

ECHOES

Drawing near to God to make and equip disciples and to live as faithful followers of Christ.

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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"Drawing close to God takes a life choice and a plan for our journey in getting there."

From The Rector

Launching a Missionary

Has your heart ever ached for someone in terrible need? Have you ever found yourself in the gap where your life intersected with others in a way that enabled you to show God's love in a concrete way? Have you ever felt the need to respond to God's prompting to be God's loving presence for those in deep struggle? These, and so much more, describe the life and calling of a Christian Missionary. It is a calling that stirs in the lives of so many faithful Christians within our troubled world. It is Christ's desire for us, as faithful followers, as He directs us into the lives of those He wishes to be able to experience His active presence in the dark world in which they find themselves.

And how many of us, in the midst of this stirring in our hearts, find ourselves, because of our varying situations and commitments, unable to respond by packing up our lives and going to stand in the breach in order to impact lives in a faraway place? Most of us, I would guess.

At The Church of the Redeemer God has given each of us

the opportunity to live into the missionary call, even if our personal life circumstances block our moving to a foreign land.



We are being given the chance to draw along side the missionary that God has raised up from our midst, and has given the heart, and the dedication, and the circumstances to apply God's love through The Church of the Redeemer for the sake of the refugees of war in the Ukraine.

Gary Powell has responded to the missionary's call for many years. His work has taken him to Mexico, India, Africa, and Thailand. For all his service he has utilized the many blessings that God has sent his way, in order to self-fund God's mission though the work he has accepted. And now, after over three and one half years of service in Thailand, and many more years of preparation within the missionary field, God is moving Gary to bring God's love to those displaced by war in the Ukraine with a group called International Team Missions (ITeams). And we have the



FEBRUARY 2018

Vestry Meeting Summary

The summary for the monthly Vestry meeting can be found on our website or posted on the bulletin board outside the office. Go to www.CORSCG.ORG monthly for a detailed summary of the topics, discussion, and decisions which transpired during the last Vestry meeting.

From the Senior Warden

Although this article will appear in the February issue of *Echoes*, I am writing it in January, which seems like an appropriate time to reflect on the past year and cast our minds ahead to the coming year. January bears the name of the Roman god, Janus, who is depicted with two faces – one looking backward and the other looking forward – a reminder of how we start a new year looking back on the past and anticipating the future.

2017 was a good year for Redeemer. We ended the year with a budget surplus, no debt, more than adequate reserves, and strong financial in Betty Boesch completed her second condition. consecutive year as Senior Warden (surely there is a sainthood for her in store!), and under her leadership a number of important capital improvements were made, including the purchase and installation of our The "Shift" program conducted last new organ. generated lively and soul-searching spring conversations about our roles as disciples of Jesus Christ and sacred partners to each other, and culminated in the formulation of a "Rhythm for Life" through the Advent discussions at the end of the year. If you have not already read this "Rhythm for Life," I urge you to do so -a number of people at Redeemer have told me that they found it very meaningful - and we should all consider putting it into practice in our day to day lives.

Last summer, Lori Hawkins and our Christian education leaders decided to experiment with a "Summer of Service," or "S.O.S.," rather than the traditional vacation bible school. This new idea involved the children, older youth, and a number of adults at Redeemer in helping out for a week at several different ministries in Greenville, including Serenity Place, United Ministries, and Samaritan House. Each day the group met at a different location, got a tour of what the particular organization does for our community, and participated in an outreach project for that organization. S.O.S. was a great success and received widespread recognition within our Diocese as an innovative alternative to vacation bible school.

These are just a few highlights. In addition, our ongoing ministries such as outreach, pastoral care, Christian education, stewardship, fellowship, Daughters of the King, altar guild, flower guild,



music and choir, men's and women's study groups, and others continued their great work. For a church our size, Redeemer has a lot going on, an amazing energy and spiritual vitality!

Looking ahead to the coming year, the Vestry met on January 12 and 13 to discuss our goals and objectives for 2018. You will be hearing more about this in the months to come, but areas of emphasis will include strengthening and growing our youth programs, increasing our church family, and expanding educational opportunities for members and guests. Your ideas and suggestions are both welcome and needed! At our retreat, the Vestry discussed its role in the church, and a word that came up several times was, "listen." We are here for you and will be glad to receive any thoughts that you would like to share with us. If you have a suggestion for a particular area, the following are the commission assignments that have been accepted by the current Vestry members:

Outreach – Stephany Austell

Membership, Communications and Stewardship – Wallace Lightsey and Debbie Bauer Fellowship – Janet Poleski and Betty Lupo Christian Education – Joe Butchko Pastoral Care – Meg Coffey Worship – Judy Planck Finance – Jack Blackburn Building and Grounds – Jason Houston

Easter comes early this year, on April 1, and Lent is just around the corner, starting February 14. Father Scott will be leading a very engaging

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Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY 2-4 EYC SKI TRIP

- FEBRUARY 8-11 CURSILLO 137
- FEBRUARY 13
 - 6:00 PM SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER
- FEBRUARY 14

12:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

6:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 21 & 28 6:00 PM Lenten Supper & Study

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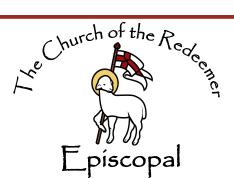
Lenten devotional program, *Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*. Each Wednesday evening in Lent we will come together for a meal and a discussion of the passages from John's Gospel designated for that week. Please plan to come to as many of these as you can.

Finally, I ask that you all pray for Redeemer, for its Vestry, and for me as we move forward together into the future.

Direct us, o Lord, in all our doings with your gracious favor, and further us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer for Guidance, The Book of Common Prayer)

Your Senior Warden, Wallace Lightsey



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Vestry Members

Wallace Lightsey (2018) - Senior Warden Stephany Austell (2018) - Junior Warden Judy Planck (2020) - Worship Meg Coffey (2018) - Pastoral Care Stephany Austell(2018)-- Outreach Jason Houston (2020)-Buildings & Grounds Jack Blackburn (2019) -Finance Debbie Bauer (2020) - Communications Wallace Lightsey (2018) - Communications Joe Butchko (2019) - Christian Ed Debbie Bauer (2020) - Stewardship Wallace Lightsey (2018) - Membership Fellowship Betty Lupo(2018) & Janet Poleski (2019)

> Jack Blackburn-*Treasurer* treasurer@corgsc.org Annette Burdette, *Clerk*

The Vestry meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Minutes are posted on the bulletin board outside the Parish Administrator's office.

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Is a monthly newsletter of The Church of the Redeemer, Deadline for submissions is the 22nd of each month. Submit written info to the church office, fax 277-6330, or email to Sue Bannio – parishadmin@corgsc.org

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Christian Ed

Sunday school is off to a great start in 2018. Now that the holidays are over we are all getting back into our routine on Sunday mornings. Our Godly Play class is growing and there is always a great group in Sanctus. There is always room for more and we would love for your children to join us. Each week they are hearing God's word from the Bible and about the powerful love of Jesus. Friendships are also thriving here.

Redeemer is a safe, comfortable, and loving place for them to grow. It is such a joy to see them gain confidence to ask for prayers for their family and friends. The older youth in The Dove's Nest have been together for a long time. They are their own little family that has a lot of fun together, but also has deep discussions as they continue to grow in their faith. We invite your family to join us.

Our church is a great place to be and you will not regret the gift of Redeemer that you give to your children.

All classes begin at 9:30 and end at 10:25 with the exception of Godly Play that ends when the children process in to church after the exchange of The Peace.

<u>Godly Play</u> Ages 3-First grade <u>Sanctus</u> Grades 2-5 <u>The Dove's Nest</u> Grades 6-12

Upcoming Events for February

Shrove Tuesday Feb.13

Pancakes! Pancakes! Pancakes!

Join us Tuesday for our traditional pancake supper. We will meet in Purser Hall from 6-7:30pm. Bring your family and friends for a delicious meal and amazing fellowship. We always have a big turnout make sure you don't

miss it. This event is hosted by E.Y.C. and Ken Wood.



<u>E.Y.C.</u> Feb. 2-4 Ski Trip Burnsville N.C. at the Jernigan mountain home

> Feb. 18 Dove's Nest 5-7pm

2018 Summer Camp at Gravatt

Registration is open at www.campgravatt.org

Summer camp weeks range from June 1-August 12

> Questions ? Contact Lori Hawkins at Ihredeemer@gmail.com



<u>Photo Directory Available on our</u> <u>Church Website</u>

The Church's pictorial directory has been uploaded to the Church's website. Follow these steps to access it:'

- 1. Go to the website, **www.corgsc.org**.
- 2. Click on the "Members Only" tab in the middle of the top of the home page.
- When you are on the page with "Welcome to the Members Area," click on the "People" tab at the top. This will open a drop down window – click on "2017 Photo Directory"
- 4. Click on the picture of the Church and enter the code provided right above the picture.

You can now access Redeemer's address, phone and email information from your computer, tablet or smart phone! It is available only to members of our Redeemer website. If you are not a member, go to the website and become one today!

Pastoral Care Ministry – Transportation

There have been requests from time to parishioner transportation time for needs (doctor office visits, pick up prescriptions, to and from hospitals the 8:30/10:30 treatments. attend Sunday Wednesday and church Pastoral Care is looking to services). develop a list of individuals who would be willing to help with such transportation needs.

If you feel that this might be a ministry that the Lord is calling you to help with please contact Sue Bannio (864.277.4562, <u>parishadmin@corgsc.org</u>) or Greg Brown (Pastoral Care Leader 864.346.9124, <u>gregdbrown2@juno.com</u>)

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opportunity and the privilege to embrace this ministry with Gary.

In order to launch Gary's ministry in the Ukraine, a one-time investment must be raised in the amount of \$9,105.00. This amount will cover travel and visa expenses, initial one-time home setup, language school in the Ukraine, ITeams training and support for the mission launch, and other necessary incidentals. In order to come along side of Gary in God's call for his life, Redeemer established a fund has to cover these one-time costs. Also, in order to help fund this effort, a generous donor has offered a dollar-fordollar matching grant for the first \$4,000 raised. This will double any donation that each of us would be willing to make to launch this important work.

In addition to this one-time mission investment, although Gary has dedicated all of his retirement income (Social Security and Pension) to self-fund his ministry, due to the higher cost of living in the Ukraine he is not able to fully cover his ongoing, monthly living and mission expenses. This shortfall is approximately \$650 (\$300 in living expenses and \$350 in mission expenses). The Vestry at Redeemer has committed to meet the \$300 monthly personal living shortfall from our Extended Missions budget. As a result, only the ongoing monthly financial commitment of \$350 is needed from individuals willing to pull together to embrace this mission with Gary by covering the cost of the mission work that Gary is unable to self-fund.

I hope that you will consider being part of this mission. If you can commit to help fund the launch and/or support the ongoing mission, you can send your donation, or pledge of support to The Church of the Redeemer with "Ukraine Mission" in the memo line. Your gift will not only go far in helping the victims of war, but I have no doubt that it will also bring joy to your life and life to our church.

Thank you for being God's face in the world.

Scott+



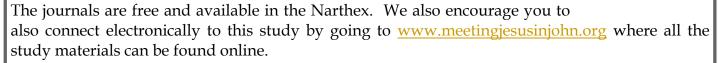
Dear Redeemer,

I would like to invite you all to participate in our 2018 Lenten journey. This year we will embrace and engage a devotional entitled Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John. On a daily basis, we will read a short passage from John's Gospel based on a weekly theme and have the opportunity to write down a few sentences on our prayerful thoughts on that day's passage.

Then each week we will come together on Wednesday evenings for a meal and discussion about that weeks theme. Our journey will look like this:

Week 1 – God is Love Week 3 - Close To The Father's Heart Week 4 - I Have Called You Friends Week 5 - Abide in Me

Week 2 - The Word Became Flesh Week 6 – We Declare To You



Let's be intentional as we walk through Lent so that we can fully embrace the Joy of Easter.

Faithfully, Scott+





Gary Powell The Church of the Redeemer's Missionary to the Ukraine

I want to tell you about the amazing journey God has mapped out for me that will enable me to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Little did I know it at the time, but my journey began when I joined The Church of the Redeemer mission team that traveled to rural Mexico to work at an orphanage by the name of Casa Hogar La Familia. This experience with the mission team in Mexico led me to seek mission trip opportunities in both India and Africa.

Then 3-1/2 years ago I moved to Thailand to work with Pakistani and Sri Lankan Christian refugees who are fleeing persecution for their belief in Jesus. They are an amazing testimony to their faith in God. My work in Thailand and the commitment I observed among the refugees I worked with inspired me and gave me the passion to commit to working as a missionary for as long as I am able.

I do not think life is a coincidence. I believe God plans each of our journeys in life and puts us where He wants us. My foundation in God's word and my purpose in life continued to grow with the time I spent in Asia.

God's path led me to an organization called International Teams Mission (ITeams). This is a group of Christians who are totally focused on Jesus Christ and work throughout the world with the under privileged, the forgotten and the persecuted. ITeams goal is to see to it that no one is invisible, and everyone has access to food, freedom and forgiveness. With Jesus and with each other, I know in my heart we can make life better for these refugees.

I will be serving in a city in the southwestern part of the Ukraine working with refugees who are called "internally displaced" people which means that many of them – along with other persecuted people — are victims of the ongoing war in Crimea. I will be specifically assigned to work with Roma Gypsies living in camps outside the city.

Christ told his followers, "come see, follow me". I am asking you to join me in my walk with Christ and to be a part of this journey to show the love of Jesus. As part of ITeams, I am choosing to live in a way that reflects Jesus. And you can too. One way you can is to help fund my ministry in the Ukraine. I would enjoy an opportunity to meet with you, answer any questions you may have about my work as a missionary and ask you to prayerfully consider helping me financially to travel to the Ukraine and begin doing the work God has called me to do. I am looking for any amount of funding — no amount is too small — that will enable me to answer God's call. All I need is enough funding to cover the cost to travel to the Ukraine, the cost of doing my work with the refugees and the cost to live modestly. I have already pledged 100% of my social security and my pension to partially cover my expenses.

Thank you for joining me in mission.

In Christ,

Gary Powell GSPOWELL52@GMAIL.COM

Redeemer Outreach

OPEN HOUSE at The Mother Teresa House

Join us for an OPEN HOUSE at the Mother Teresa House on the weekend of Feb 24-25th to celebrate our One Year Opening! Stop by 110 James Drive on Saturday, Feb 24 from 3:30pm - 5:00pm or Sunday, Feb. 25 from 9:00am - 10:00am or 12:00pm - 1:00pm. Look forward to meeting you! All are welcome to come learn more about this great mission of ARCUM

Mother Teresa House, located at 110 James Drive in the Pleasant Valley Neighborhood, is a renovated residence purchased by Our Lady of the Rosary Parish and totally refurbished with Parish volunteer help and donations, to serve as a social outreach center for the Pleasant Valley Neighborhood, the Shemwood Apartment complex, and the homeless population residing in the 5 motels across Augusta and Mauldin Roads.

While totally dependent on church and other donor funding to cover operations costs, the mission of Mother Teresa House is to provide a safe space where residents of the communities can come for direct help in the areas of emergency food assistance, nursing-based medical care with some physician participation, and telephonic referral to other Greenville agencies offering a large variety to the poor and the disadvantaged. Our goal is to increase the hours of operation as the demand for the services increases.

Samaritan House

We are collecting **Macaroni and Cheese** for Samaritan House for the month of February. Your generosity in providing food for others is greatly appreciated!!! Thank you!

LENTEN SUPPER & STUDY

Lenten Suppers begin on

Wednesday, Feb. 21

- Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm
- Supper at 6: 30pm
- Meeting Jesus study 7:00pm

Various groups in the Parish will be asked to prepare the meals each week. Please be generous in your response to the call. Reserve your Lenten WEDNESDAYS for this event. Equip - Engage -Embrace Join the Journey of Discipleship!

Every Sunday at 9:40am

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Are you receiving our monthly edition of Echoes in the mail?

If you have not received Echoes, call the parish office to find out why. If you have, please share it with friends! Want to help fold Echoes? Email Sue to find out the next date for folding...many hands make light work.

Contributions of photos, articles or events for Echoes are always welcome. Please submit by the 22nd of the month.

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February Readings					
Date	1 st Reading	Psalms	2nd Reading	Gospel	
February 4	Exodus 20:1-17	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22	
February 11	Numbers 21:4-9	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21	
February 18	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 51:1-13	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33	
February 25	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Psalm 22:22-30	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38	

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Flowers on the altar *are more than just an* adornment for the front of our sanctuary. It is an historical tradition to show our thanks and humility to the Lord. It is a symbol of recognition of His Glory. Dedicating the offering in the name of someone is a great honor. **Our 2018** Altar dedication book is on the communication table for special dedications to be made. Special requests for flower type, color or arrangement style can be noted. Dedications are only \$35, but the awe of honoring his Glory cannot be measured.

Financial Stewardship 2018

Thank you to all who made a Financial Pledge for 2018. Your continued support is very much appreciated and your generosity will permit The Church of the Redeemer to do more throughout the year. Although our official financial campaign is over, the call for us to be responsible Stewards continues. If you have not made a commitment for 2018 please consider doing so. There is great joy in the intentional returning of a portion of your blessing to the work of God. Again, Thank You!

> Faithfully, Your stewardship committee Jack Blackburn (Vestry), Wallace Lightsey (Vestry), Dot Sanders, & Steve Webb

THANK YOU!

A great big thank you to the congregation for the thoughtful appreciation gifts we received!! It is so nice to be appreciated in January with a surprise gift of flowers.

Thank you for all of the appreciation "gifts" you send us through out the year! We are blessed to work with this special people of God.

> God bless you all, The Redeemer Staff

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February • Ministry Schedule					
	February 4	February 11 February 18		February 25	
8:30 am Greeters	Debbie Bauer Elizabeth Koontz	Carol Hallman Fay Chadwick	Diane & Bill Campbell	Kathy & Larry Shugart	
Crucifer	Katie Broderick	Bill Lee	Debbie Price	George Poleski	
Lector 1	Margaret Lee	Bill Heizer	David Mill	Andrea Helm	
Lector 2	Judy Planck	Wallace Lightsey	Wallace Lightsey Meta Goodman		
Altar Guild	Dick & Margaret Lee	Betsy Walt Susan Butler			
10:30 am Greeters	Sue & Hooper Skardon	Margaret Lee Meredith Manker	Robin & David Mill	Gretchen & Craig Grounsell	
Crucifer	Thomas Jennings	Matthew Derrick	Riley Hawkins	Will Derrick	
Banner	Will Jennings	Ryan Ginn	Samantha Warren	Joseph Ethan Hawkins	
Torch 1	Jackie Houston	Sadie Butchko	Malain Houston	Sarah Meade	
Torch 2	Malain Houston	Jonny Witham	Jackie Houston	Maggie Plante	
Lector 1	Rod Snelson	Betty Boesch	Joe Butchko	Cynthia Wilson	
Lector 2	Katie Houston	Phyllis Webb	Katie Houston	Dot Sanders	
2nd Chalice	Betty Boesch	Meg Coffey	Stephany Austell	Betty Boesch	
Altar Guild	Margie Hankinson Katie Broderick	Janet Poleski Jane Anderson	Bricelyn Cantey Judy Derrick	Cindy Wilson Stephany Austell	
Flower Guild	Lauren McCullough	Louise Heizer	Jane Anderson Robin Mill	June Moore Louise Heizer	
Counters	David Mill Steve Webb	Meg Coffey Bill Lee John Helm John Warren		Carol Hallman Cynthia Eason	



February Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Tony Russo
- 5 John Snyder John Helm Trip Ethridge
- 6 Scott Derrick
- 7 Margaret Clark
- 8 Bill Campbell

- 16 Nancy Culbertson
- 18 Jacob Lightsey
- 24 Louise Heizer
 - Gabrielle Russo
- 27 Lee Quinn
- 27 Ted Sanders
- 28 Sharon and Doug Parrott

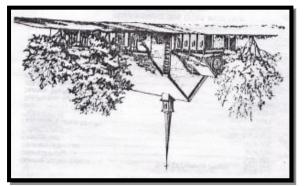
We apologize if your birthday or anniversary does not appear. Please notify the parish office (parishadmin@corscg.org) to help update our records.

FEBRUARY

2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Redeemer's Rhythm for a Christian Life 1. Pray Daily 2. Gather in Worship Weekly 3. Study Faithfully 4. Serve Others 5. Share Your Story 6. Give Generously			1	2 EYC SKI TRIP	3 11:00am AA Meeting (Purser Hall) AL-ANON Meeting (Transept) 5:00 pm Hispanic Service	
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Come Join Us! Worship times: Worship times & 10:30am Holy Eucharist Wednesday 10:30am Healing Prayer & Holy Eucharist



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