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THE VOICE OF REDEEMER

June & July 2011

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PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

May 21, 2011

Dear Partners in Ministry;

The preacher in Ecclesiastes writes in chapter 1 “Vanity of vanities! All is vanity. What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun?” And then “I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after the wind.” And in chapter 2 “I made great works; I built houses and planted vineyards for myself. I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them; I kept my heart from no pleasure.” He goes on to write “Then I considered all that my hands had done and toil I had spent in doing it, and again, all was vanity and a chasing after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.”

Vanity is defined by Webster’s Dictionary and Nelson’s Illustrated Bible Dictionary as “an excessive belief in one’s own abilities or attractiveness to others and is considered as a form of self-idolatry, arrogance and pride.” The writer of Ecclesiastes defines vanity as the ultimate in fruitlessness of man’s efforts in this world. Jesus tells us what is it worth if I gain everything in the world and lose my soul in the bargain (paraphrased). He also says to us “where you treasure is, so too is your heart.” Sometimes we ourselves become our treasures. Our future, our comfortableness, our wants and desires become our focus of our hearts.

Pride and arrogance sometimes gets in the way of our being the people God wants us and calls us to be. We feel because we are “older, younger, have more experience, have seniority” that we know better than others how things should be done. We want it our way or no way because we see it about us. A story is told about the old timer in the congregation who voted against anything and everything, unless he had been approached first and had given his approval. A young, bare foot, and roughly dressed, long haired young man came into the church one morning as the service began and approached the old timer and asked if he could come in and rest and

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WORSHIP IN JUNE & JULY

- Sunday 9:15 a.m. Educational Hour
 Teens~Adults~Children
 10:30 a.m. Worship / HC
 11:30 Gathering Time
One Service Only / Nursery Provided

Coming- in June

Vacation Bible School 6-8 pm

5-10 June

Book Lovers Group 4:30 9 June

Second Sunday Covered-Dish Lunch 12:00 12 June

Young at Hearts 11:30 14 June

Jazz Appreciation 6:30

Thursday 16 June, & 10:00

Saturday 18 June

Council Meeting 12:00 19 June

Coming- in July

Jazz Appreciation 6:30

Thursday 7 July, & 10:00

Saturday 9 July

Second Sunday Covered-Dish Lunch 12:00 10 July

Communion Schedule

Table Communion—1st and 3rd, Sunday of the month

Intinction—2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday of

Partners in Ministry *continued*

worship with the congregation, stepping back the old timer told him he was not dressed appropriately nor were “hippies” allowed to come into his church and to leave before he called the police. The young man, with tears in his eyes said I thought everyone was welcome in church, to which the old timer said, not in mine. With that the young man turned and left. The Gospel lesson for that day was Luke 19:44, “They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.”

Sometimes we think more of our positions and status than that of others. Sometimes we place more emphasis on what we want and have than the needs of others. Sometimes we miss the point that what we have, are blessings rather than belongings. Blessings which are meant to be shared in the moment and not hoarded for the future.

The question invariably asked, “should not we save something for our old age?” The answer is certainly. Save that which you will need, not what you desire. Save for the future while remembering we live in the present. Save for future needs while not forgetting the needy.

God has blessed us in many ways and by sharing those blessings they become treasures in heaven and not futile vanity.

“Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.”

Your Partner in Ministry,

Jim Braswell

Jim Braswell, Pastor

Council Meeting Minutes

15 May 2011

Members Present: Pastor Braswell, Bo Phillips, Jonas Strecker, Vic Vankus, Paul Lyles, Doug Malloy, Raymond Lawton, Kelly Lambert, and Anne Roesel. Amie Harmon and Donna Rocker were excused.

Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer

Council elected the following to office:

President – Jonas Strecker

Vice-President – Donna Hellwig Rocker

Treasurer – Paul Lyles

Secretary – Anne Roesel

Pastor’s Report:

- Pastor has made numerous visits to members and prospective members, as well as hospital visits and counseling sessions
 - Pastor will be on vacation 15-30 June.
- Pastor will be on sabbatical 4-31 July.

Correspondence:

We received a letter from Bishop Gordy thanking us for our contribution last year.

Treasurer’s Report:

We continue to take in less money than we spend. At the present time, we have money to cover the deficit. But this won’t last forever.

Other Business:

- Committee assignments are as follows:
 - Property – Bo Phillips and Doug Malloy
 - Evangelism – Donna Rocker
 - Worship and music – Amy Harmon and Anne Roesel
 - Stewardship – Vic Vankus and Kelly Lambert

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- Finance – Paul Lyles
- Christian Education – Church office
- Social Ministry – Raymond Lawton
- We are ready for Vacation Bible School. It's not too late to volunteer.
- We need volunteers to teach Sunday school this summer. If you are interested, contact the church office.
- We had one AC unit repaired and one unit replaced.
- Council decided that we will begin to use plates and cups that are bio-degradable and compostable. We will use the plates and cups we currently have first. We will also look into starting a compost pile here.

Respectfully submitted,
Vision Team Secretary

BOOKLOVERS' GROUP

The Book Lovers Group will meet on Thursday June 9th, at 4:30 PM. We will be discussing the book 'The Memory of Running', by Ron McLarty. The following is taken from the book jacket: 'By all accounts, especially his own, Smithson "Smithy" Ide is a loser. An overweight, friendless, chain-smoking, forty-three-year-old drunk, Smithy's life becomes completely unhinged when he loses his beloved parents and long lost sister all within the space of one week. Rolling down the driveway of his parents' house in Rhode Island on his old Raleigh bicycle in an effort to escape his grief, the emotionally bereft Smithy embarks on an epic, hilarious, luminous, and extraordinary journey of discovery and redemption.'

The Book Lovers Group will not meet in July or August.

The Book Lovers Group is open to anyone who enjoys reading books. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Anne Roesel, 474-3555 or 390-3072.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

June 12 is Pentecost. We are looking for people who would be willing to read a part of the first lesson in a language other than English. You will not be speaking alone. We will be reading Act 2: 17-21. The web site biblegateway.com has numerous languages available. Let Anne Roesel know if you are willing to participate.

If you have any questions or concerns about our worship life or our music, please contact a member of the Worship and Music team: Anne Roesel, Beau and Gaye Wood, and Adam Lockamy.

CORRECTIONS TO 2011 DIRECTORY

Kathy Affolter has moved. Her new address is 5228 Forsyth Rd., # 208, Macon 31210.
Frances Roquemore has moved. Her new address is 5471 Thomaston Rd. , Macon 31220.
Eleanor Lagowicz's address is wrong , please change it to 5471 Thomaston Rd.

If you see any corrections to be made, contact the church office.

If you do not have a copy of the 2011 Directory, they are available in the Narthex.

Recycling News

A big thank-you to everyone who participates in a recycling program. Help us save our environment by recycling paper, bottles, cans, plastic containers, plastic bags, magazines, catalogs, and cardboard.

Take your re-usable bags with you when you shop.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held June 5th-10th from 6-8 pm. The theme this year will be: Grounded in Jesus' Parable of the Sower, ReNew: The Green VBS . It's sure to be lots of "green" fun. So, invite your friends to come share in the fun. Registration forms are in the narthex or on-site registration is always available. We will conclude VBS with a pool party at the home of Liz & Doug Malloy on Friday, June 10th.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Beginning June 5th, the cost of Altar flowers will increase to \$47.50.

REMINDER

If you move something because you need it elsewhere or it is in your way where it is, please move it back when you are through.

SOMETHING BORROWED

If you have borrowed anything from the church, please return it as soon as possible.

Food Pantry

Our food pantry is in need of everything at this time. Remember that we need personal care products too. This includes soap, shampoo, toothpaste and the like.

Every Monday and Tuesday we have people who need groceries. Remember when you are out shopping and pick up extras for our pantry.

Stop by anytime to see what else is needed.

Comments and Chuckles

VACATION:

A period of travel and relaxation when you take twice the clothes and half the money you need.

No man needs a vacation so much as the man who has just had one.

A vacation resort is where you go when you are worn out and where you come back from a complete wreck.

The bigger the summer vacation the harder the fall.

LINCOLN:

Once during a debate Lincoln was accused by Douglas of being two-faced. Without hesitation, Lincoln calmly replied, "I leave it to my audience . . . If I had two faces, would I be wearing this one?"

TONGUE:

The tongue is a wet place, and easily slips.

Don't let your tongue say what your head may pay for.

He who has a sharp tongue usually cuts his own throat.

THANK YOU

Dear Christians Friends,

I can't begin to thank you enough for your prayers, card, and visits during my stay in the hospital and re-hab these three months. It was so good to be in church on Mother's Day and to see my friends. Every day I'm getting stronger and fell so much better, thanks to God and your prayers.

Love to all,

Mary Meadows

Update on Pastor Hugh Baumgartner, Jr.

Pastor Baumgartner, Jr. will turn 90 on July 12. His daughter, Patricia Bowles, is asking for cards and letters from people who remember him. She will include these in a memory scrapbook, which she will present to her father on his birthday. She would like to have the cards and letters by mid-June. Her address is as follows:

Patricia Bowles
403 Hollenbeck Rd.
Irmo, SC 29063

Remember this project is a secret.

Minutes of Second Quarter Congregational Meeting

Second Quarter Congregational Meeting

1 May 2011

Jonas Strecker called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

Jonas thanked Amie Craig and Tammy Semmler for serving on council.

Jonas informed the congregation that the following people were nominated to serve a three year term on council:

Jonas Strecker
Bo Phillips
Kelly Lambert

The following person was nominated to fill the un-expired term of Tammy Semmler:
Raymond Lawton

There were no nominations from the congregation.

The nominees were approved by a unanimous vote.

Respectively submitted,

Council Secretary

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

We need volunteers to teach summer Sunday school for Grace Place. No teaching experience is required. The curriculum will be provided. We need teachers for every Sunday in June, July, and August. Contact the church office if you are interested.

ZUMBA CLASS

Are you having trouble finding time to exercise? Do you avoid gym memberships? Do you like to dance? Are you shy about taking group fitness classes? Do you wish you spent more time with your Redeemer family? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then you should plan to come to Zumba class! Every Monday night at 6:00, Julie Strecker will be offering Zumba classes in the Fellowship hall. All are welcome: women, men, girls, boys, members, non-members, dancers and the uncoordinated. :) Email or call Julie if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

Julie's phone number is 320-9341. Her e-mail address is jvanoojen@hotmail.com.

The President Speaks

Dear Redeemer Family,

It's summer time! School's out, the sun's out, Pastor will be out (for his well-deserved vacation and sabbatical), and many of us will be out traveling. Unfortunately not everyone can afford a vacation; some don't have the money, some can't leave their elderly or sick family members behind, some have been hit by a natural disaster or sudden illness. Do you know who never takes a vacation? God. He simply can't afford to close His doors and take off. Not even for one minute. That's why it is important that we also don't stop doing what He's calling us to do, regardless of what time of the year it is. Our church will be here, offering a place for worship, fellowship, and education all throughout the summer as it does for the rest of the year. I hope you will be there, too, whether in person or in spirit. Please keep supporting our church even if you can't attend for a while. Once again I'd like to remind everyone of Simply Giving, a convenient option to make sure your weekly or monthly contributions continue even in your absence. Let the church office or Vic Vankus know if you have any questions about the benefits of Simply Giving.

On another note, Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. Please help us advertise the event to friends and colleagues. Its theme this year will be *Renew*. Lessons will focus on taking care of God's world in a spiritual and environmental way. Inspired by that motto, church council has decided to start using biodegradable plates and cups for all church events once we run out of our current supplies. The new dinnerware will be corn- or sugar-based and can be composted or will decompose in landfills. We can order supplies in bulk at the price of 10€ a plate. If you are interested in buying such environmentally friendly supplies for a private party, you will be able to do so through the church. More information will follow soon.

Have a peaceful summer!

Jonas Strecker, President

NEWS, REMINDERS & UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED



Those serving in June

Acolyte

5 Margaret Peth
12 Molly Craig
19 Zack Lambert
26

Crucifer

Corley Peth
Niko Anderson
Melissa Smith

Asst. Minister

Jay Kramer
Raymond Lawton

Reader

Randy Blank
Eileen Carlson
Molly Craig
Desiree Erthal

Usher

5 Jennifer & Dave Peth
12 Donna & Terry Rohn
19 Bill Lober & Gene Lorenz
26 Randy & Sue Blank

Altar Guild

No communion
Donna & Terry Rohn
Gaye & Beau Wood
No communion

Sponsoring Altar Flowers

Dan & Desiree Erthal
Stan & LeeAnne Purvis
Anne Roesel
Joe Kraft

Flower Delivery

5 Desiree Erthal
12 Jalaine Ward
19 Donna Rohn
26 Cameron Tibbetts

Council Closing for the month of June

Donna Rocker & Doug Malloy



Those serving in July

Acolyte

3
10 Margaret Peth
17 Molly Craig
24 Zack Lambert
31 Matthew Kraft

Crucifer

Matthew Kraft
Corley Peth
Melissa Smith
Niko Anderson
Jacob Kraft

Asst. Minister

Teri Kramer
Jay Kramer

Reader

Amy Harmon
Catherine Hawkins
Merle Hazard
Jacob Kraft
Joe Kraft

Usher

3 Dan & Desiree Erthal
10 Jennifer & Dave Peth
17 Terry & Donna Rohn
24 Paul Lyles & Stan Purvis
31 Stan Semmler & Lars Anderson

Altar Guild

John & Frankie Butt
Joanne Hutchinson & Beth Perry
No communion
No communion
Ronda Butler & Beppie Lyles

Sponsoring Altar Flowers

Jay & Teri Kramer
John & Frankie Butt
Bo & Sherry Phillips
Gene & Johnnie Lorenz
Beppie Lyles

Flower Delivery

3 George Saunders
10 Randy & Sue Blank
17 Beppie Lyles
24 Jonas & Julie Strecker
31 Desiree Erthal

Council Closing for the month of July

Amy Harmon & Raymond Lawton

Young at Hearts



Young at Hearts will meet on Tuesday June 14th for food, fellowship, and Bingo. Lunch will be served at 12:00. Call the church office if you plan to attend.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June		3	Cameron Tibbetts
1	Matthew Kraft	5	William Parks
5	Helen Martin	6	Carole Ann Moses
8	Mary Unterspan	11	Mark Perry
10	George Saunders	12	Bill Ohrstrom
12	Tonya Puustinen	13	Jack Tibbetts
15	Randy Blank	15	Rebecca Lober
	Liz Malloy		Ashley Parks
18	Adam Purvis		Bo Phillips
19	Johnnie Lorenz	18	Johnny Lee Parks
20	Niko Anderson	19	Kelly Lambert
	Jasmin Strecker	20	Caitlin Harmon
21	Donna Rohn	22	Maxine Anderson
23	Gaye Wood	23	Jackie Ohrstrom
24	Annette Anderson	24	Ruth Mull
	Leah Braswell	25	Susan Tyson
26	Shelia Parks	26	Michele Ferro
		30	Samantha Gibboni
		31	Paul Lyles, Jr.
July			Don Weitz
1	Conner Strong		
2	Jamie Kramer		
	Jeff Pope		

ANNIVERSARIES



June	
8	Stan & LeeAnne Purvis
12	Dan & Desiree Erthal
15	George & Virginia Saunders
July	
1	Jay & Teri Kramer
5	The Rev. Jim & Jeryl Braswell
6	Carl & Fay Wilhelm
8	John & Frances Butt
11	Culas & Joanne Hutchinson

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:15 A.M.—EDUCATION HOUR
FOR CHILDREN~TEENS~ADULTS
9:30 A.M.—GRACE PLACE SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 A.M. CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
10:30 A.M.—WORSHIP / HOLY COMMUNION
ONE SERVICE ONLY—NURSERY PROVIDED

PRAYER REQUESTS



Redeemer Worshipers

Anna Allen, Culas Hutchinson, Bill Loyd

Friends of Redeemer-

Jay Lorenz, grandson of Gene and Johnnie Lorenz, Janet Hamlin, Dr. Bob Parris, Jack Eubanks, Johanna Jernigan and family, Connie Menendez, Charles Karcher

Military: Chandler Kramer, Ben Morris

NOTE: If we have missed your birthday and / or anniversary, or if you are not sure that we have the correct dates, please call the church office. Thank you

COUNCIL VISION TEAM

OFFICERS:

President/Jonas Strecker; Vice President/Donna Rocker, Secretary/Anne Roesel; Treasurer/Paul Lyles

MEMBERS & TEAM APPOINTMENTS:

Evangelism/Donna Rocker, Treasurer-Finance/Paul Lyles; Worship and Music/Anne Roesel and Amy Harmon; Property/Bo Phillips and Doug Malloy; Christian Education/Church Office, Social Ministry/Raymond Lawton; Stewardship/Vic Vankus and Kelly Lambert

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