

# The Trumpet

Psalm 150:3a

Redeemer Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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## Member Spotlight: Stewart & Lynda Teasley



Stewart & Lynda moved here last year from California (joining quite a number of transplanted Californians at Redeemer.) They have 4 grown children; 3 are in the Dallas area. Wendy, her husband & 2 children live in Forney; Michael & his wife & son live in Carrollton; & Craig lives in Murphy. Daughter Kristin is in Colorado with her husband & 2 of his sons. In the picture with Nana & PawPaw are Michael's son Lance (center) along with Wendy's daughter & son, Chelsey & Kyle.

Both Stewart & Lynda are retired. Stewart retired from Boeing. Lynda worked as an office manager most of her career for Coldwell Banker Real Estate, and also for their church in California. Since retirement, they enjoy traveling, including an annual ski trip to Utah with family. They have also been on trips to Greece and Italy, tracing the apostle Paul's second missionary journey and his final days and execution in Rome. These trips led them to a deeper appreciation of Paul's letters and life. While they enjoy traveling, they have been saddened to observe the church's influence fading in much of the world.

Lynda was born in Gilmer, TX (east of Dallas) and raised on the family farm with

her two sisters. Her grandparents lived on the farm, and when her grandmother had a stroke and was bed ridden, the family moved back to help. Her dad also passed away while she was in junior high. She was raised in a small country Baptist church near home and attended twice on Sunday and Wednesday evening. She came to know the Lord as Savior while a teenager.

Stewart was raised in Greenville, SC and attended Georgia Tech. In 1993 he was working for Rockwell and was transferred to California where they lived until returning to Dallas. Stewart's only close relative is a younger brother living in the old family home in Greenville. His brother is married with two children and involved in the church there.

Stewart has been a lifelong member of the PCUSA in South Carolina, Dallas, and California. Both he and Lynda were very active in church; Stewart served 15 years as an elder for two churches. He also chaired a Pastor Nominating Committee and served on the Orange County Jail Ministry. Lynda served as deacon and elder and chaired the Missions Committee and the evening women's small group. When they returned to Dallas in 2006

they made the decision to change to the PCA, and quickly settled on Redeemer because of the friendly congregation and the Bible based preaching. Lynda comments that the recent potluck lunch reminds her of the monthly dinners at church while growing up – "You know who the good cooks were and made sure you got to their dish first." Many recipes she uses today are from dishes these ladies brought to share.

**How is God working today?** God was working in their hearts for some time telling them they needed to be closer to the family, to spend time with them & watch the grandchildren grow up & be part of their lives. God lovingly brought closure to their commitments to their church & friends in California as they prepared to move.

The first Sunday they visited Redeemer, they had their daughter and two of the grandchildren with them. From the moment they walked in the front door, the warm welcome from members and the preaching of the word was God's way of telling them, "This is your new home." Now, Stewart is leading a Crown Ministry Biblical Financial study and Lynda has joined the Monday night women's bible study and is Chair of the Social Committee for WIC.

## Report from the Session

**Adult Sunday School**  
**New Spring Series:**  
**“Building Our Spiritual Home”**

Starting in March, Elder Buck Clark will lead a six week Biblically based topical study on Building Our Spiritual Home.

The series will include each week:  
1. The Blueprints, 2. The Foundation, 3. The Framing, 4. The Entry Way, 5. The Family Room, and 6. The Kitchen.

**No report submitted.**

As the children of the Household of God, we hope you will come and be a part of these exciting insights.

Proverbs 24:3-4

*“Through wisdom a house is build, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.”*



## March Birthdays



Maggie

Calloway

3-1

Esther Hamill 3-1

Samuel Lovelace 3-2

Alyssa Yates 3-4

Shana Clark 3-11

John Meintjes 3-16

Peggy Calloway 3-17

Ed Kaylor 3-17

Marilyn Phagan 3-18

Laura Anderson 3-20

Harrison Bryner 3-23

Paul Rogers 3-25

Jackson Anderson 3-29

Chris Broadfoot 3-29

Lilly Burgess 3-30

Howard Van Pelt 3-30



# Pastor's Column

## “THE GIVER GOD LOVES”

As noted previously, we are taking the next few months to look at biblical stewardship as the officers of the church call on us to take a look at our giving to the general fund of the church in support of her ministry, as well as present a plan to retire our debt on our new building over the next five years. Last month we looked at our contentment in God alone and this month I want us to look at the type of giving and giver God loves.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NIV): *Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

A man once committed to giving God a certain percentage of his income for the rest of his life. The first week he gave a dollar. But soon it had increased to \$10. God prospered him, and his giving reached \$100, then \$200 per week. In time this man reached the level of giving \$500 per week to the Lord. He then visited his pastor in concern. “Do you remember that promise I made years ago? How can I get released? At first it was a dollar. Now it is \$500. I can’t afford to give away money like that!” The wise pastor replied, “I can’t get your released from the promise you made, but here is what I can do. We can kneel down and ask God to shrink your income so that you can afford to give a dollar again!”

This man’s story illustrates what is so characteristic of the fallen human heart. The more of the earth’s good we gain, the less able we are to part with them. And so with this man. As God prospered him and brought him an abundance, he found it harder and harder to give according to his promised commitment. Though his giving had increased astronomically, he was in fact sowing sparingly. He felt under compulsion. He could not give cheerfully. So the Apostle Paul extols the God esteeming virtue of generosity. He adds the profound observation that God loves those who can part with their earthly riches cheerfully for the sake of His Kingdom.

Consider these verses that remind us of what God promises to those He loves:

**Malachi 3:10** - *Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.*

**Luke 6:38** - *Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*

Prayer – Gracious Lord, help me to be the kind of giver you love. May my giving always be cheerful. May I experience Your joy as I seek to do what you have commanded for Your church. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Soli Deo Gloria!!*

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# Associate Pastor's Page

## What is Covenant Theology?

The Covenant with Abraham Continued

*Saints of Redeemer, as we continue to study the notion of infant baptism in conjunction with the Covenant of Grace with Abraham, Dr. Samuel Miller continues to shed light on common objections raised against paedobaptism.*

4. It is objected, that *Jesus Christ himself was not baptized until he was thirty years of age; and, therefore, it is inferred, that his disciples ought not to be baptized until they reach adult age.* To this objection I reply.

(1.) Christ was baptized by John. Now, it is certain that John's baptism was not Christian baptism; for it is evident from the Acts of the apostles (chap. 19:1-5) that those who were baptized by John were baptized over again, "in the name of the Lord Jesus." Besides, it is evident from the whole passage that the baptism of Christ by John was an essentially different thing from baptism as now practised in the Christian church. The ministry of John the Baptist was a dispensation, if we may say so, intermediate between the Old and the New Testament economies. And, as our blessed Lord thought proper to "fulfil all righteousness" (Matt. 3:15), he submitted to the baptismal rite which marked that dispensation. Besides, under the Old Testament economy, when the high priest first entered on his holy office, he was solemnly washed with water. And that officer, we know, was wont to come to the discharge of his functions at "about thirty years of age," the very age at which our Saviour was baptized, and entered on his public ministry. In like manner, when the "great High Priest of our profession" (Heb. 4:14), Christ Jesus, entered on his public ministry, he thought proper to comply with the same ceremony, that he might accomplish the prophecy, and fulfil all the typical representations concerning the Saviour which had been left on record in the Old Testament scriptures. The baptism of Christ, then, has no reference to this controversy, and cannot be made to speak either for or against our practice in regard to this ordinance. But,

(2.) If this argument has any force, it proves more than our Baptist brethren are willing to allow: namely, that no person ought to be baptized under thirty years of age. So that even a real Christian, however clear his evidences of faith and repentance, though he be *twenty, twenty-five* or even *twenty-nine* years of age, must in no case think of being baptized until he has reached the full age of thirty a consequence so replete with absurdity, that the simple statement of it is enough to insure its refutation.

5. A fifth objection continually made by our Baptist brethren is, that *infants are not capable of those spiritual acts or exercises which the New Testament requires in order to a proper reception of the ordinance of baptism.* Thus the language of the New Testament on various occasions is, "Repent, and be baptized. Believe, and be baptized. If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest be baptized. They that gladly received the word were baptized. Many of the Corinthians, having believed, were baptized" (Acts 2:38; 2:41; 8:37; 18:8). In short, say our Baptist brethren, as baptism is acknowledged on all hands to be a "seal of the righteousness of faith" (Rom. 4:11); and as infants are altogether incapable of exercising faith: it is, of course, not proper to baptize them.

In answer to this objection, my first remark is, that all those exhortations to faith and repentance, as prerequisites to baptism, which we find in the New Testament, are addressed to *adult persons*. And when *we* are called to instruct adult persons, who have never been baptized, we always address them precisely in the same way in which the apostles did. We exhort them to repent and believe, and we say, just as Philip said, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest" be baptized. But this does not touch the question respecting the infant seed of believers. It only shows that when adults are baptized, such a qualification is to be urged, and such a profession required. And in this, all Pædobaptists unanimously agree.

But still our Baptist brethren, unsatisfied with this answer, insist that, as infants are not capable of exercising faith, as they are not capable of acting either intelligently or voluntarily in the case at all, they cannot be considered as the proper recipients of an ordinance which is represented as a "seal of the righteousness of faith." This objection is urged with unceasing confidence, and not seldom accompanied with a sneer or even ridicule, at the idea of applying a covenant seal to those who are incapable of either understanding, or giving their consent, to the transaction. It is really, my friends, enough to make one shudder to think how often, and how unceremoniously language of this kind is employed by those who acknowledge that *infants of eight days old*, were once, and that by express divine appointment, made the subjects of

## *Women In the Church*

**"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together."**

Psalm 34:3 (NASB)

For everyone who participated in the Angle Tree Ministry at Christmas, the following letter will surely bless you. Connie Caldwell sent a Christmas card and wrote a letter to each of the prisoners to let them know that we had given Christmas gifts to their children for them and Mr. McIntyre responded. Now if for some reason you were unable to take part in the Angle Tree Ministry in the past, I hope this will encourage you to do so this coming Christmas season. What a special blessing to be able to help those in need from our own abundance!

Dear Ms. Caldwell and Members of Redeemer Presbyterian Church,

I really appreciate your time, help and love. God is so good. Especially, Connie, for you to take the time out and write me, send me a card, really touches me. I have tears of joy rolling down my face as I write you back. God is good all the time, and all the time God is good.

I love my children, and for the past 12 years, I've sent them presents through Angel Tree, and not once has someone taken the time to write me and say, Jesus loves you and so do I. I really appreciate your time, beautiful card, and awesome words inside.

I will not keep you too much longer. Just please pray for me, my family also. I'm truly standing in the need of prayer. If it's possible can you please send me a Bible? King James Version if possible. Well I know you are very busy, so I'm a closin'. I appreciate everything. My kidz does also. I'm close if you have time, I would love to hear from you again.

Thank you very much. May God continue to Bless!  
In Christ's love truly,  
Anthony McIntyre

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Since the newsletter is late, I can write about the weekend retreat WIC had on March 2nd and 3rd at the church. We met on Friday evening for dinner, which was supplied by Potbelly Sandwiches, delivered to us by Darrell Clark. Everyone ate to our heart's content the great sandwiches and of course, we had some really good desserts. Rebekah Aillet made the beautiful flower centerpieces, which were given to each speaker and then to 2 of our sick sisters. Our speaker for the evening was Carol Lenhard, Director of Hope Resource Center McKinney. Carol did a wonderful job of explaining the ministry of HRCM and challenging us to get involved. After a break, we made some book marks for HRCM and then some of us went home to bed and others stayed and played some fun games. Saturday morning breakfast was supplied by Lynda Teasley and her helpers. It was fabulous consisting of lots of fresh fruit, homemade cinnamon rolls, banana nut bread, bagels etc and again we all ate plenty! Adrienne Dagley had us sing some of her favorite hymns & choruses, which set the tone for the day. Our project for the morning was to write personal notes to the new mothers at HRCM. We used some cards which Rebekah Lovelace had gotten for us and each lady wrote 4 or 5 notes. Dr. Elizabeth Ritz was our Saturday speaker and she talked to us about what it means to counsel biblically. We all wished we had recorded her talk, as it was very helpful! Our lunch was supplied by Jason's Deli, a delicious pasta dish and dessert was individual cheese cakes. Again we each ate lots...does this sound like the weekend was mostly eating? Not Really!! We were encouraged by 2 wonderful speakers and had lots of special fellowship. I hope next time those of you who were unable to attend will be there, because we missed you! A special thank you to Adrienne & Rebekah L. for their hard work! Grace and peace, Linda Clark, President WIC

# *Pray for the Persecuted Church*

## **INDIA Pastor's Conference Attacked by Hindu Militants/Christian Martyred for Christ – VOM Sources**

- On February 2, a pastor's conference in Raipur, Chhattisgarh state was attacked by about 100-500 members of the Hindu militant group Dharam Sena. At least 10 Christian leaders were injured and property and money stolen. Pray God heals all those injured and that believers remain faithful.
- On Saturday, February 10, 58-year-old Christian, S. Stanley, was stabbed and killed by rioting youth in front of his house in Pavaloor, Kerala State, India. Youths assembled in front of his house shouting blasphemous abuses against Christians. When Stanley and his wife asked the youths to leave, they became angry and stoned the house. While Stanley was inside the house calling the police, the attackers climbed over the locked gate, entered the house and stabbed him several times on his back, neck and stomach. His wife was also assaulted, VOM contacts said. Pray for the family of this brother, especially his wife who sustained injuries from the beatings. **Isaiah 48: 13; Psalm 41:3**

## **LAOS Christian Homes Destroyed in Fire – VOM Sources**

Twenty Christian families in Khmu village lost their homes and bamboo church in an accidental fire. About 150 people are in urgent need of blankets, mattresses, clothing and building materials. Relief supplies are on the way from a ministry in Laos which is helping these believers. Khmu Christians in Laos already have many difficulties because they follow Jesus; this recent fire adds extra burdens. Pray for God's provision for these families, especially since it is winter in Laos. Pray their testimony and reliance on God will bring others to Christ. **2 Corinthians 1:3-6**

## **INDONESIA Muslim Mob Attack House Church – VOM Sources**

This week 50 Muslim fundamentalists stormed a house church in an Indonesian village, questioning the use of the house for church services. According to VOM sources the mob raided the house disrupting the service and smashing a keyboard. Christians in the village are afraid and leaders are considering moving the house church to another area. **Psalm 138:3, Psalm 32:7**

## **CHINA UPDATE: House Church Leader Released – China Aid Association**

On Monday, February 5, 2007, Liu Fenggang was released after serving three years in prison. The well known house church leader expressed appreciation for the help his family received while he was in prison. "I am thankful of God's grace and the prayers and letters from brothers and sisters all over the world. The suffering my wife and son had to endure is nothing compared to the martyred brothers and sisters in China. I will continue to stand up for this just cause for which I am called to speak up for the persecuted," Liu said. **1 Corinthians 15:57, Psalm 41:2**

VOM urges Americans to pray for Christians in China. You can also write to the Chinese government asking for the release of Christians. Go to [www.prisoneralert.com](http://www.prisoneralert.com) for more information

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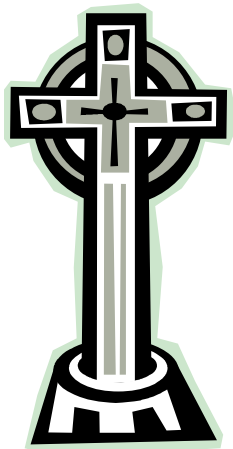
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circumcision. Now circumcision is expressly said by the apostle to be a "seal of the righteousness of faith" (Rom. 4:11), as well as baptism. But were children of eight days old then capable of exercising faith, when they were circumcised, more than they are now when they are baptized? Surely the objection before us is as valid in the one case as in the other. And, whether our Baptist brethren perceive it or not, all the charges of "absurdity" and "impiety" which they are so ready to heap on infant baptism, are just as applicable to infant circumcision as to infant baptism. Are they, then, willing to say that the application of a "seal of the righteousness of faith" to unconscious infants, of eight days old, who, of course, could not exercise faith, was, under the old economy, preposterous and absurd? Are they prepared thus to "charge God foolishly?" (Job 1:22). Yet they must do it, if they would be consistent. They cannot escape from the shocking alternative. Every harsh and contemptuous epithet which they apply to infant baptism, must, if they would adhere to the principles which they lay down, be applied to infant circumcision. But that which unavoidably leads to such a consequence cannot be warranted by the word of God.

After all, the whole weight of the objection, in this case, is founded on an entire forgetfulness of the main principle of the pædobaptist system. It is forgotten that in every case of infant baptism, faith is required, and, if the parents be sincere, is actually exercised. But it is required of the parents, not of the children. So that, if the parent really presents his child in faith, the spirit of the ordinance is entirely met and answered. It was this principle which gave meaning and legitimacy to the administration of the corresponding rite under the old dispensation. It was because the parents were visibly within the bond of the covenant, that their children were entitled to the same blessed privilege. The same principle precisely applies under the New Testament economy. Nor does it impair the force of this consideration to allege, that parents, it is feared, too often present their children, in this solemn ordinance, without genuine faith. It is, indeed, probable that this is often lamentably the fact. But so it was, we cannot doubt, with respect to the corresponding ordinance, under the old dispensation. Yet their circumcision was neither invalidated, nor rendered unmeaning, by this want of sincerity on the part of the parent. It was sufficient for the visible administration that faith was visibly professed. When our Baptist brethren administer the ordinance of baptism to one who professes to repent and believe, but who is not sincere in this profession, they do not consider his want of faith as divesting the ordinance of either its warrant or its meaning. The administration may be regular and scriptural, while the recipient is criminal, and receives no spiritual benefit. It is, in every case, the profession of faith which gives the right, in the eye of the church, to the external ordinance. The want of sincerity in this profession, while it deeply inculcates the hypocritical individual, affects not either the nature or the warrant of the administration.

*More from Dr. Miller in next month's issue.*



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