

The Spirit of Reddington



The Spirit of Reddington Community Newsletter

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From the Editor's Desk

Don't you love Fall? The kids go back to school, the days cool off, God colors our landscape, and we shrug off our summer's lull and breathe life back into our church life. Fantastic!

This fall is going to be truly awesome as we kick off a number of new activities and events at RCC.

We've revamped our Sun-

day Morning Children's program (pg 6); we're kicking off Small Groups (pg 5); we have an amazing Harvest Party planned for October (pg 4); we have an incredible 175th anniversary celebration planned (below); WoW is back with our same great line-up; and Scott is beginning an awesome series entitled *The Signs Of Life*, a 10-week series on

growing Christian maturity.

Our initial Small Group study will explore Scott's messages in detail and take you to a new depth in your spiritual life. In the end, we all make a decision about how far we are willing to take this thing we call Christianity. Jesus said, "So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say?" Luke 6:46

You're invited to RCC's 175th Anniversary!

It's here! It's here! The big celebration day has finally arrived! Boy have we got a fantabulous day planned for you, our friends in the Reddington community. Be sure to grab your neighbors and your family and join us in this once in a life time 175th anniversary celebration!

Of course we are expecting great weather, but rain or shine, the show will go on. We hope you have marked the big day— Sunday, September 7th — on your calendar.

Will you need a ride? Call the church at 445-3451 to arrange for our handicap-accessible bus to transport you to and from RCC.

Take a look at this list for things you can expect to see, hear, and play on our

celebration day, September 7th. Join us as we begin the day with a morning worship service from 9-10:30 a.m. Two guest speakers will share the worship message.

We will meet back at the church at 1:00 for the ole timers (stick) baseball game (anyone is invited to play).

Be sure to sign up at the Hospitality Tent since we will be giving away prizes every half hour!

Other activities throughout the day include:

- Arts and crafts like making a buzz saw and corn husk dolls
- Tractor & horse drawn wagon rides
- Corn box "wading pool"
- Water slide for kids
- Horseshoes
- Tomahawk throwing

- Corn hole toss
- Bushel basketball
- Checkers
- Sack race
- 3-Legged sack race
- Wheelbarrow race

At 2 p.m. the live music entertainment starts with local talent — it's a surprise who we will see and hear throughout the day!! Bring a comfy chair or blanket for your listening pleasure.

At 4:30 a bountiful meal will be served and we'll get to indulge in some tasty fruits from our local farmers' harvest!

At 6 p.m. the real fun begins with an old fashioned tent service given in the fashion of the times of 1833! A message written by a traveling preacher of that era will be delivered by a preacher riding in on a horse...or a donkey...or,... well, you'll just have to see for yourself!!





Changing the World One Life at a Time

Do you have a concern for children's well-being in Jackson County? Do you have time in life to care for a child or children? Do you have appropriate space in your home to accommodate a child or children?

Foster parenting offers one of the most significant opportunities to impact the world, by changing the life of a single child. Every day, the Department of Child Services (DCS) receives referrals for children who have been neglected or

abused and need out-of-home placement in a temporary, loving, family setting. These children may suffer from emotional, behavioral, physical, or developmental problems.

The purpose of a foster home is to provide a safe, caring family environment during a child's transition to either reunification with his or her own family, adoption, or independent living.

A nurturing foster home helps these vulnerable children re-establish bonds of trust and move forward with their lives toward healing and wholeness.

Children in foster care are typically between the ages of 0-17. Unfortunately, neglect and /or abuse is an equal oppor-

tunity vice and children of all ethnicities are affected and in need of a loving foster home.

A child's troubled background may manifest itself in a variety of ways, including social and emotional difficulties, developmental delays, learning problems, psychological disturbances, and behavioral challenges.

Today's foster families come in all shapes and sizes. If you are at least 21 years of age, have space in your home for additional children, and have a stable income, you can become a foster parent. Married couples and singles alike are welcomed as foster parents. A training class of 30 hours is required and helpful in addressing issues many of

these children face.

Often, adoption is an option for foster parents. About 25-50% of children placed in foster care are later adopted by their foster parents. However, the main goal of a separated family is reunification. DCS works diligently to help the perpetrator(s) gain the skills they need to provide a safe home for their child(ren).

For more information on Indiana's Foster Care program, call 1-888-631-9510 or go to http://www.in.gov/dcs/files/DCS_FosterFactsSheet09-07.pdf

Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.

James 1:27

Reddington Christian Church Calendar of Events

Weekly Events

RCC Events Sept-Oct 2008

<p>The Lord's Day Traditional Morning Worship*: 8:00 AM Bible School: 9:30 AM Contemporary Morning Worship*: 10:30 AM</p>
<p>Senior Meals for Better Living Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 11:15am (Free for seniors 60 and over)</p>
<p>Karate Classes Sunday: 4pm (Free for all ages) For more details contact D. J. Butcher 528-3381</p>
<p>Preschool Age 3: Tues, Thur: 9:00 - 11:30am Age 4: Mon, Wed, Fri: 9:00 - 11:30am For details, contact the church office at 445-3451</p>
<p>Worship on Wednesday (WOW!) Bible Study for All Ages: Wednesday 6:30pm</p>

<p>Sept. 2 - Preschool begins Sept. 5 - Hawk Nelson Concert (Jr./Sr. High Youth) Sept. 7 - 175th Anniversary Celebration Sept. 8 - JCCMF - Houston Christian Church - 7:30 PM Sept. 9 - Primetime Trip (details to be announced) Sept. 13 - Field Trip to Jackson/Washington State Forestry - for K-5th grades. Sept. 14 - AM: the Sunday Morning Show begins. PM: Fall kickoff for youth groups, small groups, etc., Sept. 14 - Spaghetti Dinner following 10:30 worship service to help with Preschool Outside play area improvements. Sept. 17 - WOW begins Sept. 19 - Golf Outing - to help with</p>	<p>Preschool outside play area improvements. Oct. 4 - Children's Ministry Magazine Live Worship (Martinsville, IN) Oct. 5 - Mountain Mission School Children's Choir concert. Oct. 13 - JCCMF and JCCWF will meet here. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., meetings at 7:30 p.m. October 14 - Primetime trip (details to be announced) October 26 - Minister Appreciation Sunday. Special activities in the evening including Sonshiners Quartet October 29 - Harvest Party Nov. 10 - JCCMF - Freetown Church of Christ - 7:30 PM Nov. 11 - Primetime Trip Nov. 30 - Functional Committee Meetings</p>
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* Both Sunday morning services have the same message. Only the music worship is different.

Minister's Message

"Love your enemies...."

Jesus (Matthew 5:44)

In the comic strip *Peanuts*, Linus once explained, *"I love mankind; it's people I can't stand."* The English playwright, W. Somerset Maugham, similarly said: *"I've always been interested in people, but I've never liked them."*

Perhaps you can identify with those sentiments. People can be rude, obnoxious, selfish, foolish, trying, vexing, and vicious. Some of them even fall into the "enemies" category--people who criticize us or try to take advantage of us. We naturally feel resentment, anger, fear, and even hatred.

Yet Jesus said, *"Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you...."*

We can only do this on our knees. The person we dislike most is still a soul for whom Christ



died. We don't have to always agree with our critics or defer to our enemies, but loving unconditionally is simply letting the love of Christ flow through us like warm water through a pipe. The most unlovable person is the one who needs love the most. After all, if Christ loved us, He can help us love others.

It was Abraham Lincoln who said, *"Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them?"*

So..., find someone you don't particularly like..., or someone with whom you have a strained relationship, and pray for them today!

Blessings,
Scott A. Brown,
Senior Minister, RCC



Reddington Ride Service

What a way to travel! Service with a smile—a friendly smile at that! RCC is pleased to offer a transportation service to help you get or

stay connected at church. If you need a ride to a church service or event (like our 175th Anniversary Celebration!), please contact the church office at 445-3451 and we'll arrange to pick you up!



Who's Who in Reddington/Seymour

You won't hear this quiet, life long Reddington native talking much about himself, but he has some great stories.

He was born at home on December 16, 1923. He lived in the same house during his youth with his parents and sister. He did what most young men did while growing up. He went to school and worked in the fields.

He said that his father always had plenty of work to keep him busy.

When he graduated from high school, now the Reddington Fire Station, he helped with the family poultry and egg route.

On January 3, 1944, he was drafted into the Army where he served in the infantry. While stationed in Halsdorf, Germany, he was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge and was later awarded the Purple Heart. He did a second tour in Germany and then went to Oslo, Norway.

Upon returning home, he married Glenna Bowman. They had two daughters and two grand-children. In 1976, after 27 years together, Glenna passed away.

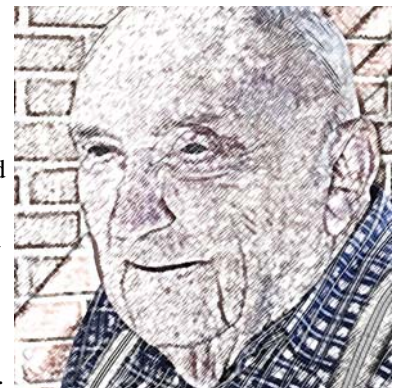
Being an employee of Texas Eastern for 37 years and 3 months gave him more than a good career. At a company picnic a friend introduced him to

Ruth Reichenba. After dating for a long time, they decided it was time to start a life together. Ruth has two sons and also two grand-children.

The couple have enjoyed traveling and have been to such places as Hawaii, the Bahamas, the Caribbean and Canada just to mention a few.

He's been a member of the Reddington Christian Church since 1936. He has served as a deacon and has for many years held the office of Treasurer for his Sunday School Class.

When asked if he has a philosophy that he lives by, it was simply put; "Live by the Word and pray." His wife was quick to add, "And he does!"





One of my favorite childhood memories is when my aunt would visit and make homemade cinnamon rolls! The effort this treat takes will be remembered for a lifetime. Yum!

Harvest Cinnamon Rolls

- 1c hot [milk](#) (1min in μ wave)
- 1/4c [warm water](#) (110° F)
- 1 tsp pure [vanilla extract](#)
- 1/2c [butter](#), room temp.
- 2 [eggs](#), room temp. and beaten
- 1/2 tsp [salt](#)
- 1/2c [sugar](#)
- 5c bread [flour](#)
- 3 tsp instant active dry [yeast](#)

Hot Tips and Recipes: Homemade Cinnamon Rolls

- 1 Tbl vital [wheat gluten](#) (opt.)
- Cinnamon Filling (see below)
- Butter Frosting (see below)

Cinnamon Filling

- 1/2c [butter](#), softened
- 1c firmly-packed [brown sugar](#)
- 4-5 Tbs ground [cinnamon](#)
- 1 c chopped [nuts](#) (optional)

In a bowl, combine brown sugar and cinnamon well; stir in chopped nuts (optional).

Butter Frosting

- 2 oz [cream cheese](#), room temp
- 1/4c [butter](#), room temp
- 1c [powdered sugar](#)
- 1/2 tsp pure [vanilla extract](#)
- 1/8 tsp [lemon extract](#) (optional)

- In a medium bowl, combine cream cheese and butter. Mix until creamy.
- Add powdered sugar, vanilla extract, and lemon extract and mix until creamy.

•Refrigerate frosting until ready to use and then bring to room temperature before spreading.

Dough

- Butter a 9x13x2-inch baking pan; set aside.
- In a large bowl, combine all the ingredients in the order given except the Cinnamon Filling and the Butter Frosting. Using a dough hook, mix everything together until a soft dough forms. Turn the dough out onto a lightly oiled surface and knead until elastic, approx. 10 min. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and let rest for 10 min.
- After dough has rested, roll and stretch the dough into approximately a 15x24-inch rectangle.
- Brush the softened but-

ter from the Cinnamon Filling over the top of the dough with a rubber spatula. Sprinkle Cinnamon Filling over the butter on the prepared dough.

- Starting with the long edge, roll up dough; pinch seams to seal.
- With a knife, lightly mark roll into 1 1/2-inch section. Use a sharp serrated knife.
- Place cut side up in the prepared pan, flattening them only slightly. The unbaked cinnamon rolls should not touch each other before rising and baking.
- Remove from oven and let cool slightly.
- Spread Butter Frosting over the cinnamon rolls while still warm.
- Serve warm to your favorite children!
- Yields 15 cinnamon rolls.



Harvest Party

Mark your calendars!

Wednesday, **October 29**, will be our Harvest Party. We'll have loads of games and activities, a cook-out, a hay-ride, oodles of prizes, and TONS of candy! It will be *safe*, friendly, and *TOO much fun!*

We're having a Harvest

Party fundraiser at **Save-a-Lot** on **September 20**. If you want to volunteer, let the church office know or just come eat lots of hotdogs and burgers!

There is also a soapbox derby on September 20 in Seymour. Make sure you drop by Save-a-Lot afterward and have a



drink and dog. We are accepting cash and candy donations to help defray expenses. You can mail your gift to the church or even better, come join us on Sunday morning and enjoy the Spirit of Reddington and the Spirit of the Lord!



Financial Peace University Course Offered at Reddington Christian

Are you living pay-check to pay-check? Are you terrified of what would happen if you were laid-off? Do you know what these invest tools are: 401k, 403b, mutual funds, IRAs, bonds? Do you have the right amount and the right types of insurances?

RCC will offer a *Financial Peace* Course starting Septem-

ber 21. The series, led by nationally known radio personality Dave Ramsey, explores what it takes to achieve financial freedom and get rid of debt. His mantra is "Live like no one else so later on you can live like no one else!" The 13-week class explores debt reduction, investments, planning for the future and general financial

education that most of us never get.

You don't want to miss this course! It can change lives and free you from the slavery of debt.

For more information on the RCC class, call Bill Rinehart at 869-1357 or visit www.daveramsey.com.

REDDINGTON PRESCHOOL

It's almost time for preschool to start! If you have not yet enrolled your preschool aged child for school, we still have openings in the 3-year old and the 4-year old classes. In order to enroll in the class, the child must meet the age level of the class by August 1 of the current year.

The costs for the preschool classes are as follows:

Class	Registration Fee	Annual Payment	OR	Monthly Payments
3-year old	\$50	\$495		\$55
4-year old	\$50	\$675		\$75



Small Groups News



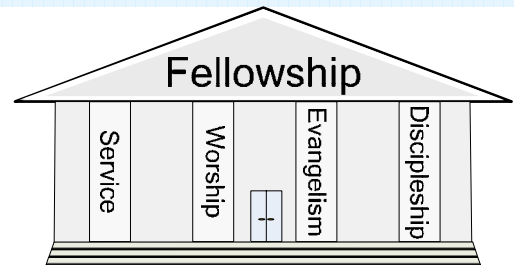
Small Groups accomplish five purposes that are difficult to attain when we simply attend church. These 5 purposes include: Fellowship, Discipleship, Worship, Service, and Evangelism.

The first, "Fellowship" means we get to know each other and spend time together. We have some fun, share some stories, and some food.

The next step is "Discipleship" which means we learn how to be more Christ-like Christians. We motivate each other to dig a little deeper and spend time in God's Word!

The third and fourth steps—"Worship" and "Service"—occur simultaneously. As we grow and mature and get to know each other, we realize how marvelous God is and we see a world of opportunities to serve our brothers in Christ as well as our neighbors in need.

Lastly, we reach "Evangelism". But having developed the first four purposes, you realize that evangelism is simply talking to friends about your passion. (Would you be intimidated to talk about the Pacers or Colts?)



If you are not attending RCC, call the church office for Small Groups times and locations. Members can sign up at the *Welcome Center*.

For more information on Small Groups at RCC, visit www.reddingtonchristian.com/small_groups.htm.

Yeah!!! It's finally here! Starting [September 14](#), our Small Groups are moving off the planning board and into practice and [you definitely want to be part of it!](#)

We've been talking about Small Groups for a while, but what is a small group and *why should you care?*

Hitting Your Funny Bone

The Cleaning Woman

There was a little old cleaning woman that went to the local church. When the invitation was given at the end of the service, she went forward wanting to become a member. The pastor listened as she told him how she had accepted Jesus and wanted to be baptized and become a member of the church.



The pastor thought to himself, "Oh my, she is so unkempt, even smells a little, and her fingernails are not clean. She picks up garbage and cleans toilets - what would the members think of her?!"

He told her that she needed to go home and pray about it and then decide.



The following week, she came forward again. She told the pastor that she had prayed about it and still wanted to be baptized. "I have passed this church for so long and it is so beautiful! I truly want to become a member."

Again the pastor told her to go home and pray some more. A few weeks later while eating out at the restaurant, the pastor saw the little old lady. He did not want her to think that he was

ignoring her so he approached her and said, "I have not seen you for a while. Is everything all right?"

"Oh, yes," she said. "I talked with Jesus, and he told me not to worry about becoming a member of your church."

"He did?" said the pastor.

"Oh, yes" she replied. "He said even He hasn't been able to get into your church yet, and He's been trying for years."



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Best Kept Secrets



Did you know that there is a place where your children and grandchildren can come and learn about God in their own age appropriate way? Church is certainly a great place to be on Sunday mornings, but sometimes it's difficult for a child to grasp all of what is going on around them in an adult service.

That's why at RCC, we have *The Sunday Morning Show*! *The Sunday Morning Show* is a place where kids can come, have a truck load of fun, worship God and learn about God all at the same time!

Kids will come and get to know Jesus through the use of music, video, drama, hands-on experiences, and many other ways! Each Sunday Morning Show will be jam packed full of new and exciting things to learn about and experience. If you're looking for a place to get your child involved in a

great Sunday morning experience, *The Sunday Morning Show* is the place!

Starting on September 14th we're kicking off this exciting program to reach our community! During the 2nd worship service (which starts at 10:30), immediately after communion kids are dismissed to go to *The Sunday Morning Show*.

After the church service, parents come and pick up their children. This is something we are SUPER excited about and we are sure that it's going to send shock waves throughout the community. See you there!

"Don't get between [the children] and me. These children are the kingdom's pride and joy. Mark this: Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in." Like 18:15