

September 28, 2008

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

September 28, 2008

Twentieth 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 6 weeks 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 & Preparation

Those who are called into the community of Jesus' disciples are to be servants, and the pattern for this servanthood is definitively shown by Jesus, who came to give up his own life for the sake of others. The full impact of this pattern will become apparent only in the detailed account of his passion and death, but his teaching about discipleship has...been set forth with all possible clarity: to be Jesus' follower is to share his vocation of suffering servanthood, renouncing the world's lust for power. Richard B. Hays, *The Moral Vision of the New Testament*

When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die. It may be a death like the first disciples who had to leave home and work to follow him, or it may be a death like Luther's, who had to leave the monastery and go out into the world. But it is the same death every time – death in Jesus Christ, the death of the old man at this call. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

Every day each of us invests our time, money, gifts, talents, energies, relationships, and resources in the pursuit of something. Is your life invested in pursuing life? Does it have a higher goal than your own personal wants and needs? Do you find it hard to say "no" to you? Do you find yourself struggling with irritation, impatience, and anger when others unwittingly get in the way of what you want? Are you still holding tightly onto your life as if it really did belong to you? Paul David Tripp, *A Quest for More*

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Justin G. Clement

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

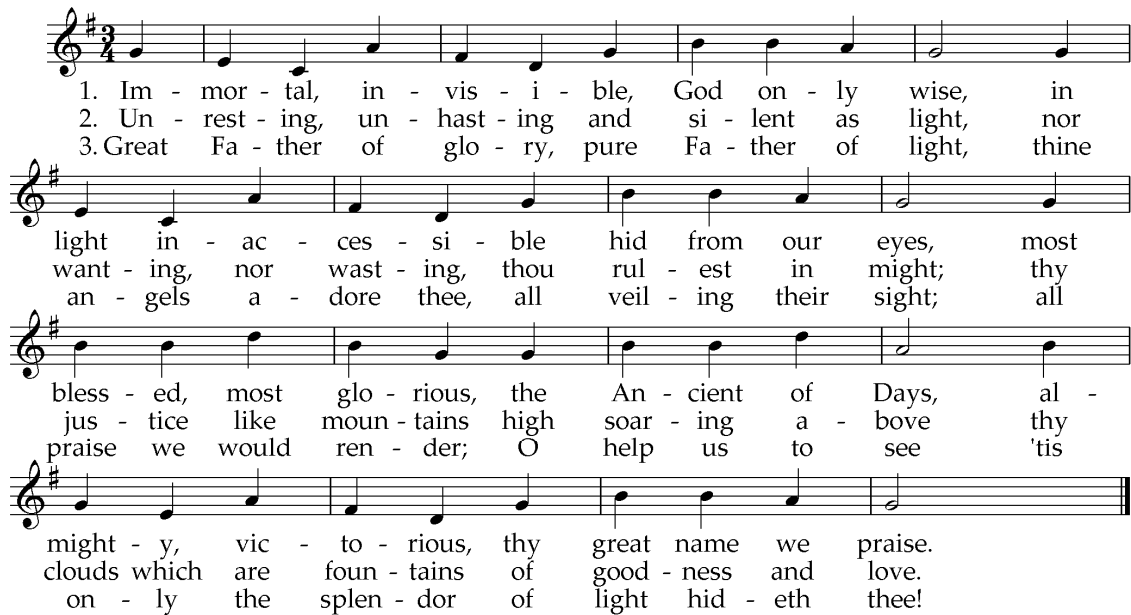
Minister: Oh, give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds
among the peoples!

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Minister: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

***Hymn of Adoration**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light, nor
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, thine
light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most
want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy
an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all
bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, al -
jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove thy
praise we would ren - der; O help us to see 'tis
might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Words by Walter Chalmers Smith; Traditional Welsh Melody

***Affirmation of Faith**

Our World Belongs to God®, statement of Faith for the Christian Reformed Church, paragraphs 30-33

Minister: What does Pentecost mean for Christians?

All: At Pentecost the Holy Spirit was given to the church. In pouring his Spirit on many peoples God overcomes the divisions of Babel; now people from every tongue, tribe, and nation are gathered into the unity of the body of Christ.

Jesus stays with us in the Spirit, who renews our hearts, moves us to faith, leads us in the truth, stands by us in our need, and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant.

The Spirit thrusts God's people into worldwide mission. He impels young and old, men and women, to go next door and far away into science and art, media and marketplace with the good news of God's grace. The Spirit goes before them and with them, convincing the world of sin and pleading the cause of Christ.

The Spirit's gifts are here to stay in rich variety— fitting responses to timely needs. We thankfully see each other as gifted members of the fellowship which delights in the creative Spirit's work. He gives more than enough to each believer for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare.

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***Song of Praise**

We Will Glorify

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great "I Am."

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before His throne;
We will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone.

Hallelujah to the King of kings, Hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great "I Am."

Words and music by Twila Paris

Understanding Ourselves Rightly

The Rev. Victor R. Martinez

Minister: Therefore I still contend with you, declares the LORD, and with your children's children I will contend. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water. (Jeremiah 2: 9, 11, 13)

Public Confession:

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Father, we confess that we are satiated and bored: Creation has bored us. Work has bored us. Family has bored us. Friends have bored us. Our homes bore us. Television bores us. Redemption has bored us. Truth has bored us. You have bored us. No generation in history has ever had so much to entertain it. We are jaded and cynical. We think the world is our servant, so we are not thankful when things go well for us, and we are not patient when they do not. We believe every desire should be satisfied, so we are not delighted when they are, and we are not humbled when they are not. We laugh, but do not know joy. We are captivated, but are never really awed. We celebrate, but we do not worship. Have mercy on us, and forgive us. Amaze us with grace—incarnate, blood-stained, resurrected, Messianic grace—the Glory of God in Christ.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 8:31-32

Minister: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

*Song of Renewal

The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free

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

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

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

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

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

(Repeat chorus)

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

Words by William Gadsby; Music by Sandra McCracken

Scripture Reading

Ms. Sarah Fields and Mr. Mark Russell

Jeremiah 5:20-31

Mark 15:21-39

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. Eggar

"Do You See Anything?"

Mark 8:11-38

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 to 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

Starting with the two front outer sections by rows, please form one line on the outer half of each center aisle. Upon approaching the front, please form a line in front of the first row of chairs of each outer section. After the two outer sections have partaken, the front center section should proceed. If seated in the back center section, please exit your row toward the left, form a line in front of the first row of chairs in the back center section, partake from those serving in the center cross-aisle, and then return to your row from the right side. Redeemer serves wine for communion. The center cup and inner circle of the tray contain grape juice for those desiring it. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the aisles and return to your seat. There is gluten-free bread available on request from those serving at the right side. Please use the remaining time to sing and/or meditate as communion is being served.

Prayers for Those Not Communing

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

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

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

Songs of Communion

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

1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; he
2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain; and
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet
4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in
5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he
me to walk doth make with in the paths of
will I fear none ill, for thou art with me;
pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with
sure - ly fol - low me: and in god's house for -

lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

Words from Psalm 23; Music by Jessie Seymour Irvine

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied, to look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace.
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Words by Charitie Bancroft; music by Vikki Cook

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

Words by George Matheson; music by Christopher Miner

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

Jesus Shall Reign

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'r the sun
2. To him shall end - less prayer be made,
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - every tongue
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns;
5. Let ev - ery creat - ure rise and bring

does his suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
and prais - es thron - to crown his head;
dwell on his love with sweet - est song;
the pris - 'ner leaps to lose his chains,
pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our King;

his king - dom stretch from shore to shore,
his name, like sweet per - fume, shall rise
and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim
the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,
an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.
with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
and all the sons of want are blest.
and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

Words by Isaac Watts; Music by John Hatton

***Benediction**

Mr. Eggar

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*

Pastor: Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Victor R. Martinez

Musicians: Brent Watkins, piano; Andy Scott, guitar;

Patrick Shay, trumpet; Michael Shay, trombone; Wes Bright, bass;

Brandon Woods, saxophone; Sevee Alaniz, saxophone;

Song Leaders: Andy Scott, Stacy Van Klaveren

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REDEEMER Highlights September 28, 2008

This Week

Today	11:10 a.m.	Faith and Culture in Dialog: During the CE hour, Victor Martinez will lead this 6 week study in the Band Hall (Room 121).
Tonight	6:00-7:15 p.m.	Intro to Christian Theology Class: Meets at the church office.
Monday	9:00-10:00 p.m.	Reformed University Fellowship (RUF): Meets at Trinity University's Side Chapel for a time of singing, Bible study, and fellowship. All are welcome. Call Justin Clement, 267-7884.
Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Youth Guys Small Group: Meeting at the Alamo Quarry Starbucks for Bible study and prayer.
Wednesday	10:00-11:45 a.m.	Women's Morning Bible Study will meet at Alamo Heights United Methodist Church, Room S107, to study Galatians. Free childcare. 930-4480 for more info.
Wednesday	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Young Professionals 1st Wednesdays: At the Harrison's (110 La Jara, 78209) for a night of worship, fellowship, and study. Bring friends! Call 930-4480 for more info.
Thursday	5:00 p.m.	Men's Fellowship Night: Join the Men of Redeemer for a night of fellowship at LaTuna, (100 Probandt, 78204).
Friday	9:30- 11:30 a.m.	Redeemer Park Day: Informal play and fellowship at Brackenridge Park, behind the Witte Museum. Call Brandi Rickels at 826-2628 for more info.

Upcoming Events

October 7	6:30-7:30 a.m.	Men's Downtown Breakfast: Meets at Mi Tierra, 218 Produce Row, 78207. Victor Martinez will lead a study on Philemon. Call Bowman Williams, 860-5404, or John Ames, 725-3630, for more info.
October 9	11:45-1:00 p.m.	Men's Monthly Luncheon at the Lighthouse Café (4212 McCullough Ave, 78212). Contact Jeff Judson for more info, 822-1292.
October 9	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Women's Evening Bible Study will study 1st John at Kitty Inman's home, 819 Big Sky Bend, 78216. See flyer for more details and to sign up.
October 17-18	5:00 p.m.	Men's Fall Retreat: Join us for a time of renewal and recreation in Marble Falls, TX. Brandon Eggar will lead devotionals. Call Jeff Judson, 822-1292 or Henry Sauer, 310-6542 for more info. See bulletin flyer for more details and to sign up.
October 18	8:30-noon	Agape Walk for Life: Held at OP Schnabel and Olmos Parks. Registration begins at 8:30. Walk begins at 9:00. Contact Angel Whitley, 723-2411 or Sarah Fields, 326-3092.

Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy, Heather Shimek 930-4480
Book Table/ Media Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Children's Ministries.....Jill Higey 930-4480
Community Life & Membership Brandon Eggar 930-4480
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Men's Ministries.....Jeff Judson 822-1292; Henry Sauer 310-6542
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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
20+ Singles Community.....Brandon Eggar 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
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Serving Today

Nursery Greeters: Jill Higey
Infants 1 (9:30): Meredith Moza, Reena Mathew
Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): Carter & Elizabeth King, Krisanne & Kierstn Stolhandske
Training in the Pews: Andre & Jessica Kok, Elise Miller
Greeters: Jake & Sharla Gray, Paul & Rachel Gravel, Chris & Becky McMains
Worship Set-up/Take Down: Toby Stolhandske, Aaron Harding, Mark Russell, Brandon Woods, Jonathan Briggs
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Marla Smith, Bebe Camp
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Dan Whyte, Erick & Laura Marion-Faul
Cookies: Kim Scott, Linda Zeigler

Serving Next Week

Nursery Greeters: Sam & Elizabeth Berenguer
Infants 1 (9:30):
Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): The Laxton Family, Debi Briggs, Kelly Muck
Training in the Pews: Will & Carter Greendyke, Erica Hairston
Greeters: Jason & Jennifer Smith, Josh & Mary Alice MacDiarmid, Chris & Becky McMains
Worship Set-up/Take Down: Jeremy Whitley, Glenn Glass, Chris Specia, Manny Alaniz, Charley Hollimon
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Laura Sedgwick, Ginny Glass
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Jordan & Kitty Inman, Marcus Rudd
Cookies: Ann Bingham, Brandi Rickels

Redeemer Staff

Tom Gibbs, Senior Pastor
Brandon Eggar, Assistant 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)	\$508,251
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$644,943
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$604,089
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 95,838)

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
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& Jeremy Whitley--320-5520
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Please visit www.redeemersa.org
to find a community group near you.

Sermon Notes

“Do You See Anything?”

¹¹ The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him. ¹² And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, “Why does this generation seek a sign? Truly, I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation.” ¹³ And he left them, got into the boat again, and went to the other side. ¹⁴ Now they had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. ¹⁵ And he cautioned them, saying, “Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.” ¹⁶ And they began discussing with one another the fact that they had no bread. ¹⁷ And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? ¹⁸ Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? ¹⁹ When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?” They said to him, “Twelve.” ²⁰ “And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?” And they said to him, “Seven.” ²¹ And he said to them, “Do you not yet understand?” ²² And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. ²³ And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, “Do you see anything?” ²⁴ And he looked up and said, “I see men, but they look like trees, walking.” ²⁵ Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶ And he sent him to his home, saying, “Do not even enter the village. ²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” ³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” **Mark 8:11-38**