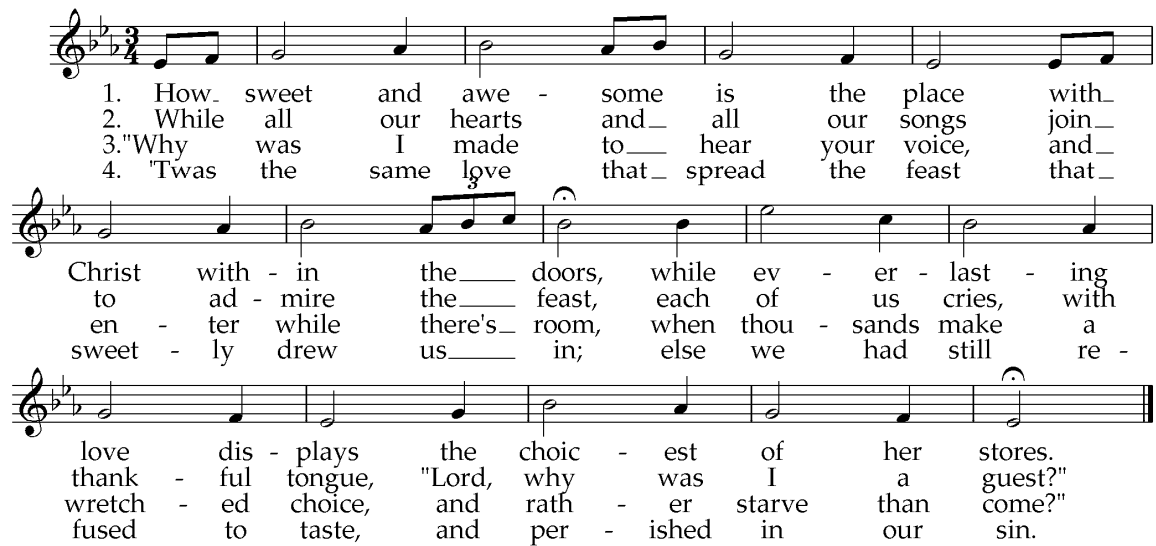
Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent,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

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place



1. How sweet and awe - some is the place with
2. While all our hearts and all our songs join
3. "Why was I made to hear your voice, and
4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast that
Christ with - in the doors, while ev - er - last - ing
to ad - mire the feast, each of us cries, with
en - ter while there's room, when thou - sands make a
sweet - ly drew us in; else we had still re -
love dis - plays the choic - est of her stores.
thank - ful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?"
wretch - ed choice, and rath - er starve than come?"
fused to taste, and per - ished in our sin.

5. Pity the nations, O our God,
constrain the earth to come;
send your victorious Word abroad,
and bring the strangers home.

6. We long to see your churches full,
that all the chosen race
may, with one voice and heart and soul,
sing your redeeming grace.

Words by Isaac Watts; Music from an Irish Melody

You Are My King

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken;
I'm accepted, You were condemned;
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because you died and rose again. (Repeat)

Chorus:

Amazing love, how can it be
That You my king would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true
And it's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You.

You are my king. You are my king.
Jesus, You are my king. Jesus, You are my king. (Repeat Chorus)

Words and music by Billy James Foote

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand.
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land,
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way.
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me.
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess.
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.


I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place.
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face.
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss.
My sinful self, my only shame, my glory all the cross.

Words by Elizabeth C. Clephane; Music by Christopher Miner

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

For All the Saints



1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
3. O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
4. The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;
5. But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the
thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors comes their rest;
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest. Al -
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Benediction**

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: Salvation and glory and power belong to our God.

People: **Hallelujah! Our Lord God Almighty reigns.**

Minister: Christ is risen!

People: *(with great volume)* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

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; David Short, guitar;
Michael Shay, trombone; Zach Ellis, bass; Rob Eller, trumpet;
Song Leaders: David Short, Jennifer Smith*

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REDEEMER Highlights.....April 11, 2010

This Week

Today	11:15 a.m.	Adult CE Class: "Living Eastered Lives: A six-week study on the Resurrection and its Implications for Living the Christian Life." Taught by Brandon Eggar in Room 1221.
Today	12:30 p.m.	All Youth Lunch: At Cara McVicar and Diane Deng's home, 419 Pike, 78209.
Tonight	6:00-7:15 p.m.	Doctrine of the Church Class: At the church office.
Tuesday	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 if you will need childcare.
Wednesday	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Redeemer Women's Spring Series: Part 2: "Parenting"; Ladies of Redeemer and guests are invited to this series of informal, moderated meetings regarding topics based on selected readings, which will be available on the book table the week before each study. At Alamo Heights UMC, Room S107. Childcare is available on a limited basis--call 930-4480 to reserve childcare.
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	SHE-esta Fiesta Fellowship: Join us for a festive evening of celebrating San Antonio's beloved Fiesta season. Learn about Fiesta, enjoy the riverfront view from the historical King William area, sip aguas frescas, get to know other women, and maybe even win a prize! Wear Fiesta attire (bright colors, sombreros, etc) and bring a taco ingredient, Mexican-inspired appetizer, or dessert, if you are able. Please invite friends, co-workers, and family. Try to carpool; parking is limited. Contact Abby Fishero, 792-9567 or Lauren Browning, (281) 222-5901 for more info.

Upcoming Events

April 18	1:30-3:00 p.m.	Jr. High Youth Community Group: Boys will be at the Beham home, 265 W. Wildwood, 78212 and the girls at the Randolph home, 417 Canterbury Hill, 78209.
April 19	10:00 a.m.	Play Group: Come play at the Landa Library Playground. Contact Kristen Eller at 834-8010 for more information.
April 23	4:00 p.m.	Jr. High Youth Post Parade Party: Middle schoolers plan to attend a post Battle of Flowers Parade party—piñatas and cascarones included. Place TBD.
April 24		King William Fair Fundraiser: Come serve lemonade and funnel cakes in the King William district art fair and parade! Proceeds will help raise funds for youth retreats, RUF trips, and for those going on the Ukraine trip. If you'd like to work, shifts will be 8:30am-6:00pm, 8:30am-2:00pm, or 1:30pm-6:00pm. We need to fill 72 shifts, so your For those not working, come out to the Fair and support these groups by purchasing a funnel cake or lemonade. Contact Matt Beham for more information, 508-7662.
April 28	7:00 p.m.	Two's Company Dinner: Formerly the "2010 Club", this group consists of folks who are engaged or married without kids. At Fralo's Pizza, Exit 551 from 1-10 (Boerne Stage Rd, Leon Springs). Bring friends if you'd like. Contact Abby Fishero at abby.fishero@gmail.com for more information.

Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy, Heather Rudd, 930-4480
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Serving Today

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jason Smith, Andy Scott, Justin Talarico, Tobin Walker, Jonathan Briggs
Greeters: Jeremy Whitley, Marcus & Heather Rudd, Charlie & Jennifer Hargis, David & Tiffany Drewa
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Larry & Sarah Watford
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Dan Peavy, Bebe Casey, Joe Liller
Nursery Greeter: Georgianna Hildebrand
Itty Bitty Babies: Bowman & Mary Williams; *Crawlers:* James & Laura Sedgwick
Cruisers & Climbers: Rick & Susan Basse
Younger Toddlers: Marc & Trisha Hadler; *Older Toddlers:* Royce & Lauren Itschner
Training in the Pews: Michael & Lisa Shay, Quincy & Anne Davidson
Cookies: Ruth Anderson, Avril Julander

Serving Next Week

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jason Smith, Craig Goedecke, Marshall White, Brandon Woods, Jonathan Briggs
Greeters: Jeremy Whitley, Gordon & Linda Zeigler, Darrell & Debra Wagner, Brandon & Elizabeth Woods
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Sarah & Larry Watford, Barbara Harrison
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Dan Peavy, Anna Sharp, Nathan Anderson
Nursery Greeter: Elizabeth Berenguer
Itty Bitty Babies: Mark & Mary Ann Randolph; *Crawlers:* Chris & Erin Specia
Cruisers & Climbers: Aaron & Sarah Gill
Younger Toddlers: Jeff & Sara Brouillard; *Older Toddlers:*
Training in the Pews: Jill Waters, Edward & Cristina Fransen
Cookies: Priscilla Basmeson, Debra Wagner

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)	\$209,083
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$268,460
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$270,046
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 60,963)

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

“Future Resurrection”

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶ You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹ For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰ There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. ⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰ I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Corinthians 15:35-57**