

## Go Places This Summer on "Track 68"

Come travel the world of people, places, and ideas this summer through Redeemer's summer reading program. Track 68 will open June 14 and close August 17. Interested adults, teens, and children can read their way to prizes and qualify for prize drawings in the fall.

Redeemer has a stimulating selection of fresh and familiar books of all kinds. We are confident there is something for you! Choose from adult/older teens, junior/younger teens, and younger readers/read-to-me. Adults/older teens may also choose from a fourth category: our ever-growing collection of captivating audios.

For further details on booking your summer adventure, make tracks for the library! Located in the lower educational wing, Redeemer's library welcomes you each Sunday – before and during ABFs, as well as after church. As you merge onto Track 68, our prayer is that God will help you better live the Micah 6:8 life: "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

## Summer Happenings

Three big activities — Geiger Island, the Girls of Grace Retreat, and West Dallas outreach — look to make June an exciting and busy month. Geiger Island Family Camp is June 7-21. Two weeks away from the city to the natural beauty of Dale Hollow Lake in Tennessee with friends and family is rest and nourishment for the soul. Guys Teen Week is June 21-29. **Josh Bailey** will lead an engaging series on abiding in Christ during a week of action-packed activities both on the island and in the water. The Girls of Grace will escape to

a large ranch in Lone Oak, Texas June 9-12. The teenage girls and their leaders anticipate a lot of creative activities and engaging talks. They will hear stories of God's glory revealed throughout history. Lastly, a group of youth and adult leaders will serve as counselors, tutors, helpers, and janitors in assisting West Dallas Community Church to reach out in love to many spiritually needy children in their neighborhood June 16-27. Please remember to pray for all of the people involved in these worthwhile activities.

## Bill Bambach Ordained (after the birth of son, Walton!)

[Editor: Bill's *original* ordination date, April 27, coincided with the birth of **Bill** and **Sarah's** first child, **Walton William**]

After a thorough examination and through the laying on of hands, **William**

**K. Bambach** was ordained to the gospel ministry on Sunday, May 11. Participating in Bill's ordination council and ceremony were **Josh Bailey**, Kurt Bambach (Bill's father), **Don Geiger, Jr.**, **Don Geiger, Sr.**, **Tony Gomillion**, **John Sparks**, and Redeemer's elders.

Bill trusted Jesus as his Savior at age four, accepted God's call to vocational ministry in the tenth grade, graduated from the Moody Bible Institute, received a Master of Theology degree from Dallas Seminary (pastoral ministry emphasis), and has faithfully served

our church family for 3 ½ years through the Young Marrieds Fellowship. Bill and his wife, Sarah, will continue strengthening the Church in New York, where Bill will serve as the associate pastor of the Canandaigua

Baptist Church. It has been our privilege to participate with Bill and Sarah in making Christ known in Dallas, and we look expectantly forward to how God will use them in New York.



## In a Word

### Make the most of your summer

**Don Geiger, Senior Pastor**

As I write this *In a Word*, our church parking lot is teeming with Redeemer's annual raise-money-for-summer-missions-trips garage sale activity. Bargain hunters are having a field day snatching up the treasures that had so recently been gathering dust in your attics or cluttering your closets. (Many thanks to all of you who so generously contributed!) Led by garage sale organizer *par excellence*, **Janet Ramler**, each of the thirty-six Redeemer summer missionaries is investing twenty hours of sweat equity — preparing and running the sale. Again this year our missions teams are made up of a healthy balance of enthusiastic older teens and mature adults. It is heartening just to think of them joyfully and patiently serving that diverse cross-section of our culture known as “garage salers.” Just thinking of them working together in the bright sunshine and mid-nineties temperature (it truly *was* sweat equity!), I am encouraged both for the success of the trips this summer and for the future of our church. We supported them with our clutter-clearing contributions; now let's support them with our prayers. Supporting our three missions teams is one way we can make the most of our summer. Read on for other ideas.

This summer in our morning worship services we'll be exploring the rich but often neglected book of Proverbs, which, “without a doubt, is the greatest compilation of wisdom in the world” (Dr. Joe Stowell). Proverbs promises wisdom, discipline, understanding, prudence, knowledge, and discretion for those

who will both hear and heed its truth. In addition to the morning messages, Proverbs will be our summer Bible reading for both June and July. Because each chapter is so rich with ripe-for-picking truth, we will read each chapter on two successive days. I think we'll be amazed at what we discover the second day. We'll find ourselves saying, “Why didn't I see that yesterday?”

On a lighter note, here are a few other suggestions for making the most of our Texas summer:

- Go see a Shakespeare play or two (or three) at the Samuel-Grand Park outdoor amphitheater. This summer's repertoire includes three of his best-known, best-loved: *Othello*, June 11 – July 26  
*All's Well That Ends Well*, June 19 – July 25  
Prices are \$10 for Friday and Saturday shows, donations for Tuesday – Thursday and Sunday shows.
- *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, July 29 – August 3  
This teen production is free. For maximum enjoyment and to improve our CQ (culture quotient), I suggest we read the play, then go see it. At least read the CliffsNotes!
- Take your kids or grandkids to a waterpark.
- Volunteer to work in VBS, July 14 – 18.
- Visit a shut-in.
- Come to Wednesday prayer meeting, where we'll be praying and discussing the Proverbs we've been reading.
- Enjoy some early-morning moments in your back yard or on your patio: praying; reading Proverbs, Shakespeare, the morning paper; or simply doing nothing. In the words of the late biblical scholar, William Barclay, “We must take time to think, pray, reflect, and do nothing.”

In a word, make the most of your summer!

## Celebrating Graduation!



High School Graduates (l to r):  
Christina Cole (Home School), Autumn Potts (Bryan Adams),  
Brian Larson (Home School), Cameron Shaffer (Home School),  
Jacob Quick (Home School)



**Nicola Burrows**  
Stephen F. Austin State University  
Bachelor of Science in  
Interdisciplinary Studies



**Meredith Escobar**  
Criswell College  
Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies  
and Counseling Studies



**Dottie Garrison**  
Blinn College  
Physical Therapy Assistant



**Ward Lipscomb**  
Texas Tech University  
Bachelor of Science in  
Mechanical Engineering  
(pictured with fiancée, Jamie)



**Bill Bambach**  
Dallas Theological Seminary  
Master of Theology



**Libby Barnard**  
Dallas Baptist University  
Master of Liberal Arts



**Greg Brown**  
Dallas Theological Seminary  
Master of Arts in Cross-Cultural  
Ministries



**Rick Wade**  
University of Dallas  
Master of Humanities



# Getting to Know You: Tom and Ruth Champion

## Tommie Loveless

**Tom and Ruth** have been married since 1964 — 44th anniversary this August! — and have been with Redeemer from near to its inception. Ruth was born in Neodesha, Kansas, and has three living sisters and one deceased brother. Reflecting on their lives, Tom and Ruth said, “We are grateful to God for giving us strong Christian parents and for all of the Bible teaching we have received during our lifetime.”

Ruth accepted Christ at age nine, was active in her church youth group, and taught third grade Sunday school during three of her teenage years. After high school graduation she worked for the Electra Manufacturing Company until moving to Dallas in 1963, where she joined Texas Instruments for four years.

Tom was born and raised in Dallas and has lived here most of his life. Tom’s parents chose him for adoption through the Hope Cottage when he was eleven months old. Like Ruth, Tom accepted Christ when he was nine years old. Upon graduating from high school, Tom enlisted in the Air Force and served two and a half years in Japan. After returning from the service, Tom was a supervisor for a diaper service and retired in 1994. He is currently employed by Kroger Foods.

For more than twenty years, the Champions were members of Reinhardt Bible Church, where they were very active in ministry.



Tom served as an usher and under-shepherd, and Ruth worked in the infant nursery and helped with Vacation Bible School. For most of their time at Reinhardt, they faithfully participated in a Sunday morning class taught by **Dr. Roy Zuck**.

As Tom and Ruth reflected on their arrival at our church, they said: “We came to Redeemer right after it was started and are very thankful to be a part of the Redeemer family.” They are once again active in their church family. Tom has helped with parking lot security and frequents our men’s breakfasts. Ruth has served at VBS and really enjoys the fellowship and Bible study found in our Women’s Fellowship. The Champions feel especially blessed that their activities have not only allowed them to renew old friendships but also to develop new ones.

Tom and Ruth enjoy reading, traveling, spending time with family, and studying Scripture. They have been blessed with six grandchildren and will soon have a great grandson. They also consider their

Pekingese dog, “Kobe,” to be a special joy and blessing. Tom and Ruth are grateful to the Lord for His faithfulness to them, and we are grateful to the Lord for the Champions’ faithful and loving service at Redeemer.

## A Great Year for Our Girls

For our Girls of Grace (ages 12-18) and Pioneer Girls (ages 5-11) ‘07/’08 was a year filled with good memories and lessons learned. Fall semester for the Girls of Grace included a study led by **Meredith Escobar** on good ways to serve God and avoid excuses. During the spring semester, **Diana Oudin** and a few guest speakers led a stimulating study on the Attributes of God. Early this spring, the girls moved downstairs to a new room in the education wing and have really made the room their own. (This Sunday as you walk to your ABE, peek inside room 111 and take



a look at their handy work!) Their spring semester ended with a four-week First Aid/CPR course taught by **Lauren Raikes**. Next month the girls will head out to Lone Oak, TX for their annual retreat: June 9-12. They expect to have a lot of fun, eat good food, and

grow closer to the Lord. Please pray for their safety, walk with God, and relationships with one another.

Last month the Girls of Grace and Pioneer Girls enjoyed a large combined event: the “Tacky Tea.” Their guest speaker, **Emily Bailey**, gave a lighthearted and moving speech on how

much God loves us. Thanks Emily! At the tea **Anneliese Higgins** was awarded a beautiful vase for memorizing the 100-Verse Club verses, and **Amy Oudin** received a beautiful tea set for finishing her third 100-verse set. Way to go, girls!

Our Pioneer Girls have been busy this year earning badges and developing a deeper relationship with the Lord. (**Dottie Bridgman**, **Bethany Gomillion**, and **Lydia Robinson** distinguished themselves, each earning 19 badges for the year. Nice job!) For a service project this year, the group picked up trash around White Rock Lake and created Christmas cards to send to soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. They also participated in a Fiesta Night, a Putt-Putt golfing excursion, and a princess party.

This amazing year of growth in the Lord would not have been possible for our girls without the time and love their leaders invested in them.

Special thanks to Meredith Escobar, Diana Oudin, and **Jan Regier** for serving the



Girls of Grace and to **Melissa Gomillion**, **Patti Pedigo**, and **Gail Rodgers** for their devotion to our Pioneer Girls. We give thanks to you and to God for a great year!

# Welcome, New Members!



Rodger & Jeanne Adams



Corky (Harold) & Sandy Bridgman



Shawn & Renee Bridgman

# May Baptisms



On May 4 we were blessed by the baptism of Cathleen Shipley and Andrew Higgins.



Jack & Peggy Campbell



Patricia Cundiff



Jim & Ann Fleming



Charles & Catherine L'Herisson



Steve & Carol Pratt



Jerry & Cathleen Shipley



Bonnie Trantham

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