

From The Pastor...

Take Time to Plan Ahead

Since the next newsletter will not come out until May, I would like to alert you to exciting spring *and* summer ministry opportunities now, while you are thinking and planning ahead.

The launch of our new web-based Church Community Builder program will happen later this month (April). Every member and attendee of Redeemer will be encouraged to create a family profile on our new system. Your profile will serve several purposes, most importantly as a means to getting each person plugged in to the life and ministry of the church. Please participate with great enthusiasm!

Juarez Mission Trip fund-raising activities. We are sending our short-term team to help the church planting effort on the border July 26- August 2. The team needs to raise money to cover half of their expenses (the rest comes from their own personal contributions). As a way to raise awareness and funds, there will be three major fundraising events:

- *The Pancake Feed* (March 29 at 8am)
- *The Taco Dinner/Auction* (May 2 at 6pm)
- *The Juarez Missions Dinner* (June 21 at 6pm)

Donation amounts are totally up to each family/individual. Participating in these events greatly encourages the mission team and are great times of church fellowship during the summer months.

The Annual Men's Retreat will be April 11-12 at the Basswood Resort just north in Missouri. The guest speaker will be Pastor Keith Ghormley from Zion Church in Lincoln, NE. The cost is \$52, I encourage every man in the church to sign up this Sunday, if you haven't already!

Sunday Night Cookouts will begin May 25 and will run through August. Every Sunday night we'll have a cookout of hot dogs and hamburgers behind the south building after our evening gathering. The church will provide meat and tableware; each family should bring a dish (dessert, side, or salad) that serves 10-12 to pass. These cookouts are a highlight of Redeemer's summer community life.

Vacation Bible School is June 16-20th this year. We need teachers, helpers, and various other volunteers. VBS is a wonderful outreach ministry opportunity so I encourage every family to invite at least one neighbor or friend to attend with you. Please contact Children's Ministry Director, Mary Greene to volunteer to help.

Heartland Presbytery Youth Camp will be at the River Ranch just south of Joplin, Missouri, June 23-27. Redeemer will be one of eight churches sending youth to this awesome week of fun, fellowship, and discipleship. Early bird price is \$225 (before May 15), \$260 after and scholarships are available. The camp is for students entering 7th grade this Fall thru 12th grade. See Pastor Brian Hough for more details.

I totally understand the busyness of life. It takes careful planning well in advance to make the most of every opportunity for spiritual growth. I strongly encourage every family to find a way to participate in these ministry opportunities!

In the Lamb,
Pastor Tony

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April - Calendar of Events

Day	Date	Event	Time
Fri.	4	"Something Awesome" at New Hope (grades 6-12)	8:00-10:00pm
Sat.	5	Welcome Baby Shower-Commons (NOTE time change)	10:00am-Noon
Mon.	7	Crown Ministry #8 Men's Soccer	7:00pm 8:30-10:30pm
Wed.	9	Missions Meeting #128	6:30-8:00pm
Fri.-Sat.	11-12	Men's Retreat— Friday 6pm check-in	
Sun.	13	Vos/Bigg Home Fellowship Dinner – Commons	Noon
Mon.	14	Crown Ministry #9	7:00pm
Tue.	15	AM WIC Bible Study – Youth Room (LAST DAY)	8:30-10:00am
Wed.	16	PM WIC Bible Study - #128 (LAST NIGHT)	6:30-8:00pm
Sun.	20	Juarez Meeting – Room #128	7:30pm
Mon.	21	Crown Ministry #10	7:00pm
Sat.	26	WIC Sisters in Christ Tea – Commons	9:00am-Noon
Sat.	26	Communicant Class - So. Bldg. Music Room	9:00am-11:00am

Dates to remember:

May 7 - Good Samaritan Service 2:00pm
June 16-20 - VBS
June 23-27 - Heartland Presbytery Camp

* Pastor Tony and Pastor Brian Hough are out of the office on Thursdays.

* Pastor Nathan is out of the office on Mondays.

Please email May newsletter articles to: jdoilyk@redeemer-pca.org - by Tuesday, April 22.

Weekly Events

Sunday Services

*Children's
Sunday School*
9:45 am

Adult Sunday School
10:00 am

Morning Worship
11:00 am

Evening Study
6:00 pm

*Jr. & Sr. High
Discipleship Classes*
6:00pm

Monday
Men's Soccer
8:30 pm

Tuesday
WIC Bible Study
8:30-10:00am

Wednesday
WIC Bible Study
6:30-8:00pm



2008 Men's Retreat

April 11-12

The Four Faces of Manhood: Man, Son, Husband and Father

Keith Ghormley, Keynote Speaker
Associate Pastor at Zion PCA in Lincoln, NE

Please see Todd Vesper, Jon Meyers,
Tom Kessler or Gerry Gattenby for more details.

National DAY OF PRAYER



Join us for a special worship service on Thursday, May 1st at 7pm in the sanctuary.

2008 - WOMEN'S RETREAT



September 19 - 20

Susan Hunt, Guest Speaker

Ladies, please mark your calendars now, so you don't miss this exciting time of Bible teaching, prayer, and fellowship.

April - Pulpit Plans

6	Hosea 10	Pastor Tony
13	Hosea 11	Pastor Tony
20	Hosea 12-13	Pastor Tony
27	Hosea 14	Pastor Tony

Sunday Evening Gathering

6	The Attributes of God	Pastor Tony
13	The Attributes of God	Pastor Tony
20	Dealing with Manipulators 1	Pastor Nathan
27	Dealing with Manipulators 2	Pastor Nathan

Redeemer Financial Report

Starting this month, the Redeemer finance committee will provide a basic financial update in this newsletter. Treasurer, Clint Anderson can answer any specific questions you might have.

These numbers are for Redeemer's finances from September 2007 (when we entered the new sanctuary) to February 29, 2008.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income:	\$726,474	\$738,642
Operating Expenses:	518,055	481,454
Mortgage Debt Service	<u>207,870</u>	<u>256,965</u>
Net:	549	223
Cash/Liquidity: \$	588,472	
Mortgage Debt:	4,395,439	

In the February newsletter, Pastor Tony mentioned our mortgage debt was around \$4.4 million, which is reflected by these pre-February 29 figures. ***There is some great news to report!*** In the middle of March, a gift of \$1.4 Million dollars was given to apply toward our mortgage debt! ***That means our total mortgage debt is now \$3,049,833!***

Conservatively, we now have 70% equity in our property and buildings. This is tremendous news for a relatively-young, mid-sized congregation in a significant transition period. It is our goal to pay off the total mortgage debt in the next five years or less. Obviously, not everyone can make a sizable donation toward our mortgage debt, however some of you can. If you will, please prayerfully consider giving a donation that will help reduce and eventually pay off our mortgage debt.

For the majority of the congregation, however, we ask you to move toward tithing if you are not, continue to tithe if you are, and give generously beyond a tithe as the Lord prospers you. We are confident such practices will be blessed of the Lord and supply for all the ministry efforts God has lead us to carry out.

April Birthdays



1 Mark Dunn	22 Logan Vesper
3 Pete Hart	Megan Warner
5 Ethan Shanahan	24 Valerie Koetting
Ashtyn Florez	25 Mike Brummet
7 Kimberly Bigg	27 Cole Thomas
15 Tammy Schumann	28 CJ Schulz
18 Joan Kothmann	29 Kevin Lutz
19 Brandon Unruh	30 Susan Austin
21 Matt Briceland	
Lillian Haney	

April Anniversaries



1 Dan & Gina Ochs
8 Mike & Jeanne Smith
14 Scott and Carmen Creecy

We are currently in the process of updating our database with birthdays and anniversaries. We apologize if you were missed. If this has happened, please call the church office @ 685-2322 with your information.

Youth News

Once a month, I meet with Kansas City-area PCA Youth Pastors to work on Presbytery Camp, share thoughts, and pray for each other.

As we've thought about our students spending a week with each other this summer at RiverRanch '08 (June 23rd -27th), we decided it would be good for them to meet for fellowship, games, snacks and learning about our wider covenant community.

Our first meeting will be this **Friday -April 4th 2008 at New Hope PCA Church** (NW corner of 135th & Blackbob Road, Olathe) from **8pm - 10pm.**

We plan to continue meeting on a quarterly-basis for a variety of events. These events will be called, **"Something Awesome!"** Students 6 - 12 grade are invited.

Be sure to invite friends who may be interested in RiverRanch. Remember, if someone asks you what you are doing April 4th, just tell them . . .

"Something Awesome!"

Brian Hough,
Youth Pastor



Flock Focus

As we speed through the final stretch of this school year, we have just begun a new Sunday School class on parenting teens called "Age of Opportunity". This video series, with weekly group discussion, has a basic premise that the title hints at.

The premise is completely opposite most people's beliefs about the teenage years, whether Christians or not. Paul Tripp proposes teenagers are not just raging rebel hormones wrapped in skin; but, they are blossoming adults that are at a prime stage for revealing their hearts for parents to lovingly and carefully apply Scripture.

Even a well-known Christian proponent for the family describes the teenage years like someone blasting off into space from ages 14 to 20 making communication basically impossible until they "get through". I don't believe we simply need to get through!

We will examine the tools Scripture lays out for reaching the hearts of our teenagers during this awkward time of transitioning into adulthood.

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Easter Brunch

WCA High School Construction begins