

Fall Midweek Schedule

5:30-6:30 pm	Dinner
6:00-8:30 pm	Childcare, infants through age 5
6:00-7:00 pm	Handbell rehearsal
6:00-7:00 pm	Library open
6:15-7:30 pm	Pioneer Girls, grades K-6
	Cub Scouts, grades K-5
	Girls of Grace, grades 7-12
	Boy Scouts, grades 6-12
6:30-8:30 pm	GriefShare
7:00-8:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	Adult Elective, Mark
7:00-8:30 pm	Adult Choir rehearsal
7:30-8:30 pm	Upper Room, College & Career
7:45-8:45 pm	Youth Midweek, grades 7-12
9:00-11:00 pm	Coffee House, College & Career

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship kicks off on Sunday, September 21, with their traditional and delightful Super Sunday Salad Supper: savory salads prepared by the ladies of Redeemer, special music, and guest speaker, Carolyn Hannah. On Tuesday mornings, beginning September 23rd at 9:30 am, there will be weekly Bible studies, missions updates, book reports, outreach opportunities, and times to pray. The second hour consists of discussions on a wide variety of topics: gardening, health issues, safety in the home, and more. Nursery is provided, so women of all ages are warmly invited to join in the learning, serving, fellowship, and fun that Tuesday mornings offer.

Midweek at Redeemer Begins September 10

Midweek Meal

Start this important evening of ministry by catching up with friends and making new ones over a light and tasty meal in the fellowship hall for just \$3.00 for teens and adults and \$1.00 for children with a maximum cost of \$12.00 per family.

Adults at Midweek

- Prayer Meeting, led by **Don Geiger**, is a vital ministry that will feature a fresh examination of biblical and other major worldviews, and includes time to bring

individual and church-wide needs before the Father.

- The Adult Elective Class, taught by **Tony Gomillion**, will be studying Mark's good news this fall. God will reveal an intimate and compelling portrait of His Servant Son, Jesus. Invest in this study and be changed to serve and worship anew.

- GriefShare is a needed resource of support that features biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics. Class discussions and sharing are sparked by interaction with

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Kristin Raikes Follows Big Sister's Footsteps as Director of Children's Ministries

The elders and pastors are happy to announce that, effective this month, **Kristin Raikes** will begin serving as our

interim Director of Children's Ministries. She will succeed her sister **Lauren**, who, after enthusiastically and effectively leading our children's ministries for a year, will leave for Kitale, Kenya, Africa, where she will work with orphans and street children in association with *Transformed, Intl.*

Kristin, a graduate of John Brown University, earned a **B.S. in Children and Family Ministries** with a minor in

Cross-Cultural Studies. She has wide-ranging experience in working with children, including active involvement in our

own children's ministries. Her interests and experience include a summer of primitive jungle living in the Fiji Islands, discipling refugee teens, as well as her current involvement with Muslim families in the Dallas area. Kristin's long-term plans include cross-cultural missions. Meanwhile, we are delighted to welcome her to the Redeemer leadership team!



In a Word

It's time for a fresh start!

Don Geiger, Senior Pastor

To me, September is a special month; it brings with it the hope that the steamy dog days of late summer will soon be over. Those best-of-Texas seasons — fall, winter, spring — now stretch before us. The kids and grandkids are back in school, facing new goals and challenges. And for most of us, vacation is a pleasant, if fading, memory. There's a new energy and sense of anticipation in the air. Ministries in the church are launched or reenergized (see page 1). It's time for a fresh start. In a way, it's a second New Year. Incidentally, the Jews celebrated two New Year's Days: Passover in April marked their religious new year, and the Feast of Trumpets in October their civil new year.

So the word to us for September is this: don't miss this golden opportunity to take stock, correct course if appropriate, and consider a fresh challenge. To that end, I suggest we incorporate this simple, three-step exercise into our devotions throughout the month.

1. Take stock of our lives by prayerfully asking ourselves these questions. What am I accomplishing? How am I growing? Am I drifting? What do I need to change? Am I ready for a new challenge? Let's write out our thoughts so we won't forget them.

2. Let's correct course as needed. From time to time we all

drift into unprofitable habits. The sooner we recognize them and the more decisively we deal with them, the easier it is to correct course. For instance, we need to look for and eliminate time wasters like worthless T V shows that rob us of our priceless and irreplaceable treasure — time. As the motto on my wall daily reminds me, *Be As Drastic As Necessary!*

3. Consider taking on a new challenge. More than one, perhaps. Have our devotions been hit or miss lately? Let's set a goal and implement a plan. Redeemer has a Bible reading plan, you know. This month we're reading the oh-so-relevant-for-our-times books of *1 & 2 Corinthians*. Been intending to get that exercise program going? Make your plan and get started. How about finding a fresh way to bless your family? Helping a young kid learn to read by tutoring at either Reilly or Highland Meadows Elementary School could turn his or her life around, to say nothing of the immense satisfaction you will experience by making a significant difference in a young life (To learn more about tutoring, call the church office.). Now make your own list.

Give yourself time to reflect and pray. Record your thoughts and ideas, then prayerfully, carefully make your plan. In the words of Proverbs 16:3, *Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.* Here's to an energized September!

In a word, it's time for a fresh start!

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Getting to Know You: Brian Coppinger

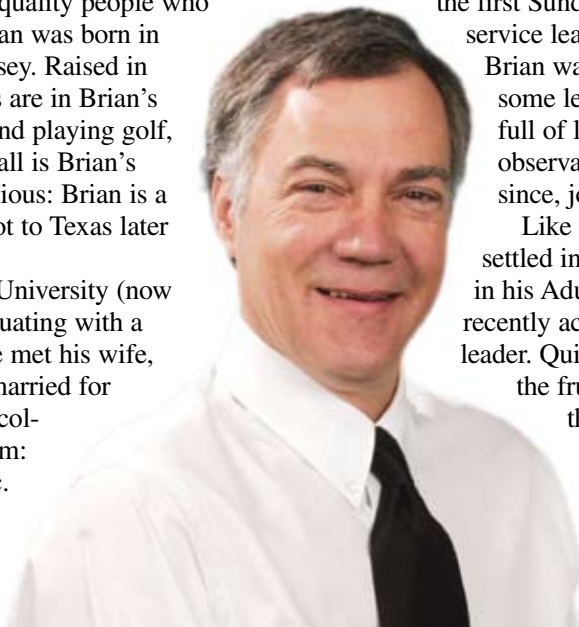
Tommie Loveless

Brian Coppinger is one of those quality people who make Redeemer a quality family. Brian was born in the Garden State in Orange, New Jersey. Raised in the shadow of Giants Stadium, sports are in Brian's blood. He enjoys watching football and playing golf, but the "gentleman's game" of baseball is Brian's special passion. Rangers fans be gracious: Brian is a die-hard Yankees fan, but he likely got to Texas later in life than most of you did!

Brian attended North Texas State University (now The University of North Texas), graduating with a degree in business and marketing. He met his wife, Janet, at NTSU and they have been married for 22 years. Brian recalls that just after college, life was going really well for him: good wife, good health, good job, etc. "From a human standpoint," he says, "I should have been the happiest guy in the world. Things were going great, but something was missing."

In 1984, Brian shared this sense of emptiness with his brother, who told him that the *something* missing was actually a *someone*: Jesus Christ. This resonated with Brian and he asked his brother, "So, what times are the services at your church, Reinhardt?" At twenty-eight years old, not long after he began attending church with his brother, Brian trusted Jesus for the forgiveness of his sins, and the emptiness was erased.

Work took Brian and Janet away from Texas to Connecticut, and after about 20 years they ended up back in Dallas to be near family. Needing to find a good church in the area and hearing about Redeemer through a friend, Brian looked forward to visiting and hearing **Pastor Geiger** preach. His first Sunday to visit was



the first Sunday of 2006, when Don and the usual worship service leaders were away on post-Christmas vacation.

Brian was moved by the fact that despite the absence of some leadership on that day, the church seemed to be full of life and love. Returning the next week, Brian's observation was confirmed; and he's been here ever since, joining in April of that same year.

Like many who call Redeemer home, Brian is settled in and serving. He is an usher and is very active in his Adult Bible Fellowship, The Discipleship Class, recently accepting responsibility as the group's prayer leader. Quick to brag on his ABF, Brian said, "It's like the fruits of the Spirit are bouncing off the walls in there! I look forward to being with these people as much as I look forward to being with my biological family." Not only active in his ABF, Brian is also a passionate Scripture memorizer. He's tackled every one of Redeemer's Bible memory challenges: 200-Verse Club, Psalm 23, Romans 12, etc. Brian likens memorizing Scripture to putting

tools in your life's tool bag and says that it takes a bit of effort to keep the tools fit for use. Working as a courier, Brian suggests that he has an unfair Scripture memory advantage, but with a contented smile thanks God for the blessing of having a job that allows him to be faithful in his vocation ... and to hiding God's Word in his heart.

When asked what has kept him at Redeemer, Brian quickly replied, "We have good teaching and worship at Redeemer, but the people really love and embrace you here." Thank you for being one of those people, Brian. It's good to have you and get to know you!

Volunteer Appreciation, September 28

Redeemer is "filled to the gills" with faithful volunteers, and it's time to serve the servants! Our annual volunteer appreciation picnic will be at the Musgraves' east Texas home/playground in three weeks: *Sunday, September 28, from 3:00 to 7:00 PM.* Volunteers, no matter your stage of life or interests, you will find an enjoyable niche at this event. For those who would like to use it, free bus transportation will be provided from/to the church. We look forward to celebrating God's goodness and enjoying your company on the 28th. Please come if you are able. More details will be provided soon.

The Link is Redeemer Bible Church's monthly newsletter, produced by the pastoral staff, Brad Hepp (layout), and various contributors.

Kudos to Redeemer Artists



During a recent regional harp competition in Georgia, **Ina McCormack** placed fifth in a group comprised of students from eleven to fourteen years of age. Although we have enjoyed her playing at Redeemer for some time, this was Ina's first harp competition. Next year, she will contend in a national harp competition in Utah. Way to go, Ina!

Congratulations to **Catherine L'Herisson** for placing first in a recent poetry competition. The contest was sponsored by the National Federation

of Statewide poetry societies. This year, Catherine has also placed second and received five honorable mentions. Kudos to our prolific poet, Catherine L'Herisson.



Pleasant, if Fading, Memories of Summer '08



Jason Pedigo

l to r: boys at Geiger Island, the infectious smile of a girl at VBS, the silliness of kazooos, and another VBS cutie



WEB EXTRA: www.redeemerbiblechurch.org/guatemala08

When you have a few minutes, point your web browser to the above address. You'll be blessed by a slide show of photographs that **Leonard Rees** took on the '08 Guatemala Mission.

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a video presentation and written materials. It is led by **Arch and Kay Oldham**.

- The College and Career Upper Room meeting provides a venue for in-depth discussion and study of the Sunday sermon. Coffee House offers a variety of events and a casual setting for conversation and friendship.

- Both our adult choir and handbell ensemble resume practices with instrumentalists and ensembles enlivening our praise during the fall.

Kids at Midweek

Loving and secure evening childcare is available from

6:00-8:30 PM for infants through age 4. Energy abounds as Cub Pack 4:8 and Pioneer Girls experience fun and a kid-friendly focus on knowing and loving God. Both groups seek to warmly reach out to kids and their families in our neighborhood and community.

Youth at Midweek

The Girls of Grace gather to serve, share and interact with the Word. Boy Scout Troop 4:8 aims to develop Christ-like character, leadership and outdoor skills. Youth midweek offers teenagers an oasis-like environment featuring worship, fun, fellowship and a challenge to live for Christ.

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