

May 24, 2009

For Your Information ...

Guests! We are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. It is our hope that worship is an encouragement to you and that you will have opportunity to return soon. Give us an opportunity to meet you today and introduce ourselves by staying around for coffee in the foyer after the service. Also, please assist us by **filling out the Guest Pad** when it is passed during worship.

Welcome Station: Located in the foyer, our Welcome Station is designed to assist you in understanding the ministry of Redeemer. Please help yourself to the purple guest packets, The Continuing Vision of Redeemer Presbyterian Church document, the Kerygma, our newsletter pronounced ke-rîg'me, and other materials.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and a member of South Texas Presbytery. For more information about Redeemer Church visit: www.redeemersa.org. For more information about the Presbyterian Church in America visit: www.pcanet.org.

Community Groups: Community Groups are small fellowships of six to twelve people meeting every other week in homes, apartments and restaurants throughout San Antonio. They are the first place where we hope our people turn for applying the gospel to their lives. To find out how you can join a community group, please contact the church office at 930-4480 or a community group leader identified on the Making Contact page in the bulletin.

Book Table: The books found here are designed to assist you in understanding the Christian life. If you want to purchase a book, please fill out the appropriate form with money enclosed. Sermon CDs are also available; simply sign up at the table. Make all checks payable to Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

Sunday Schedule

9:15-9:25 a.m. **Prayer**
9:30-10:55 a.m. **Worship**
11:10 a.m. **No Christian Education**

Nurseries

Redeemer offers fully staffed nurseries for children ages newborn to 3 years of age. Redeemer encourages parents to utilize our *Training in the Pews* children's worship time during each service to better prepare your children, ages 3-5, for worship. All nurseries are at the Northeast end of the McAllister Fine Arts Center. (See map at **Welcome Station**.)

Infants I: newborn – 9 months

Infants II: 10 – 18 months

Toddler I: 19 months – 27 months

Toddler II: 28 months – 36 months

Training the Pews: 3 - 5 years

Christian Education

Toddler I (age 2)

Toddler II (age 3)

Pre K- K (age 4-5)

Primary I (ages 6-7)

Primary II (ages 8-9)

Junior (ages 10-11)

Youth (7th-12th grades)

Pastor's Forum (All ages)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

May 24, 2009

Sixth Sunday after Easter

In consideration of other worshippers, please program all communication devices to silent mode. Parents, nurseries are available during the worship service for children ages 6 weeks to 3 years. Babies and toddlers are also welcome in the auditorium. The balcony is available for nursing mothers; you may enter the balcony through the side door upstairs. The service is broadcast in the lobby area immediately outside the auditorium for the convenience of parents whose children become restless during worship.

Reflection & Preparation

“In the circle of the human we are weary with striving, and are without rest.” Wendell Berry

Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. 1 Peter 3:3-5 (NIV)

“As a Scot and a Presbyterian, my father believed that man by nature was a mess and had fallen from an original state of grace....I never knew whether he believed God was a mathematician but he certainly believed God could count and that only by picking up God's rhythms were we able to regain power and beauty.” Norman Maclean

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. John T. Fitch

Prelude

Call to Worship

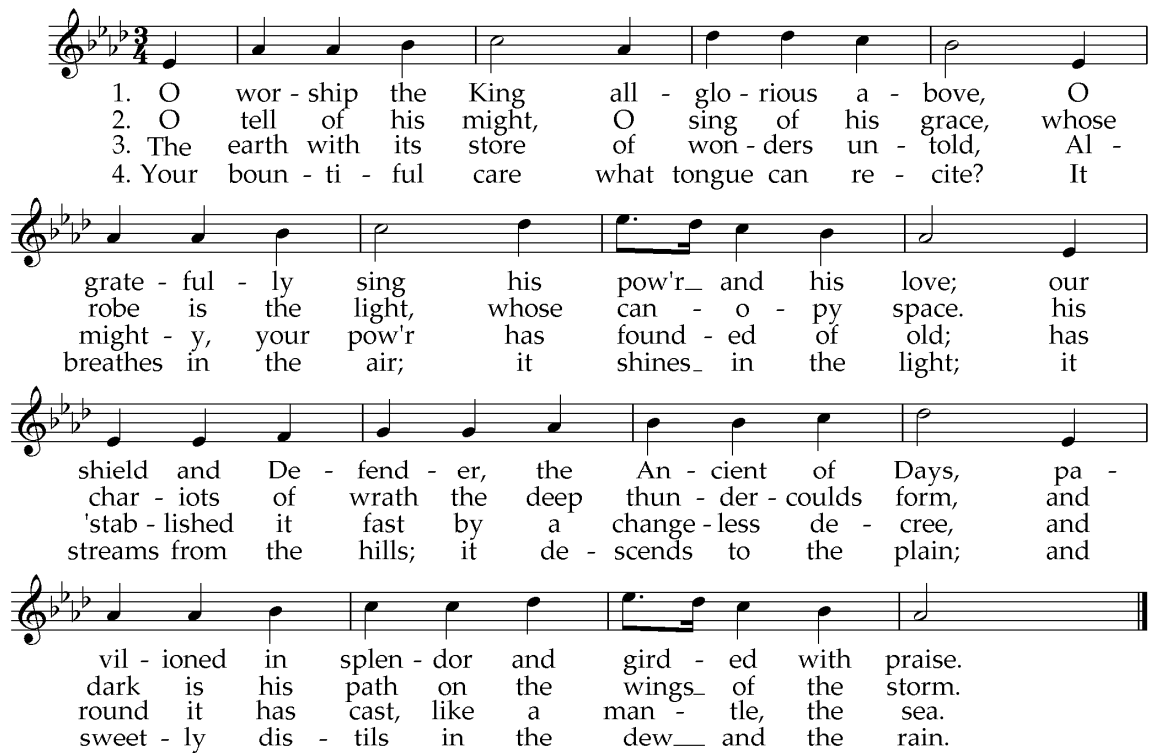
The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the
peoples!

People: **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**

***Hymn of Adoration**

O Worship the King



1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al -
4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It

grate - ful - ly sing his pow'r_ and his love; our
robe is the light, whose can - o - py space. his
might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old; has
breathes in the air; it shines_ in the light; it

shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days, pa -
char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - coulds form, and
'stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree; and
streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain; and

vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
dark is his path on the wings_ of the storm.
round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew_ and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

Words based on Psalm 104; Music by Johann Michael Haydn

Minister: Who is God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

All: [God is] the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son.

I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world. He is able to do this because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

[‡]The Heidelberg Catechism originated in Germany in 1562 under the authority of Elector Frederick III, who ruled the most important German province, the Palatinate, from his castle in Heidelberg. He commissioned the preparation of a new catechism for guiding ministers and teachers in instructing people in the Christian faith.

***Song of Praise**

O Lord, You're Beautiful

O Lord, you're beautiful—your face is all I seek.
For when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds to me.

O Lord, please light the fire—that once burned bright and clear.
Replace the lamp of my first love that burns with holy fear!

O Lord, you're beautiful—your face is all I seek.
For when your eyes are on this child, your grace abounds to me.

Words and music by Keith Green

Scripture Warning

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Minister: Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. 1 Timothy 6:6-11

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the pattern of this world and the desires of our hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done, and we have done those things that we ought not to have done. There is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from the Book of Common Worship, 1946

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Colossians 1:13-14

Minister: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*Song of Renewal

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest in the
2. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so in - fi -
3. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in sin and
4. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and all in

Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain? For
nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his love!), and
na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning ray; I
him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing Head, and

me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! How
bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all, im -
woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off, my
clothed in righ - teous ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach the -

can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me? A -
mense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
heart was free; I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed thee.
ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

maz - ing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Words by Charles Wesley; Music by Thomas Campbell

**Congregational Life Celebration
of High School Graduates**

Mr. Matthew Beham
Youth Director at RPC

Mr. Corey Basse
Mr. Jeffrey Cigrang
Miss Julie Laxton
Miss Rachel Murchland
Miss Kierstn Stolhandske

**Prayers for Redeemer Church,
San Antonio & the World**

Mr. Gibbs

***The Greeting of Peace**

Children, ages **three through five**, are dismissed through the side door to your right when facing the stage to *TRAINING IN THE PEWS*. After the sermon, parents will meet their children in the back of the auditorium so that the children can join their families for communion.

Minister: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Sermon

Mr. Gibbs

"Beauty in the Balance"

Continuing the Series: Ancient Wisdom for Today's World
Proverbs 5:15-19; 6:23-25; 11:16, 22; 30:20; 31:10, 30

A Word About Communion at Redeemer:

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion (also called The Lord’s Supper or The Eucharist, which means ‘thanksgiving’) is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink wine. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so.

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

All:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Ho-ly is the Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly,
 Ho-ly is the Lord. Ho-ly is the Fa - ther, Ho-ly is the Son,
 Ho-ly is the Spir - it; Bless-ed Three in One. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly,
 Ho-ly is the Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Ho-ly is the Lord.

Music by Franz Schubert; Arranged by Tom Fettke

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again! Hallelujah!

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Holy Communion

If seated in the front outer sections, please exit toward the center aisles to partake, returning to your seat by the outer aisles. If seated in the front center section, upon usher's direction starting from back row, exit to the aisle closest to you. Please use the outer aisles to return to your seats. If seated in the back section, upon usher's direction, please exit your row to the left and return to your row from the right. Please use our communion time to sing and/or meditate as communion is being served. Redeemer serves wine for communion. The outer circle of the tray contains grape juice for those desiring it. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the aisles.

Prayers for Those Not Communing

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen. **Prayer of Searching for Truth**

Lord, Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen. **Prayer of Believing on Jesus**

Lord, Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen. **Prayer of Struggling Against Sin**

Songs of Communion

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
2. Who was the guilt - y who brought this up - on thee?
3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;
4. For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,
5. There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,

that man to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord
the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered: for man's a -
thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion: thy death of
I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy

rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
tone - ment, while he noth ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.
an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Words by Johann Heermann; Music by Johann Cruger

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast.
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.

Dear Name, the Rock on which I build, my Shield and Hiding-Place,
My never-failing Treas'ry filled with boundless stores of grace.

By Thee, my prayers acceptance gain, although with sin defiled;
Satan accuses me in vain, and I am owned a child.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Words by John Newton; music by Alexander Reinagle

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand.
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land.
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way.
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me.
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess.
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place.
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face.
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss.
My sinful self, my only shame, my glory all the cross.

Words by Elizabeth C. Clephane; Music by Christopher Miner

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

Jesus Shall Reign

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'r the sun
2. To him shall end - less prayer be made,
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - every tongue
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'r he reigns;
5. Let ev - ery creat - ure rise and bring

does his suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
and prais - es throug to crown his head;
dwell on his love with sweet - est song;
the pris - 'ner leaps to lose his chains,
pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our King;

his king - dom stretch from shore to shore,
his name, like sweet per - fume, shall rise
and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim
the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,
an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.
with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
and all the sons of want are blest.
and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

Words by Isaac Watts; Music by John Hatton

***Benediction**

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: Salvation and glory and power belong to our God.

People: **Hallelujah! Our Lord God Almighty reigns.**

Minister: Christ is risen!

People: *(with great volume)* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

Postlude

**The Congregation Stands*

*Senior Pastor: Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs
Associate Pastor: Rev. Brandon S. Eggar
Assistant Pastor: Rev. Victor R. Martinez
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Brent M. Watkins*

*Musicians: Brent Watkins, piano;
Bonnie Anderson, clarinet; Patrick Shay, trumpet;
Michael Shay, trombone; James Sedgwick, percussion;
Song Leader: Stacy Van Klaveren*

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REDEEMER Highlights.....May 24, 2009

This Week

Today	11:15 a.m.	Sr. High Youth Mission Trip Meeting 2: In the upstairs foyer.
Thursday	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Women's Evening Bible Study: Studying Ephesians. At Ann Bingham's home, 709 Canterbury Hill, 78209. Chapters 30-31 of the Ferguson book.
Friday	9:30- 11:30 a.m.	Redeemer Park Day: In Brackenridge Park; Call Brandi Rickels, 826-2628.
Friday	7:30 p.m.	The Redeemer Fine Arts Series presents Brent Watkins in a solo piano concert at Trinity University's Ruth Taylor Recital Hall. Program to include works by Beethoven, Chopin, Ravel, Prokofiev and Liszt. Admission is free.

Upcoming Events

June 3	7:00 p.m.	Young Professionals 1st Wednesday: At the Harrisons' home, 110 La Jara Blvd, 78209. Call 930-4480.
June 7	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Redeemer Ice Cream Social: Invite your friends, and join us for fellowship at Bob and Terry George's home, 352 Arcadia Pl, 78209. Please bring enough ice cream for you and your guests. Sign up in bulletin flyer.
June 10	7:00 p.m.	Newcomer's Dessert with Tom and Tara: At their home, 219 Arcadia Pl., 78209. Get to know the Gibbsses and more fully Redeemer's vision.
June 22-24	9:00-11:45 a.m.	Guadalupe Center VBS Outreach: Christmas in June! It's time to celebrate God's goodness to us with our friends at the Guadalupe Center. Children age 4-10 are invited to join us, and volunteer opportunities are available for older children and teens. If you would like to sign up or volunteer, contact Jill Higeey at jillhigeey@gmail.com .
May and June		VBS Mission: As part of Redeemer's VBS at the Guadalupe center in June, we are asking Redeemer members and friends for donations to sponsor gifts the children will assemble during VBS to bless the ministry of Agape Pregnancy Center in San Antonio. Please see the bulletin flyer for details on how you can help. For more info, contact Jill Higeey, jillhigeey@gmail.com or Mary Ann Randolph, mrand522@swbell.net .

Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy, Heather Shimek 930-4480
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Redeemer Presbyterian Church

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Serving Today

Nursery Greeters: Jason & Lizette Crosson

Infants 1 (9:30): Rachel Gravel, Chrissy Fitch

Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): The Cigrang Family, Amy & Elise Miller

Training in the Pews: Royce & Lauren Itschner, Anna Louise Judson

Greeters: Josh & Amanda Brack, Anna Sharp, Jill Waters, Jeremy & Angel Whitley

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Henry Sauer, Sam Hairston, Aaron Harding, John Ames

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Kelly Bozard, Evie McVicar

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Dan Whyte, Chris & Erin Specia

Cookies: Linda Zeigler, Amanda Harding

Serving Next Week

Nursery Greeters: Jill Higey

Infants 1 (9:30): Jake & Sharla Gray

Toddlers 1 & 2 (9:30): Jason & Lizette Crosson, Jeannie & Gabby Martinez

Training in the Pews: Ralph & Debbie Shay, Eric & Elizabeth Syverson, Julie Laxton

Greeters: Charley & Katherine Hollimon, Cami Olderog, Cara McVicar, Laura Kaupp

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Henry Sauer, Charlie Hargis, Royce Itschner, John Ames

Communion Set-up/Take Down: Sara Ames, Barbara Harrison

Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Dan Whyte, Erick & Laura Marion-Faul

Cookies: Neecia Eggar, Brandi Rickels

Redeemer Staff

Tom Gibbs, Senior Pastor
Brandon Eggar, Associate Pastor
Victor Martinez, Assistant Pastor
Justin Clement, RUF Pastor at Trinity
Brent Watkins, Music Ministries Director
Jill Higey, Children's Ministries Director
Matt Beham, Youth Director
Harriet Peavy, Office Administrator
Heather Shimek, Assistant Administrator

Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$310,267
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$345,586
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$324,416
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 14,149)

YTD includes all activity for the fiscal year, which begins January 1.

Community Groups

Manny Alaniz--558-4714

& Victor Martinez--509-7716

Josh Alley--862-8305

& Jonathan Card--467-5792

Wes Bright--826-3100

& Jordan Inman--265-1812

Brandon Eggar--542-4012

John Fitch--824-5973

& Mark Randolph--822-6057

Bob George--822-2016

Tom Gibbs--930-4974

& James Sedgwick--954-2696

Jerry Hesko--659-3004

& Clay Miller--830-438-5218

Jason Higey--354-7444

& Bernard Hildebrand--833-7616

Charley Hollimon--829-5760

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Jeff Judson--822-5901

& Larry Rickels--826-2628

Chris Olderog--491-4101

& Jason Smith--257-0677

Henry Sauer--832-9892

& Jeremy Whitley--320-5520

Ralph Shay--488-2561

Please visit www.redeemersa.org
to find a community group near you.

Sermon Notes

“Beauty in the Balance”

¹⁵ Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well. ¹⁶ Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets? ¹⁷ Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you. ¹⁸ Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, ¹⁹ a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love. **Proverbs 5:15-19**

²³ For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life, ²⁴ to preserve you from the evil woman, from the smooth tongue of the adulteress. ²⁵ Do not desire her beauty in your heart, and do not let her capture you with her eyelashes...
Proverbs 6:23-25

¹⁶ A gracious woman gets honor...²² Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman without discretion. **Proverbs 11:16, 22**

²⁰ This is the way of an adulteress: she eats and wipes her mouth and says, "I have done no wrong." **Proverbs 30:20**

¹⁰ An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels... ³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. **Proverbs 31:10, 30**

Main Idea: The Proverbs lead us to understand beauty as given by God, both external and internal realities and that which ought to be celebrated and cultivated. By virtue of sin, though, beauty is commonly thought of as something in and of itself and, so it is cut loose from its Divine origins. When beauty is thus unhinged it becomes dangerous and evil.

1) Presence of Beauty

a) Never denied (5:15-19; 6:25)

b) Its manipulation is never commended (6:23-25; 30:20)

2) Only Wisdom can steward and deepen the “beautiful” (11: 16, 22; 31:10, 30)