



## REDEEMER CHURCH

A COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR THE CITY  
**Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Brian Gault—May 11, 2025

*“The Gospel According to Ruth”*

—Ruth 1:1-5

### Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Gault

Assistant Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship

### Ministry Moment

Sunday School

Rev. Brian Gault

### \* Call to Worship

*Matthew 1:1-6, 16-17*

Rev. Zack Owens

Assistant Pastor of Congregational Care

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife...

and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah. Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.

### Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Rev. Zack Owens

### Assurance of Pardon

*Psalms 103:11-12*

Rev. Zack Owens

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

### \* Song of Preparation

*“Again I Say Rejoice”*

Come bless the Lord, come bless the Lord Draw near to worship Christ the Lord.

And bless His name His holy name,

Declaring He is good (Repeat)

○ that men would praise Him,

○ that men would praise Him

Rejoice in the Lord always,

And again I say and again I say

Rejoice in the Lord always,

And again I say and again I say rejoice

○ that men would praise His name. Praise His name to the ends of the earth

Glory to God in the highest. Glory to God in the highest praise.

You are the Lord, God Almighty, You are highly exalted over all the earth.

You are great and glorious, ever watching over us, majestic and so marvelous;  
highly exalted, highly exalted. We declare You're wonderful, passionate  
and powerful. Father forever You are faithful; highly exalted, highly exalted.

**Old Testament Scripture Readings**

Rev. Zack Owens

*Deuteronomy 10:18-19*

He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

*Exodus 22:21-22*

You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child.

*Zechariah 7:9-10*

Thus says the Lord of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.

*Leviticus 23:22*

"And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, nor shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God."

*Deuteronomy 24:19-21*

When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over them again. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow. When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not strip it afterward. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow. You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this.

**Pastoral Prayer**

Mr. Marculis Mosby, Ruling Elder

**Worship in Giving**

Rev. Brian Gualt

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Thank you to those giving online.*

**Choral Worship**

*"Hallelujah, You're Worthy to Be Praised"*

Redeemer Choir

*Chorus: Hallelujah, You're worthy to be praised.*

*Hallelujah, You're worthy to be praised.*

*Bridge: I lift my hands, I praise You, Lord.*

*I bow my head, I honor You, Lord. Chorus*

*Vamp: Hallelujah, you're worthy. Hallelujah, we praise Your name.*

*Hallelujah, so worthy, Hallelujah, Lord we lift You up.*

**Prayer of Illumination**

Rev. Brian Gault

**Sermon Text**

Ruth 1:1-5  
Pew Bible p. 222

**Sermon Title**

*The Gospel According to Ruth*

**\* Hymn of Faith**

*"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"*

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

**\* Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

**\* Departing Song**

*"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"*

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

**Prayer Intercessor Team**

Mr. Bill Wallace & Mrs. Alecia Wallace (8:00am)  
Mr. Marculis Mosby & Mrs. Akida Mosby (11:00am)

**\*Please Stand.  
(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #257987)**

## **SERMON NOTES**

Rev. Brian Gault—May 11, 2025

*“The Gospel According to Ruth”*

—*Ruth 1:1-5*

## SERMON QUESTIONS

- Names matter in the OT, especially in the book of Ruth. Why is the book named the book of Ruth?
  - Naomi = Delightful/Sweet/Pleasant
  - Elimelech = My God is King
  - Moab = From the Father
  - Boaz = Strength
  - Ruth = Friendship
  - Obed = Servant
- In Ruth 1:21, Naomi expresses the grief of what she has lost by saying 'I went away full and the LORD has brought me back empty.' Discuss times and seasons of your life where you have expressed the emptiness of grief.
- How does Naomi express her faith in the midst of grief? How does that inform our faith in seasons of grief?
- How did Ruth demonstrate her covenant character in her relationship with Naomi? How did Boaz demonstrate covenant character? How do we reflect the covenant character of Ruth and Boaz?
- Ruth and Naomi were a part of the 'quartet of the vulnerable': the orphan, widow, poor, and sojourner. OT biblical justice has a strong sense of protection of and provision for the most vulnerable among us. How does that guide how we live as believers today?
- In Ruth 3:11, Boaz calls Ruth a 'worthy woman,' that is, a woman of strength, honor, and virtue. In the Hebrew Arrangement of the OT, why is Ruth put after Proverbs (see Prov 31), and why does the Song of Songs follow?
  - Psalms: *How to Worship*
  - Job: *How to Wrestle with Doubt*
  - Proverbs: *How to Develop Wisdom*
  - Ruth: *How to Survive Personal Difficulties*
  - Songs: *How to Enjoy Love*
  - Ecclesiastes: *How to Search for Meaning in Life*
- How does the kinsman-redeemer restore Naomi's seed and land and provide for her future? How does looking to our kinsman-redeemer anchor our hope in our inheritance?
- Why is the book of Ruth in the canon (a part of the Bible?)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### More Information:

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### \*\*\* PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES \*\*\*

- Christa Williams and Family: As they grieve the loss of Christa's brother.
- Nancy Beal: Recovery from knee replacement surgery.
- Thomas Eaves, son of Sterling & Lizzie Eaves: In remission from Leukemia.
- Tu & Caroline Combs: As Caroline undergoes treatment for stage 4 breast cancer.

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### \*\*\*SEEKING TO SERVE\*\*\*

#### Serve in the Nursery

We are in need of volunteers for both the 8:00 and 11:00am services, as well as teachers for our 2 & 3 year old nursery Sunday school classes. Volunteering and teaching are great ways to help to shepherd some of the littlest of our flock. Contact Velma Warner at [vwarn@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:vwarn@redeemerjackson.com) to learn more and to serve!

#### Community Garden Workday, May 21

Join us for a Community Garden Workday! We will be harvesting veggies, pulling weeds, and performing routine maintenance in the garden. This event is open to all ages and levels of experience. Join us as we continue to cultivate and beautify our neighborhood garden as a way of loving our neighbors. The garden is located at the corner of Robinhood and Londonderry behind the church, we'll meet there from 5:30-7:00pm. See QR code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](http://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday) to sign up!

#### Saturday Serve: Assembling Care Kits for Church, May 24

Join us as we assemble Care Kits to help meet immediate food and toiletry needs of anyone that walks through our church doors! Care packages will be kept in the Narthex closet for easy access. All supplies needed for the care packages will be provided by the church. This will be great service opportunity for the whole family! Join us from 9:00am-12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. See QR code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](http://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday) to sign up.

#### RedeemerKids Leader Safety Training, June 4

As we prepare for an exciting and impactful Vacation Bible School, the safety of our children and leaders is our top priority. All leaders with RedeemerKids are required to attend a brief safety training session prior to the start of the week. This training will cover essential guidelines on child protection, emergency procedures, and creating a safe, welcoming environment for every child. Join us in the fellowship hall after the potluck from 7:15-8:00pm. Sign up through the QR code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](http://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday).

### **RSVP for the All Are Welcome Book Discussion, May 28-June 26**

Join us this summer for a 5-week discussion on *All Are Welcome: Toward a Multi-Everything Church*. We'll explore how the Gospel shapes a diverse body of Christ (Rev 5:9) and what that means for our community. Read one chapter before each meeting—each stands alone, so it's okay if you miss a week. No childcare provided.

We hope to offer two groups:

Wednesdays 12–1p

Thursdays 6:30–7:30pm

Groups need at least 10 people to make—RSVP by May 21: [bgault@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:bgault@redeemerjackson.com).

### **Church-Wide Brunches on the First Sunday of the Month**

Redeemer is starting a new rhythm on June 1. On the first Sunday of the month, we will hold church-wide brunches in the Fellowship Hall. This provides more space for us to lean into the community of the saints and will replace the Sunday School breaks in the overall Sunday School schedule. Now there will be something during the Sunday School hour every Sunday!

You'll see two kinds of church-wide brunches: Fellowship Brunches (even months) and Prayer Brunches (odd months). The difference? At the end of Fellowship Brunches, there may be updates or activities, and at the end of the Prayer Brunches, we will gather together for 10-15 of directed group prayer.

### **Fellowship Brunch: Move-Up Day, June 1**

As we move into a pattern of gathering as a whole congregation during the Sunday School hour on the first Sunday of the month, we hope EVERYONE will join us for our first brunch on June 1, 9:45-10:35. At this brunch we will celebrate 'Move-Up Day' as our kids in Nursery, Children's Ministry, and Youth Ministry move up a grade, both in Sunday School and in the life Redeemer.

### **Fellowship Potluck, June 4**

This summer we have Wednesday Fellowship Potlucks planned to foster hospitality, connectedness, and belonging. During the summer, the calendar at Redeemer slows and we take a break from our regular rhythms to rest. Wednesday Fellowship Potlucks give us a simple and easy time together to stay connected. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00-7:00pm on June 4, June 18, July 2, and July 16. What do I bring? On June 4, if your LAST NAME starts with...

A-I: bring a main dish

J-Q: bring a side

R-Z: bring a dessert

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### \*\*\* NEWS TO NOTE \*\*\*

### **No Sunday School, May 18 & 25**

Spring Block 2 Sunday School ends May 11. There will be no Sunday School May 18 and 25, and the Fellowship Brunch on June 1 will resume our regular Sunday School schedule.

### **Now Accepting Applications for the Director of Music Ministry**

Our search is underway for a Director of Music Ministry. This is a salaried, part-time position (targeting 25-30 hours/week) with potential to grow into full-time role. We are accepting applications through **May 17**. Know someone who might be interested? See QR code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](http://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday) for more information.



## ***Spring Adult Sunday School, Block 2***

***9:45-10:35am***

***2025 Spring Adult Sunday School, Block 2***

***begins Mar 30 and concludes May 11.***

### ***Gospel Conversations***

**Teachers:** Jerome Douglas, Marculis Mosby

**Location:** Fellowship Hall

Interested in having more meaningful conversations about your faith? Join us for our 'Gospel Conversations' Sunday School class! We'll explore practical tools and biblical principles to help you share the Gospel with confidence and clarity. Think of it as a chance to learn together in an encouraging environment.

We'll be using key chapters from Preston Perry's 'How to Tell the Truth' as a guide, sparking discussions and providing valuable insights. Whether you're just starting to explore how to talk about your faith or you're looking to refine your approach, this class is for you.

We'll focus on creating authentic connections and fostering genuine dialogue, so you can feel more comfortable and equipped to share the Gospel. Come join the conversation!

### ***Jonah: You Can't Outrun the Grace of God***

**Teacher:** Brian Gault

**Location:** Sanctuary

Jonah is about a violent city, a resistant prophet, and a merciful God. In 58 verses, there's a storm at sea, the conversion of pagan sailors, a prayer in the belly of a fish, the repentance of Israel's archenemy, and a prophet who's angry at God.

The story begins with Jonah running from the word of the Lord and the presence of the Lord. At the heart of the story is the mercy of God, that not only forgives the vilest of sinners, but also relentlessly pursues the heart of a prophet steeped in judgmental nationalism.

To rescue Jonah, God hurls a storm, and appoints a fish, a plant, a worm, and a scorching wind—all show Jonah (and by extension us!) the unsearchable depth of the grace of God.

### ***Redeemer Explored***

**Teachers:** Elbert McGowan, Jr., Barry McCay

**Location:** Room 109

Would you like to know more about Redeemer Church? Are you interested in becoming a member? If so, you need to take this class. Pastor Elbert McGowan, along with the elders, will teach this 7-week introductory course on the ins and outs of Redeemer Church and how you can get involved.

***Coming Up: Joint Adult Sunday School***

***9:45-10:35am***

***June 8-July 27***

***Praying Biblical Prayers***

**Spring Children & Youth Sunday School**  
**2025 Spring Children & Youth Sunday School began Jan 26**  
**and concludes May 11.**

**Youth (6th-12th): Ten Commandments**

**Location:** Youth Room

**HS Teachers:** Cadden Christie, Rob Vickery, Stephanie Greer, Wilson Jamison

**MS Teachers:** Anna Lois Callen, Lane Morgan, Josh Anderson,  
Stephanie Greer, Wilson Jamison

After God delivered Israel from Egypt, He gave the Ten Commandments to them. But what for? And does the law have any use today? We will address questions like these and more, such as, "What is the purpose of the law? How does Jesus relate to the law? What does God's law mean for me today?" By studying God's law, we will see the heart of the Law-maker, how Jesus fulfills the law, and how God's law applies to us today. If you are in 6th-12th grade, come join us as we study the Ten Commandments this Spring!

**Children's (K4-5th): Investigating God's Word**

This spring, RedeemerKids is continuing through "Investigating God's Word."  
All classes K4-5th Grade will be working chapter by chapter through Genesis 25-50.

**K4-K5: Room 209/211**

**Teachers:**

Morgan Barber, Sarah Love Crawford,  
Rachel Habarger

**3rd Grade: Room 205/206**

**Teachers:**

Andrea Burks, Page Callen,  
Christa Williams

**1st Grade: Room 210**

**Teachers:**

Claire Graves, Krisan Parish

**4th Grade: Room 204**

**Teachers:**

Samuel Bolen, Gabriel Garcia, Jake Garner,  
Angela Simpkins

**2nd Grade: Room 207**

**Teachers:**

Haley Arndt, Tyler Espinoza, Kristen Owens

**5th Grade: Room 202**

**Teachers:**

Liz Callen, Gene Everitt, Amanda McGuffey

**Nursery (2-3): The Gospels**

This spring, our Nursery Sunday School classes are learning about God's Son and God's love as they explore the Gospels, pointing them to Jesus and their need for Him.

\*\*\* Redeemer Kids \*\*\*  
K4-5th Grade

REDEEMER **KIDS** with **1**  
**MISSION**  
CURRENT 3RD & 4TH GRADERS



**LEARN**  
VISIT THE TWO  
MUSEUMS

**TOUR**  
WALKING TOUR OF  
THE CITY OF  
JACKSON

JOIN US AS WE LEARN ABOUT THE CITY OF  
JACKSON AND HOW WE CAN APPLY OUR  
HEARTS AND HANDS TO JESUS' MISSION.

**SERVE**

SERVING WITH  
ONE OF  
REDEEMER  
CHURCH'S  
MISSION  
PARTNERS.

**MAY 29-31ST**

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\*\*\* Redeemer Youth \*\*\*  
6th-12th Grade

## THIS WEEK

### Deacon on Call Week of May 11

Ellis Tucker, 601.842.1729

### Sunday, May 11

8:00am Worship Service  
Livestream Available

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

### Monday, May 12

### Tuesday, May 13

7:00pm Choir Practice

7:30pm Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday, May 14

6:00pm Hope Exchange  
Community Group

### Thursday, May 15

### Friday, May 16

### Saturday, May 17

8:30am Men's Basketball

### Sunday, May 18

8:00am Worship Service  
Livestream Available

9:45am No Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

## STAFF

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor

Brian Gault, Asst Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship

Zack Owens, Asst Pastor of Congregational Care

Wilson Jamison, Asst Pastor of Youth Ministry

Stephanie Greer, Assistant Youth Director

Jajuan McNeil, Director of Children's Ministry

Joya McNeil, Children's Ministry Assistant

Jerome Douglas, Dir Neighborhood Outreach & Missions

Velma Warner, Nursery Coordinator

Corrie Keplinger, Communications & Events Coordinator

Tina Collier, Administrative Assistant

Josh Anderson, Intern

Joshua Coleman, Intern

Ian Deffenbaugh, Intern

Chael Williams, Intern

Interim Music Ministry Team:

Joyce Hamme, Arthur Phillips, Meg Mills, Akida Mosby

Haley Arndt, Women's Committee Chair

## RULING ELDERS

Karl Arndt

Grant Callen

Tu Combs

Gene Dent

Baskin Jones

Scott Marshall

Barry McCay

Kelle Menogan, Sr.

Marculis Mosby

CL Pearce

Herb Sanders

Andy Sauerwein

William Stackler

Rob Vickery

Trey Watkins

## DEACONS

Grafton Bragg

Philip Carter

Preston Denley

Davidson Forester

Jon Fults

David Garner

Jake Garner

Clayton Gressett

Reid Haygood

Detrick Johnson

Blaise King

Jonathan Lancaster

Lane Morgan

Greg Ross

Jaimar Scott

Seth Shannon

Jonathan Shull

Jeremy Smith

Ellis Tucker

Johnston Walker

Tamarco White

## COMING UP:

May 26: Church Office Closed-Memorial Day

May 29-31: Kids With a Mission

June 2: Session & Diaconate Meetings

June 4: RedeemerKids Leader Safety Training

June 4: Fellowship Potluck

June 18: Fellowship Potluck

June 23-26: VBS

July 2: Fellowship Potluck

July 19-23: Redeemer Kids to Lake Forest Ranch

August 3: Session & Diaconate Meetings



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