



the church of the redeemer

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## From the Rector's Desk

Dear People of God:

*"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you would go and bear fruit ..."*

John 15:12-17

In September 2007, the Long Range Planning Committee of the Church of the Redeemer embarked on a year long strategic planning effort. The group stepped out in faith knowing that God has a plan for Redeemer's future. Committee members felt strongly that God's plan for Redeemer would be revealed in the context of the congregation's planning efforts. The Planning Committee defined the purpose of the long range plan as follows:

1. Redeemer's mission, key ministries and resources will be aligned for the future
2. Redeemer will meet the evolving needs of its parishioners and its community
3. God's redemptive work of Christ in the world will be carried out at Redeemer

From this purpose, the Planning Committee laid out a year long path of discovery, discernment and refinement to create the long range plan. Phases I (Discovery) and II (Discernment) of the planning efforts are complete. We are currently entering Phase III (Refinement) where we will spend time working with key ministry leaders and others in the congregation to refine our goals and develop action plans and a timeline for implementing them.

During Phase I the Planning Committee focused on data discovery and analysis. In the six month time period the Planning Committee completed a consider-

able amount of analysis and discussion. The Committee assessed Sarasota's market including its challenges and growth opportunities. Committee members also conducted a rigorous review of Redeemer's economic situation. Along with parishioner help, the Committee hosted a series of Front Porch meetings so that the congregation could share its views and hopes for Redeemer's future. The Committee followed up the Front Porch Meetings with a survey of parishioners that revealed member preferences for worship, music and ministry. The survey also suggested parishioners' current level of participation and helped pinpoint areas of energy and interest in Redeemer's ministries and services. The Committee discussed many of the thoughts, ideas, comments and commentary from parishioners and the market and economic analysis in shaping its draft goals. The results of these discussions and data analyses were presented to Vestry members during a planning retreat in April.

In Phase II the Vestry, the Planning Committee and key ministry leaders and members of the parish attended a strategic planning retreat over the weekend of April 4-6 to develop consensus on Redeemer's five year goals. The group joyfully and prayerfully entered into discussions about key themes and ideas that were revealed from the research of Phase I. At the end of the first night of the planning retreat, the group had identified eight goals that were of primary interest. On the second day of the retreat, the group further refined its goal statements considering the resources - human, financial and facilities - that would

be needed to support the goals. The Planning Committee also met after lunch on the second day to discuss how the plan would be written, who would participate in implementation and the timeline for refining and presenting its goals to the congregation when Phase III is completed.

We currently have a draft strategic plan and are entering Phase III of the planning process which is "Refinement" of the goals. Over the summer months - June through August - the Planning Committee will ask for input on its draft from Vestry, ministry leaders and other key leaders in the parish and will ask them to develop action plans associated with each of the goals. We will develop a process to introduce the plan to the parish and a course of action for you to become involved in achieving the goals. We will also be working on creating a series of kick off events associated with the goals in our plan.

Some of you might be concerned that the strategic plan is a result of changes taking place at Redeemer, it is actually the contrary. Changes may occur as a result of the plan. As one member of the Planning Committee puts it: *We are not developing a plan in order to make changes, but changes may be an outcome of the plan. We're not developing a plan to ensure long range financial health, although a plan which doesn't properly address such issues would be deficient. Likewise, changes to our facilities without considering future size, demographics and financial considerations would be imprudent. We're developing a plan to*

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# Adult Education Offerings

## SUNDAY MORNINGS -

**10:10 AM to 10:40 AM**

Bethel Bible Study, Room 202  
Lectionary Study, Room 207

## TUESDAY LECTIONARY STUDY

A Lectionary Bible Study is held on Tuesdays at 12:00 noon in the Eva Pope Room. Please join us.

<b>Admit All</b>	<b>Church of the Redeemer</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>Night Worship</b> <i>Contemporary Worship, Relevant Teaching, Holy Communion, New Friends, Coffee...</i>	222 South Palm Avenue (941) 955-4283 Sarasota, FL 34236
	<b>Every Saturday Night @ 5:30 p.m.</b> <i>See what makes Saturday nights ALIVE at The Church of the Redeemer</i>	

### Mission of the Church of the Redeemer:

To build up the Body of Christ by Word and Sacrament,  
equipping the people of God for the work of ministry,  
that Jesus Christ may be known, loved, worshipped, and obeyed  
in our homes and parish, community and diocese, and throughout the world.

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship,  
to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42-47*

Your Opportunity to Devote Yourself Has Arrived!  
Announcing the formation of Emmaus Home Study Groups

One of the key components of the Church of the Redeemer's mission - as shown above - is to "build up the body of Christ." In keeping with our mission, Redeemer is launching an exciting new, home-based program designed to provide adult parishioners with opportunities for weekly Bible Study and fellowship gatherings. Called "Emmaus Home Study" - this new offering is designed to create neighborhood groups of parishioners who live in close proximity to one another -- regardless of age, which service they attend, etc., - and to bring those groups together each and every week for an hour and a half of Bible study and fellowship, and prayer. Emmaus Home Study is not a replacement for Sunday worship - but is an integral opportunity for strengthening the bonds with those who worship alongside us in the pews each and every week.

Bible Study offers a relaxed and quiet time each week for Redeemer parishioners to expand their understanding of scripture and deepen their Christian faith. It's also a unique setting in which parishioners of diverse backgrounds can actively participate in one another's spiritual growth and awareness and discuss practical ways to apply what Christian principles to the everyday, sometimes hectic and challenging, lives we live in this busy world.

Bible Study groups across the country, indeed across the world, are invaluable settings for developing friendships and relationships with neighbors and Christians, strengthening parish bonds in the community, and increasing every participant's understanding of Christian faith.

Each week, Emmaus Home Study Groups will meet across our parish at 7:00 PM, on a day of the week to be designated by the group Facilitator and Host. The meetings will begin with 20 minutes of fellowship and prayer and be followed by an hour of planned study. Meetings will adjourn promptly at 8:30 PM.

During each Emmaus Home Study session, which will usually last three to six months, one Book of the Bible will be studied and discussed, alternating between Old and New Testament. The first session to be held this fall will start with the Book of Acts and will include Luke's record of the growth and spreading of the Gospel in the early days of the Church.

We're currently inviting the entire parish to sign up to be involved in several ways. First and foremost, we strongly encourage every adult member of our parish to sign up to join an Emmaus Home Study Group. The program will only be as successful as our parish makes it and we need the involvement of everyone to really get the program off the ground.

A second way to be involved is to offer to host the events for this first session. Hosting does not involve anything more than providing coffee or water - the meetings take place after the dinner hour and are not focused on snacking and entertaining.

A third way to be involved is to be a Facilitator. Facilitators will organize and lead the study groups every week for the duration of each study group session.

The Emmaus Home Study Groups begin this fall - in October, but we're developing the groups over the next two months and we'd like to have all the groups assigned by the end of August. So, please - sign up today!

As many of you know, we continue to support the missionary work of Rodney and Suzanne in China. When news of the earthquake reached us, we contacted them to ensure their safety. They are quite distant from the earthquake zone, and are safe. However, the death toll continues to rise. Please continue to pray for them, their efforts, and the people of China. Let us not forget that we have a part in continuing to support this important ministry.

# Around and About the Parish

## REDEEMER WELCOMES FR. BENJAMIN SANTANA

The Church of the Redeemer is pleased to welcome the Rev. Benjamin Santana to our parish, effective 1 June 2008. Father Santana will be leading our Hispanic Ministry as Assistant Priest to the parish.

Father Santana graduated from the Episcopal Seminary of the Caribbean Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico in 1978, with Masters Degrees in Theology and Divinity. He has worked previously at the Saint Francis Episcopal Church in Saint Croix, All Saints' Episcopal Church in Meriden, Connecticut, and as the Diocesan Hispanic Missioner for the Diocese of Western New York.

Born in Puerto Rico, Father Santana is a member of the Order of Saint Luke, serves on the Board of Directors for the Episcopal Diocese of Puerto Rico, and served for eight years in the United States Army Reserve.

We welcome him to the Redeemer family!

## WELCOME, SISTER MARY JUDE

On Sunday, 20 July, at 10:15 AM in Gillespie Hall, Sister Mary Jude of the Order of St. Julian will speak to us concerning that religious order. You may remember when Deborah Voorhees, a member of Redeemer, went to Wisconsin to join the Order of St. Julian. She recently took her first profession of vows and at that time took the name of Mary Jude. She is returning on the 20<sup>th</sup> and will tell us about her experiences. If you would like to have a sort of preview, visit their website at [www.orderofjulian.org](http://www.orderofjulian.org). Her personal email address is [mary-jude@orderofjulian.org](mailto:mary-jude@orderofjulian.org). We look forward to welcoming Sister Mary Jude back to Redeemer!

## NEW HORIZONS CAMP

Women's Outreach Ministry helps to support New Horizons

Camp at DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center, a camp for children with parents in prison. Through this camp we demonstrate unconditional love and acceptance to these youngsters. New Horizons Camp will be held 20 through 25 July. We are seeking help in the following ways: donations for scholarships (cost \$360 per person for the week); donations of items - (see the list on the parish bulletin board in Gillespie Hall); and camp staff volunteers. To volunteer, and for more information concerning donations, contact the Rev. M. Katherine Tate, [ktate@episcopalswfl.org](mailto:ktate@episcopalswfl.org), 993.3106, or the Youth Ministry Office, 556.0315, Ext. 274. Please also see the brochure about this camp on our bulletin board.

## SAVE YOUR SPOT!!!! VBS 2008

"For I Know the Plans I Have for You." Children in grades PK-5 are invited to join us the week of 11-15 August 2008, from 9:00 AM - 12 Noon for a fun-filled week! **Early registration is highly recommended!** Forms are available in the narthex, the parish office during the week, and on Sunday mornings between services on the Gillespie Hall veranda. If you have any questions, please call Pam Clements at 377.8867.

## VBS 2008 FOR AIDES AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS

"For I Know the Plans I Have for You." **Calling All Adults and Aide Volunteers!!!** All Adults and youth, 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades, are invited to join VBS 2008, 11-15 August 2008, from 9:00 AM - 12 Noon for a fun-filled week as volunteers for our terrific program this year!!! **Please sign up as soon as possible!** Forms are available in the narthex, the parish office during the week, and on Sunday mornings between services on the Gillespie Hall veranda. If you have any questions, please call Pam Clements at 377.8867.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Would you like to request prayer or update your contact information with the parish? Don't forget you can now do both of these things by email. To request prayer, just write to our Parish Receptionist, Anna Mitchell, [amitchell@redeemersarasota.org](mailto:amitchell@redeemersarasota.org). She will make sure it's taken care of promptly. To update contact information for you and your family via email, send an email to our Parish Registrar, Cheryl Brodbeck, [cbrodbeck@redeemersarasota.org](mailto:cbrodbeck@redeemersarasota.org).

## NEWS FROM RODNEY AND SUZANNE

As many of you know, we continue to support the missionary work of Rodney and Suzanne in China. When news of the earthquake reached us, we contacted them to ensure their safety. They are quite distant from the earthquake zone, and are safe. However, the death toll continues to rise. Please continue to pray for them, their efforts, and the people of China. Let us not forget that we have a part in continuing to support this important ministry.

## GUILD OF THE CHRIST CHILD

A prayer for expectant families will be included in the Prayers of the People on the first Sunday of each month. Please contact Cathy Brush at 359.3388 to be included in the prayers.

## INTRODUCING: HEART to HEART

nurturing women with God's love and inspiring them to share that love with those around them

A small group of Redeemer women have gotten together to brainstorm on ways to nurture the women of our parish. As we all know, women have been actively involved in serving, which is critically important to the church running smoothly and helping to meet the needs of our community. Altar Guild, Nursery Committee, Daughters of the King, Women's Outreach Ministry, LOGOS, and many other ministries are staffed primarily by women and the opportunities to serve are many! The goal of the Heart to Heart Leadership Team is a little different. We were given the mission to come up with ways to spiritually "feed" the women of Redeemer. And we've already got some fantastic programs and events in the planning stages!

A primary focus for the Heart to Heart Team is going to be **MARKETING** and **COMMUNICATION!** We want you to know what is going on and how you can be involved in a fun, spiritual way with other members of our community. Did you know that Daughters of the King are prayer warriors?! They pray on a daily basis not only for special needs of our congregation but for every single member of our church family on a rotating basis. Do you love to pray? Daughters of the King wants YOU! We plan to inform you on a monthly basis through e-mails, bulletin inserts and Pelican articles concerning "What's Up" for the women of our parish.

Some of the things the Heart to Heart Team is planning for you are:

- The return of the SLUMBER PARTY! - women get together for an overnight of fun and fellowship - Fall 2008
- Apples of Gold - this is 6-week intergenerational program that was hugely successful and meaningful when it was done about six years ago - Fall 2008
- Beth Moore Bible Studies - one in the daytime and one at night to run concurrently - Fall 2008
- Lunch and a Movie - once a month, after church, we will gather on the porch steps to go to lunch and a movie - watch your e-mail for these notices or, if you want to be included but don't have e-mail, we'll put you on a list to call! - Ongoing NOW!
- Book Clubs - we're thinking of possibly having two Book Clubs - one would focus on Christian books, the other would be more open on book selections - Ongoing NOW!

In a nutshell, the vision for the Heart to Heart team will be to serve as an umbrella for women's ministries at Redeemer - that primarily focus on nurturing women, but that will also keep you informed of ways women are needed to serve as well. Do you want to lead a program to nurture women? Then please join the team - we would love to have you. Contact Laura Crouse at 349-6611 or [momboyzx4@comcast.net](mailto:momboyzx4@comcast.net).

## Senior Warden's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Just to give you an ear into our Vestry Meetings, the Vestry wanted you to know about our devotionals that start each meeting. At one of our meetings an excerpt from Oswald Chambers, [My Utmost for His Highest](#), was presented by a Vestry member and it read:

Leave Room for God

"When it pleased God. . ."

*Galatians 1:15*

As servants of God, we must learn to make room for Him - to give God "elbow room." We plan and figure and predict that this or that will happen, but we forget to make room for God to come in as He chooses. Would we be surprised if God came into our meet-

ing or into our preaching in a way we had never expected Him to come? Do not look for God to come in a particular way, but do look for Him. The way to make room for Him is to expect Him to come, but not in a certain way. No matter how well we may know God, the great lesson to learn is that He may break in at any minute. We tend to overlook this element of surprise, yet God never works in any other way. Suddenly-God meets our life - ". . . when it pleased God. . ."

Keep your life so constantly in touch with God that His surprising power can break through at any point. Live in a constant state of expectancy, and leave room for God to come in as He decides."

Your Vestry is at work for you and we always start with God at the helm.

God bless you,

Pat Mudgett  
Senior Warden

P.S. Our Redeemer Strategic Plan is in the final stages. We are thankful for the great participation by Long Range Planning, Strategic Planning, the Vestry and numerous parishioners in the Front Porch Meetings. It has been a lot of work but I know that the Lord's plan will prevail. A kick-off to the Parish family will be presented in September.

**Worship Services**

**Sunday**

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite I)  
 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite II)  
 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Rite I)  
 1:00 PM Spanish Mass

**Monday**

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
 5:15 PM Evening Prayer

**Tuesday**

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
 5:15 PM Evening Prayer

**Wednesday**

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
 8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
 5:15 PM Evening Prayer

**Thursday**

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
 5:15 PM Evening Prayer  
 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist

**Friday**

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist and  
 Healing Service  
 5:15 PM Evening Prayer

**Saturday**

8:30 AM Morning Prayer  
 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist and  
 Anointing  
 11:00 AM Confessions  
 5:30 PM Contemporary Mass

**Weekly Schedule**

**Sunday**

2:00 PM Spanish Bible Study

**Monday**

10:00 AM Needlepoint Group

**Tuesday**

Noon Lectionary Bible Study

**Thursday**

10:00 AM Needlepoint Group

**Friday**

7:15 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 9:00 AM Healing Class

**Saturday**

7:30 AM Men's Prayer Group

**JUNE CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, 4 June**

8:00 AM Staff Meeting (office  
 closes at 4:00 PM)

**Friday, 6 June**

Mexico Youth Mission Trip

**Sunday, 8 June**

Bloodmobile here

**Tuesday, 17 June**

6:30 PM St. Mary's Guild

**Wednesday, 18 June**

5:30 PM Mission and Outreach

**Friday, 20 June**

5:30 PM MOR Date Night  
 Dinner

8:00 PM MOR Date Night Movie

**Sunday, 22 June**

New Orleans Youth Mission Trip

**Monday, 30 June**

9:30 AM Daughters of the King

**JULY HIGHLIGHTS**

**Friday, 4 July**

Independence Day Holiday (Office  
 closed)

5:15 PM Evening Prayer  
 followed by Fourth of  
 July Celebration

**Monday, 7 July**

August Pelican deadline

**Thursday, 24 July**

9:30 AM Pelican mailing crew

**Monday, 28 July**

9:30 AM Daughters of the King

**FROM THE PARISH REGISTER**

**Joining the Parish Family:**

Nancy Breck  
 5240 Hyland Hills Avenue #1416  
 Sarasota, FL 34241

Steven and Deborah Haefele  
 130 Riviera Dunes Way #1001  
 Palmetto, FL 34221

William and Ruth Gulick  
 5450 Eagles Point Circle #302  
 Sarasota, FL 34231

Leslie Pinckney  
 6805 Wagon Wheel Circle  
 Sarasota, FL 34243

Linda Radhe  
 2248 Waldemere Street  
 Sarasota, FL 34239

**Transferring Out:**

Heath and Julie Bennett  
 Audrey and Stephen  
 to St. Mary Magdalene,  
 Lakewood Ranch, FL

Sandra Yow  
 to St. Mary Magdalene,  
 Lakewood Ranch, FL

Marleine Ricca  
 to St. John's, Detroit, MI

Aaron and Karen Strand  
 to St. Mary Magdalene,  
 Lakewood Ranch, FL

**Marriages:**

"Those whom God has joined together..."  
 Joel Joshua Barkey and Elena Mijas Walter  
 19 April 2008

Raul Emilio Diago and Kristin Lee Johnson  
 3 May 2008

**Baptisms:**

"We receive you into the household of God..."  
 David Reid English, II  
 Angel Naredo  
 Kathleen Siddons

**Confirmations:**

**Adult:** Deanna Byrne, Donna Greve, Richard Brian Hill, Susan Ashley Stanton, Constance Kathleen Toops, Timothy Toops, Pilar Alicia von Lazar

**Youth:** Ignacio Antonijuan, Stephanie Antonijuan, Carlie Elizabeth Burke, Jesus Arellano Martinez, Sophia Elizabeth Dalabakis, Emily Ruth Clements, Harris Scott Dunlap, McIntyre Robal Johnson, Joseph Fredrick Maxwell, Lacy Nicole Meister, Jordan Lucas Menke, Joseph Montgomery, Courtney Holcomb Pollard, Ross Benjamin Quarles, Chloe Marie Stevenson, Jack Trefry

**Receptions:**

Richard Liamari, Penell Braida Skinner,  
 Richard Longwill Van Buskirk

**Deaths:**

"Rest eternal grant unto them..."  
 Muriel Schneider  
 Marguerite Scriven  
 Anne C. Tench  
 J. Tower Thompson  
 Anita Wirta



**Address/Phone Change**

Don't forget to let the Parish Office know when you change your address and/or phone number. Help us keep our records up to date! Call Cheryl at 955.4263 or e-mail her at Cbrodbeck@Redeemersarasota.org.



**Be sure to visit  
 our website at  
[www.Redeemersarasota.org](http://www.Redeemersarasota.org)**

**June Birthdays**

- 1 Joe Kles, Ann Llona, Joe McSpadden, Tyler Rasmussen, Haley Reid, Donna Young
- 2 Jackie Blair, Clayton Brumby, Price Hartenstine, Rhiannon Henry, Alex Nimz, Stuart Prall, Eliza Radford, Morgan Rivers
- 3 Blanca Diego, Ellie Fitzgerald, Cinzia Forbes, Jessie Fuller, Richard Goddard, Fred Powell, Pam Reynolds, Monica Slater, Megan Trefry, Taylor Watkins
- 4 Kasandra Cruz, Jennie Freeman, Samantha Hunihan, Suzanne Jones, Bill Marshall
- 5 Dick Diedrich, Edwin Giron, June Moore
- 6 Davis Dunlap, Lindsey Martinez, Phil Segerstrom
- 7 Alex Dorr, Marilyn Glandorf, Roger Mort
- 8 Jake Altier, Bonny Connell, Jo Ann McKinney, Ella Menke
- 9 Priscilla Castle, Torin Culp, Elinor Garlington, Kitty Harrison, Ralph Major, Chuck Miller, Vincent Riva, Rita Roehr
- 10 Barbara Bulkeley, Barbara Haskins, John Hothersall, Bob Hulvat, Gretchen Lum, Niki Newall
- 11 James Lombard, Pat Morris, Tripp Pinckney, Larry Shedden, Copper Yaw
- 12 Kristina Burgess, David Calahan, Sara King, Morgan Marchiony, Eddy Phillips, Bruce Powell, Tiffany Tisdale
- 13 Sonia Hernandez, Anastasia Sido, Amy Sullivan, Fr. Orley Swartzen-truber
- 14 Alisyn Abney, David Couch, Kelly Gilliland, Steve Hunt, Anne Lewis, Sebastian Ramirez, Milt Rauch, Fr. Joe Scalisi
- 15 Florence Gisriel, Karen Goodwin, Rande Janzen, Zabdiel Jaurez, Paul LeClair, Barbara Marshall, Jason Nippert, Jean Reagle, Brianna Ream
- 17 Judy Altier, Cathy Brush, Carol Cheek, Donna Dennis, Medora Sheehan, Marsha Swithers
- 18 Stephanie Cabrera, Carole Caldwell, Bill Chocallo, Elizabeth Devitt, Lydia McIntire, Jennie Whidden, Zacc Zaccagnino, Carmen Zuniga
- 19 Philip Ames, John Claus
- 20 Evelyn Barco, Luisiana Cordovez, Fi Everson, Janet Kerschner, Tim Ryan, Jeanette Scarpinato, Pat Silecchia
- 21 Carl Curtiss, James Hunt, Barney Salmon
- 22 Ted Brown, Deborah Haeffele, Bryant Kirkland, Hope Salvatori, Charleen Sessions
- 23 Bill Engel, Tori Potvin, Bert Schweigaard-Olsen, Doug Spangler, Mary Stuart
- 24 Ralph Armington, David Ezell, Jan Gillett, John Powers, Charlotte Stone, Grace Williams
- 25 Phil Conover, Gabriel Martinez-Cordero, Fred Pierce, Ona Thomas
- 26 Blake Flint, Tim Gilliland, David Olson, Charles Sanders, Mathew Shaffer
- 28 Deborah Beljan, Deedie Meetze, Doris Rosebraugh
- 29 Ann Fletcher, Peter Timmerman, Pilar von Lazar
- 30 Darlene Abney, Patrick Brown, Eleanor Eastwood, John Hartman, Jenny Holt, Vivienne Lambrecht, Pedro Perez, Clara Stanfield, Gay Swain
- 3 Rex & Deane Allyn, Peter & Jennifer Weber
- 4 Champ & Mary Stopher
- 5 Bill & Pattie Clendenin, Russell & Carolyn Daniel, Frank & Cheryl Herbold, Joe & Pat Ricciardi
- 6 Adam & Suzanne Armbruster, Dave & Stephanie Claussen, Frank & Marilyn Glandorf
- 7 Carl & Vivian Valvo
- 10 Tommy & Joan Cosentino, Leonard & Iris Krygowski, Jack & Anna McClure
- 11 Eric & Beth Bobb
- 12 Michael Barrientos & Sarah Horton
- 14 Bill & Bonny Connell, David & Gay Swain, Jack & Charlotte Trautwein
- 15 Christopher & Patricia Caswell, Werner & Karen Hartenberger
- 16 Robert & Jan Carson
- 17 Pat & Susan Di Bernardo, Bob & Gussie Haeffner, Bob & Ricki Lindsay
- 18 David & Lauren Hunihan, John & Judy Kendall
- 19 Scott & Flo Ames, Jack & Barbara Petrecca
- 20 Forrest & Nan Bogart, Richard & Amy Buck, Terry & Karen Fugate
- 21 Colin & Amanda Lyden, Frank & Eleanor Roxby
- 22 Stan & Alma Abshier, Dick & Marion Almy, Ron & Betty Lou Buck, Von & Samantha Cook, Warren & Nell Evans, Fr. Fred & Linda Robinson
- 23 David & Lily Agee, Gary & Betsy Engels
- 24 Harv & Katie Altmann, Nick & Sara Ferguson, Lorin & Harriet Stieff
- 26 Chip & Patty Bettle, Sonny & Carol Sears
- 27 Bob & Irene Barylski, Thomas & Barbara Lyons, John & Jean Samuelson
- 28 Jim & Martha Goebel
- 29 Gil & Martha Heitman, Dave & Sue Matuszak, Chris & Valerie Montgomery, Ty & Terryann Reed
- 30 Tuck & Jean Gay, Fr. Coval & Barbara Grater, Roy & Jossie Nichols, Philip Stanaland & Agnes Nall

**June Wedding Anniversaries**

- 1 Kenneth & Theresa Cooke, Jim & Elsy Daugherty, Bob & Charleen Sessions
- 2 Barney & Gayle Salmon, Terry & Becca Winkel

## Youth Sunday Address by Michael Thomas

Good Morning,

My name is Michael Thomas, and I have been at Redeemer since before I can remember. What does it mean to be a youth at the Church of the Redeemer? I would imagine each of my peers would answer this question differently. For some it means going to Sunday school, getting Communion first or maybe even skipping out on those boring sermons and playing "What's in the Bag" in Children's Chapel. It could mean attending weekly EYC or LO-GOS. For me, youth at Redeemer has been equal to one thing: acolytes. Marshall Hernandez and I became acolytes in the fourth grade. I remember our first service as second taperers clear as day. We, like all acolytes on their first day, were nervous, hot, and completely terrified of messing up in front of Father Fred. The memory of him trudging into the acolyte room to correct our apparently egregious mistake will remain burned into my brain forever.

Eight years later, I have advanced through the ranks from second taperer to first taperer; from second crucifer to first crucifer; from second server to first server, and finally to the coveted position of thurifer. Once I turned eighteen, I was eligible to become a Lay Eucharistic Minister, or acolytes for grown ups. As a Lay Eucharistic Minister, I have served as a chalice bearer and, for the first time today, a sub-deacon. Eight years, nine positions, from torchbearer to sacred minister. But so what? This liturgical resume may seem impressive to fellow Episcopalians, Anglicans and Catholics, but to say, a Southern Baptist or a Presbyterian, this ridiculous mess of superficial and outdated fire and brimstone jargon may be nothing more than a headache.

Before I realized that all churches were not like Redeemer, I was often surprised when people questioned our methods or were overwhelmed and exhausted after our services. It is these very elements, the acolytes, the organs, the robes, the candles and yes, the

incense, that many people don't like about our church. But it these very same attributes that we cling to as Episcopalians and as part of our identity. It is the things that many people don't like about Redeemer that I love most. I love that Father Fred wears a cape that is really called a cope simply to walk up and down the isle. I love that we make even our most vocally challenged clergy chant the Gospel, and love it! I love that we take our time, sing every line and celebrate God to his fullest. For us, the true Easter service, the Great Triduum, is three days long and includes foot washing, altar stripping, the altar of repose, prostrations, veneration, meditations, candles, bells, trumpets, and the best flowers in town. That is how we do things, and that is how I like it.

Have you ever been to another church and at the end of the service sat in your seat and thought, "Is that it?" How naïve I was to think that every service ended with a grand processional and was followed by an organ postlude written by some of history's best composers like Bach, Mozart and Handel. However, it was once I realized that Redeemer is quite unique in that regard, that I realized how truly blessed we are to be parishioners here. I pity those who have never heard Father Fred chant the Eucharistic prayer, Father Marsden give one his Civil War metaphorical sermons, Father Scalisi crack jokes in the sacristy, or Father Saunders give a Good Friday mediation completely without notes.

All these things make up what Redeemer means to me. Together, they are the ingredients for a service done right. When I come to church on Sundays, I know I can put on a robe and enter a place where everyone takes God seriously and is serious about God. Our Sunday Mass is no tea and cookie convention, it is the real deal.

When I think about my relationship with God, I attribute much of my faith to our liturgies. C. S. Lewis said that people could view Jesus in one of two ways: either as

exactly the person he said he was, the son of God, the Messiah and our Lord and Savior, or as a raving lunatic. He makes the argument that no one can seriously take Jesus as a simple teacher and leader and not believe in his divinity. He was either telling the absolute truth, or spent his life as a liar and should not be trusted. How could someone respect his teachings on morals and simply ignore his claims about who he was. If we are to accept Jesus Christ as our Lord, we must commit in full. If we are to be Christians, we cannot limit our faith to the parts we find most convenient to our lifestyle. This argument applies to our liturgy.

As Redeemerites, we express our commitment to the faith through full and complete liturgies. When you come to church at Redeemer, you can experience God with all five senses. You hear his might in the roar of the organ and his grace in the beauty of the motets. You see his institutions reenacted in the Eucharistic prayer and his divine kingship in the stately garments of the clergy. During communion, you taste and touch the wine and wafers, in both of which, he present. And on Holy days, you can smell his glory in the puffs of incense. The combination of these elements makes for a fulfilling liturgy both spiritually and physically. My faith would not be what it is today without the physical reinforcement of our liturgy. Unfortunately, my regular trips to Redeemer are numbered, and soon my attendance will depend on when I can come home.

As my friends go off to college in the fall, I will not be joining them. Instead, I have decided to take a gap year. No, I am not going to stay at home and waste away in front of the television. If you know my mother, you would know that she would rather I flunk high school and start all over than waste a second of time in front of the TV. With much inspiration from the Crouse family, I have plans to travel abroad. I will begin this summer in

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## Fr. Lampert's Retirement (the second time around)

So, what is happening with Fr. Lampert? Well, I am now sixty-seven years old and counting, and in another month I will have been an Episcopal priest for thirty-eight straight years. Molly and I have three grown children and six grandchildren. For most of these years we have worked together as a team in the old fashioned way although in two of the different times when I was Rector, Molly also taught reading and study skills in the public schools and in a community college. Of the thirty-eight years in the priesthood, some twenty-four (or five) have been spent in bilingual and/or Hispanic ministry in Boston, Mexico, the metro New York City area, St. Paul, Minnesota, and now Sarasota, Florida. When I reflect back upon all the people and places and years, my overwhelming feeling is one of grace and thankfulness. I have always received back much more love and friendships than I have ever been able to give on my own. That has always been, for me, the greatest gift of my ministry.

Two years ago when I retired the first time as Rector of Good Shepherd Church in Venice, I thought that I might go on and do an Interim Ministry post some-

where for a year. I had even taken the training on my own as a way to prepare. Then, the position at Redeemer amazingly opened up and it tugged at my heart and I thought well, perhaps, with God's help, I can still do Hispanic ministry one more time. Obviously, Redeemer is an amazing and special place with incredible people and a very extraordinary staff. It has been a great personal privilege to be a part of it all, and I have tried my best to be faithful and move it all along. Once again, I have loved the people and in return I have been loved back more than tenfold.

Last fall, I began to talk with Fr. Fred about the possibility of eventually hiring a full-time Hispanic bilingual priest who could work with both the English and Spanish-speaking congregations. I initiated this conversation because I was convinced that such a change could further enhance and grow the Hispanic congregation. As you know, Redeemer is now in the process of searching for such a priest. In addition, I've also decided that now after thirty-eight non-stop years in a row I would like a break, so I am going to take this coming summer off. My last day at Redeemer will be 31 May,

and after that my hope and prayer is that the new Priest and Doris Schweppe and the emerging Mission leadership will carry on and blossom and grow and flourish in new and heretofore unimaginable ways.

So what is Fr. Lampert going to do? Well, Molly and I hope to rest and travel and visit with all of our family around the country. I am going on a retreat at The Society of St. John The Evangelist (The Cowley Fathers) in Boston where I have been an Associate for more than twenty-five years. I hope to also have some "down time" here in Sarasota, and after all of that we will see what God has in mind for Fr. Dick Lampert come September. One thing is for sure, I won't be able to just sit at home nor would Molly be able to put up with that for very long, so we shall see.

I have loved being with you all. I cherish you and your love for me. We shall see what the good Lord cooks up for me next fall.

With much love,  
Fr. Dick+

**Rector's Letter** (Continued from page 1)  
*ensure that we are fulfilling our stewardship responsibilities to our Lord and the future generations of the parish who will follow us. The plan will provide a road map for the next few years which will guide the vestry and Rector as they consider the many issues which arise, facilitating thoughtful and timely decision making.*

Moving from discernment of a plan to realization of its goals isn't always as easy as it seems. However, we already have considerable momentum from the collaborative

efforts started in the planning process. Realization of the Strategic Plan will require active commitment to the parish from every parishioner. It will involve:

- Your prayers for the parish's future
- Your presence in the activities associated with the plan
- Your gifts of time, talent and treasure to meet the parish's goals
- Your service to others in meeting the needs of the plan

Please pray for the Planning Committee as it completes its work during the summer. In September of 2008 we will present our plan to you along with a series of events aimed at achieving its goals.

See you in church!

In Christ,

*Fr. Fred+*

**Youth Sunday** (Continued from page 7)

Tanzania and plan to visit South America and Southeast Asia. Before I made plans to take a gap year however, I applied to colleges like all my peers. Once the decisions came back, I was gipped

with some tough decisions myself. After lots of prayer and deliberation, I have decided to enroll at Vanderbilt University in the class of 2013. Whether I will be able to find a church in Nashville like Redeemer, I don't know. I do know,

however, that wherever I go, whatever church I find, Redeemer will be God's house, and my home.

Thank You

# A Potpourri of Pictures



Members of St. Mary's Guild honor Dora Riverol on the occasion of her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Right and below: Preparing the bricks and sand for Kevin Koach's Eagle Scout project - the new walkway in front of the Gillespie Hall veranda.



Above: Members of the Redeemer Youth Confirmation Class of 2008.



Above and left: The cast of "Seussical the Musical," presented by the talented youth of Redeemer.

## MOR - Men of Redeemer

**Mission:** "Encouraging men, through relationships, to seek Christ-centered living."

### IMPORTANT EVENTS:

**Friday, 20 June 2008: Dinner & Movie Date Night!**

The evening will begin with the option of an early bird dinner at *516 Burns* about 5:30 PM, to be followed by dessert and the movie "Ultimate Gift" in Gillespie Hall at Redeemer. The movie will begin at 8:00 PM; running time is approximately 1 hour, 45 minutes; popcorn and soda provided!

Sorry - no babysitter for this event.

Reservations:

Mac deCarle (351.3322) or Jason Hughes (416.1381).



Some participants of "The Great Adventure" Program - April 2008  
(front row, left to right): Richard Goddard, Rod Bennett, John Meyer, Bob Morris, Todd Menke  
(back row, left to right): Jeff Kern, John Marshall, Mike Childers, Jim Scott, Coordinator Jack McClure

### ONGOING WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES:

#### Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast

We will continue our discussions weekly on the prior Sunday Service Gospel. All that in the past have attended, and any new ones are very welcome to join us. Fridays in the Eva Pope Room from 7:15 to 8:30 AM. Contact: Bob McNulty at 361.7213.

#### Saturday Men's Prayer Group

A group of men from Redeemer and other churches meet in the Eva Pope Room on Saturdays from 7:30 to 8:30 AM to pray and study. We are currently reading *Too Busy Not to Pray, Slowing Down to Be With God*, by the Rev. Bill Hybels. Contacts: Frank Braden and Rich Swithers,

#### Men's Small Groups

Several groups meet at various times throughout the week to discuss daily issues and hold each other accountable to Christian living. For help joining an Accountability Group that meets your schedule, please call Jeff Kern (356.9516) or Tony Veldkamp (374.9567).

## Women's Outreach Ministry

**"to love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ"**

### DAUGHTERS OF THE KING



The Redeemer Chapter of Daughters of the King, a religious order, meets the second and last Monday of the month in the Eva Pope room. Undertaking their Rule of Life of prayer and service, prayers of more than 30 dedicated

women are lifted up daily for those who have requested prayers. Prayers are offered with love and confidentiality. Prayer Request cards are found in the pew pockets. For more information, telephone Joanne Miller, 358.9691.

### ST. MARY'S GUILD

St. Mary's Guild will meet on Tuesday, 17 June, at 6:30 PM at the home of Edith Powell, 4129 Honolulu Drive. Our program will be presented by Eileen Hampshire,

a member of Redeemer and an Oriental rug specialist. Please bring a covered dish to share. Call Edith at 371.5767 for information or directions. All women of the parish are invited.

# Our Missionary Call

Many of you will remember Father Felix Encarnacion and his lovely wife, Berkys, and three children, Kendall, Eleazar, and Tiara. Father Felix was the Vicar of the San José Episcopal Church in Andres Boca Chica, which is the church, parish hall and apartment, which Redeemer built 9 years ago. Many of you will recall building, staining, sanding, and varnishing 24 pews, the altar, bishop's chair other altar chairs, baptismal font, and other needed items. We also stained and varnished many, many, many doors, both for the church, parish hall, as well as many doors for the San José School. This was all accomplished by two Redeemer Construction Teams 8/9 years ago.

Father Felix was the first Director of the San José School. When Father Felix arrived three weeks before the school was scheduled to open, there was still a hard rock mound in what was supposed to be the entrance of the school. It is no wonder we had less than a dozen students registered for the school year. I bought a pick and a shovel and you guessed it. He used the pick to break down the hard rocky soil and I shoveled behind him. He was a strong, young priest, who had recently been ordained and not afraid to do whatever it took to get the job done. We cleared a pathway and our registrations began to increase before our opening date.

I have wonderful memories of Father Felix, Berkys, their family and the 18 months I worked as his secretary/administrative assistant/messenger, etc., etc., and together we did whatever was necessary to serve the Lord in this new temple, school, and community. In addition to completing the school, he was also responsible for overseeing the construction of "El Hogar Obispo Isaac," which is the 3-story elderly care facility built across the street from San José Church. We would need many pages to list all that Father Felix did for the community of Andres Boca Chica through the church that Redeemer was instrumental in providing. Together we did many wonderful things to serve our mighty God in the community of Andres Boca Chica.

It was with great sadness that after seven years we accepted Bishop Holguin's transfer of this great leader and great priest to a community east of Boca Chica - San Pedro de Macoris, which is about a 35/40 minute auto drive. He is now the vicar of Santa Cruz Episcopal Church, which has 150 members. He is also the director of the school which has 310 students, pre-K through High School.

Father Felix travels difficult roads to two other towns where there are very, very, poor missions. I used DR Mission money to give Father Felix \$100 to exterminate the bats contained in the church ceiling of Santiago Apostol in Ingenio Angelina, a batey in the outskirts of San Pedro. Attached to the building is a school with about 60 students, pre-k to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. His needs are many, especially land for a school building, new desks, tables, computers, etc. I noticed that most of the streets in this batey are unpaved and rocky, similar to Gautier (for those familiar with the community of Santo Tomas).

The third mission for which Father Felix is also responsible is San Pedro Episcopal, which holds services for about 20 persons in an old rented house. I know that Father Felix will work very hard to develop this mission and grow the other two, where he is vicar, just as he grew the five missions for which he was responsible in the other areas where he and Father Bienvenido worked so hard to serve the Lord these past seven years.

Father Felix is a hard working dedicated priest, who is blessed with an excellent wife, who is a real asset in his ministry. He also has an incredible son, Kendall, who gives him a lot of support in his ministries.

Anyone wishing to give Father Felix any support in his missions, can do so, by donating to the "DR Mission Fund," with a note on the memo: "Father Felix"

God Bless You,

Doris Schweppe, your missionary to the Dominican Republic

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## Annual Fourth of July Event

The Fourth of July will **COST ALMOST NOTHING** for gas this year!

This year we'll once again celebrate the 4th of July at our  
*Annual Parish Barbecue and Show.*

That's right, once again you don't have to drive to another town to have the world's best food, clowns, music, fellowship, and giant fireworks display.

And even better, it's on a Friday and that means many of you won't have to go to work until Monday!

If you want to help, please contact me and I'll get you started.

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