



## REDEEMER CHURCH

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Brian Gault—July 20, 2025

*“Praying for Our Hearts”*

—Ephesians 3:14-21

### Reflection Quote

Paul is praying that we would be “growing daily towards final fullness, as we are being transformed by the Holy Spirit into Christ’s image from one degree of glory to another.”

—John Stott, *The Message of Ephesians*

### Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Brian Gault

Assistant Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship

### \* Call to Worship

*Romans 8:37-39*

Mr. Chael Williams

Intern

But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Chael Williams

### Assurance of Pardon

*Hebrews 8:12*

Mr. Chael Williams

For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

### \* Song of Preparation

*“Better Is One Day”*

Chorus: Better is one day in Your courts,  
Better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.  
Better is one day in Your courts,  
Better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere,  
than thousands elsewhere.

How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.  
For my soul longs and even faints for You.  
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings. Chorus.

One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty,  
to find You in the place Your glory dwells.  
One thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beauty,  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells. Chorus.

My heart and flesh cry out, For You the living God  
Your Spirit's water for my soul  
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me.  
I will draw near to You. I will draw near to You. Chorus

**\* Song of Praise**

*"One Thing Remains"*

Higher than the mountains that I face,  
stronger than the power of the grave,  
constant through the trial and the change,  
one thing remains,  
one thing remains.

Your love never fails,  
it never gives up,  
it never runs out on me. x3

On and one and on and on it goes,  
it overwhelms and satisfies my soul,  
and I never ever have to be afraid,  
one thing remains. *Repeat as directed. Chorus*

In death, in life,  
I'm confident and covered by the power of your great love.  
My debt is paid, there's nothing that can separate my heart  
from your great love. *Repeat as directed. Chorus*

**Baptism**

Rev. Brian Gault

*June Marie Weitz, Covenant Daughter of Connor & Chiara Weitz (8:00am)*  
*Lillian Clare York, Covenant Daughter of John Harrison & Ashleigh York (8:00am)*

**Pastoral Prayer**

Mr. Herb Sanders, Ruling Elder

**Worship in Giving**

Mr. Herb Sanders

*\*\*Please find the Connect Pad on your pew at this time to sign in and pass it down the row.\*\**  
*Visitors: If you would like to be contacted by the church, please include your email address*  
*Thank you to those giving online.*

**Children's Church (Ages 4-5) 8:00am only**

Introduction to The Apostles Creed: "I believe in The Holy Spirit."

Parents: After worship in giving, you are welcome to send your child (4-5) to children's church before the end of special music. I believe in the Holy Spirit

**Special Music**

*"Sonata, Op. 2, No. 8" (G.F. Handel)"*

The Cello Boys

**Prayer of Illumination**

Rev. Brian Gault

**Sermon Text**

Ephesians 3:14-21

*Pew Bible p. 1160*

**Sermon Title**

*"Praying for Our Hearts"*

**\* Hymn of Faith**

*"How Deep The Father's Love"*

How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that He should give His only Son,  
to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away,  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One,  
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,  
my sin upon His shoulders,  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice,  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
until it was accomplished,  
His dying breath has brought me life,  
I know that it is finished.

**\* Benediction**

Rev. Brian Gault

**\* Departing Song**

*"How Deep The Father's Love"*

I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom,  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer,  
but this I know with all my heart,  
His wounds have paid my ransom

**Prayer Intercessor Team**

Mr. Herb Sanders & Mrs. Mary Sanders (8:00am)  
Mr. Herb Sanders & Mrs. Mary Sanders (11:00am)

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

## **SERMON NOTES**

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—*Ephesians 3:14-21*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

[redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](https://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday)

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### More Information:

On the QR Code you'll find links to announcements and online giving.

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

- Sally Ann Jones and Family: In the hospital with respiratory issues.
- Kathryn Wilson and Family: As Kathryn battles fatigue and symptoms from West Nile virus in the last month of her pregnancy.
- Thomas Eaves, son of Sterling & Lizzie Eaves: In remission from Leukemia.
- Tu & Caroline Combs: As Caroline undergoes treatment for stage 4 breast cancer.

### Births

*Blair Elise Sinclair, Covenant daughter of Peter & Anne Sinclair, 7.13.25*

See QR Code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](https://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday) for updates and Take Them a Meal.

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

#### Serve With RedeemerKids

RedeemerKids is excited to kick off another season this fall. RedeemerKids is our ministry designed to shepherd Redeemer's children on behalf of our children's Redeemer through safety, evangelism, and discipleship. Would you prayerfully consider serving this fall in one of these areas? Bring your heart—RedeemerKids provides the rest. If you can serve, reach out to Jajuan McNeil at [mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com)

*Children's Church* is for ages 4–5 and meets on the first and third Sundays during the 8:00am worship service. We create a space with energy and focus—through songs and age-appropriate teaching—to help little ones begin transitioning into Lord's Day worship by first grade.

*Upside Down* meets Wednesdays from 6:00–7:30pm (Aug 20–Sept 24 and Oct 15–Nov 19) for children in K4 through 5th grade. It runs like VBS every week, with Bible and catechism memory, singing, playing, eating, and building relationships. It's also an opportunity for evangelism, as many of the kids come from outside our church.

*Sunday School* meets Sundays from 9:45 to 10:35 a.m. for children in K4 through 5th grade. This fall, our classes will walk through the Gospel of Matthew.

#### Join The Prayer Intercessor Team

If you have a heart for intercessory prayer and a desire to pray with and for others, we're inviting members of Redeemer to join the rotation of Prayer Intercessor Teams that serve at the end of each Sunday service. A short training is required to serve and will be held on Aug 19 during the worship committee meeting. Intercessors generally serve 1–2 times a quarter. Reach out to [office@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:office@redeemerjackson.com) for more information.

#### Community Garden Workday, July 23

Join Hope Exchange as we care for the veggies, vines, and fruit trees in the Art + Soil Community Garden. The garden is a space for community and collaboration, for creation care and soul care, and for learning and networking. Help with regular maintenance: weeding, fertilizing, pruning and harvesting. We'll also prepare new beds and plant new veggies. All ages and skill levels are welcome—join us from 5:30–7:00pm! Sign up through the QR code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](https://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday).

### **Saturday Serve, July 26**

For our July Saturday Serve, we'll work together from 9:00am-12:00pm to prepare freezer meals for families who need the love and care that comes from a home cooked meal. The other team will be wielding vacuums, magic erasers, and other cleaning tools to do some deep cleaning in our church building. Can you peel vegetables? Can you wipe down a wall? This opportunity to serve is for you! See QR code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](https://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday) to sign up.

### **Hope Exchange Equipping Allies Training, July 30**

Curious how to best help people in need in our city, but not sure where to start? Consider attending Hope Exchange's Equipping Allies event, and you'll come away with best practices for offering humble and supportive friendship as you encounter people in material need who may also need practical help. Join us at Jackson Leadership Foundation from 6:00-8:00pm, see QR code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](https://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday) for more information and to sign up.

\*\*\* CALLED TO CONNECT \*\*\*

### **Redeemer Hosts Mission Mississippi Prayer Breakfast, July 29**

On Tues, July 29 at 6:45am, Redeemer will host the Mission Mississippi Prayer Breakfast—a special time to gather with believers from across our city to pray for one another and for racial reconciliation in Christ's Church. Let's come together to seek the Lord, build bridges, and embody gospel unity. Come early, bring a friend, and start your morning in prayer. Light breakfast will be provided. If you'd like to help welcome guests or assist with setup, email Jerome Douglas at [jdouglas@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:jdouglas@redeemerjackson.com).

### **Church-Wide Fellowship Brunch, Aug 3**

Join us for our monthly congregation wide brunch during the Sunday School hour on Aug 3! We'll enjoy food and fellowship, then spend the last 15-20 minutes hearing updates on the summer and vision for future. Be sure and pick up your littles from the nursery before coming to brunch, we want everyone, including our diligent nursery workers, to be able to join us!

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

### **A Welcoming & Wise Church**

This year, we've experienced both beautiful moments of welcome and challenging situations in our gatherings. We've seen more neighbors come through our doors—some carrying deep burdens, and others simply searching for hope. At times, this has stirred uncertainty or concern. As your church staff and leaders, we've been listening, praying, and discerning how to walk forward with both compassion and care.

In the coming months, we'll share some thoughtful guidance on how Redeemer can continue to be both welcoming and wise—a church where everyone is met with the kindness of Christ, and where we thoughtfully oversee the well-being of our community. For those who may feel uneasy, know that our deacons and trained security leaders are faithfully present each Sunday, ready to respond with care and discretion.

Whether you're new to Redeemer or have been here for years, we hope this encourages you. And we invite you to reflect—How might Christ be shaping your heart to extend welcome with wisdom, and love without fear?

We will discuss more during our August 3rd Fellowship Brunch. Feel free to reach out with questions to Jerome Douglas at [jdouglas@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:jdouglas@redeemerjackson.com).

## **Fall Sermon Series, Genesis 37-50**

Genesis 37–50 tells the story of Jacob and his sons, with special attention given to Joseph. But Joseph is not the ultimate savior—God is. This "first family" is marked and marred by rivalry, sin, deceit, and crises of epic proportions. Yet God shows up with surprising grace. And that is good news for us. Across these chapters, we will witness God's faithful hand shaping His people and fulfilling His promises in ways they never expected. At the heart of it all is the story of the dysfunction-overcoming, crises-averting, providence-working, people-transforming, promise-keeping God, who is worthy of our trust and worship. Join us as we explore how God's work in and through this "first family" draws our hearts to trust Jesus more deeply.

### **Welcome Markese Lee, Intern!**

We're excited to welcome Markese Lee as our newest intern! A Jackson, Mississippi native and Belhaven University graduate, Markese came to faith during college and got involved in leadership with RUF. A Redeemer member for several years, Markese has helped with Children & Youth and RYA, and is now in the MDIV program at RTS. He brings a heart for pastoral ministry, a passion for apologetics, and enjoys ultra-running, weightlifting, and spending time outdoors with his wife, Emily.



### **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 **Aug 17**. Know someone who might be interested? See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information.



**2025 Summer Sunday School**  
**began June 8 and concludes July 27.**

**Combined Adult Sunday School:**  
**Praying Biblical Prayers**  
**Location: Sanctuary**

## **Fall Adult Sunday School**

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

**2025 Fall Sunday School Block 1**  
**begins Aug 10 and concludes Sept 28.**

***Habits of the Household***  
**Teachers:** Brian Gault and Chad Berry  
**Location:** Sanctuary

Based on Justin Whitmel Earley's *Habits of the Household*, this class explores how everyday family routines can be transformed into intentional practices of spiritual formation.

Over seven weeks, we examine key habits—waking, mealtimes, discipline, screen time, family devotions, work, and bedtime—considering how each can shape both parents and children in the way of Christ. Participants will reflect on their own household rhythms, engage in group discussion, and be challenged to implement small but meaningful changes rooted in grace.

Each session pairs practical ideas with biblical wisdom, aiming to cultivate habits that form hearts, not just behaviors. This class is ideal for parents, caregivers, and anyone seeking to integrate faith into the ordinary moments of family life.

***In Pursuit of Biblical Creativity***  
**Teacher:** Andy Sauerwein  
**Location:** Fellowship Hall

Romans 12 compels us to “offer our bodies as living sacrifices” in the pursuit of God’s good purpose, rather than being “conformed to the pattern of this world.” Genesis 1 calls us to participate as stewards by imitating God’s creative demonstration, “putting things into good order.”

In this class, we will seek to inhabit a framework for navigating this pursuit of “good order.” We will consider our roles as explorers, makers, and participants in God’s eternal purpose as he forms (and re-forms) our affections to resonate with his desires. Through our “creative activity,” we can “taste and see that the Lord is good” by imaginatively pursuing beauty, goodness, and truth in every area of our lives, doing all that we do “as unto the Lord.”

***The Book of Acts***  
**Teachers:** Josh Anderson, Joshua Coleman, Ian Deffenbaugh, Chael Williams  
**Location:** Room 109

The book of Acts is the story of the ascent of Jesus Christ, the descent of the Spirit, and the dawn of the church. Through studying Acts, God’s people see firsthand how God formed and sustained a new people under the administration of the new covenant. There is much in this book to teach us about the Holy Spirit, church life, living amidst persecution, unity in diversity, and ultimately about Christ Himself. In this class we will explore the biblical - theological categories of Acts and hope to mine the riches of the wisdom of this book for living faithfully under King Jesus in our own context.

## ***Summer Children & Youth Sunday School***

**2025 Summer Children & Youth Sunday School  
began June 8 and concludes July 27.**

**Youth (6th-12th): Psalms**

**Location:** Youth Room

**Children's (K4-5th): New City Catechism**

## ***Fall Children & Youth Sunday School***

**2025 Fall C&Y Sunday School  
begins Aug 10 and concludes Nov 30.**

**Youth (6th-12th): Christian Friendship**

**Location:** Youth Room

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

This fall, RedeemerKids is continuing through "Investigating God's Word." All classes K4-5th Grade will be working chapter by chapter through Matthew chapters 1-14.

**K4:** Room 208

**Teachers:**

Rachel Harbarger, Amanda McGuffey

**2nd:** Room 207

**Teachers:**

Gene Everitt, KK Harrington

**K5:** Room 209

**Teachers:**

Beth Clarke, Sarah Love Crawford

**3rd:** Room 206

**Teachers:**

Christa Williams, Page Callen,  
Andrea Burks

**1st:** Room 210

**Teachers:**

Krisan Parish, Claire Graves,  
Emmaline Smith

**4th:** Room 202

**Teachers:**

Angela Simpkins, Samuel Bolen,

**5th:** Room 204

**Teachers:**

Haley Arndt, Liz Callen,  
Tyler Espinoza

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

**Children's Church, July 20**

Introduction to The Apostles Creed: "I believe in the Holy Spirit." 8:00am service only, for ages 4-5.

**Upside Down Returns Aug 20**

Upside down is our weekly offering for our elementary aged students. We play games, eat, sing, and learn about God's word! Come join us on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm.

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

**Rooted Kickoff, Aug 10**

High Schoolers, we are kicking off the school year with a pool party at the Norman's home in Jackson (address will be in Redeemer Youth GroupMe) from 5:30-7:00pm. We'd love to see you there! If you plan to come, please let Stephanie know at [sgreer@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:sgreer@redeemerjackson.com) so we can get a headcount for food.

**Crossroads Kickoff, Aug 13**

Middle Schoolers, we are going to kick off the school year with some friendly competition. Come on out to the Youth Room from 6:00-7:30pm to catch up with your friends and leaders and play some games! Please let Stephanie at [sgreer@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:sgreer@redeemerjackson.com) know if you plan to come so we can get a headcount for food.

**Crossroads Returns Aug 20**

If you are in 6th-8th grade, come on out to Crossroads! Crossroads is our weekly youth group gathering where we eat dinner, play games, hear a lesson from the Bible and discuss it in small groups. We meet in the Youth room from 6:00-7:30pm. We have a blast and would love to see you there!

**Rooted Returns Aug 24**

High Schoolers, we hope you will join us on Sunday nights for Rooted! At Rooted we eat dinner, worship, hear a lesson from God's Word and then discuss it in small groups. We meet in the Youth room from 5:30-7:00pm. See you there!

## THIS WEEK

### Deacon on Call Week of July 20

Clayton Gressett, 601.955.5110

### Sunday, July 20

8:00am Worship Service

Livestream Available

9:45am Summer Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

### Monday, July 21

### Tuesday, July 22

7:00pm Choir Practice

### Wednesday, July 23

5:30pm Community Garden Workday

### Thursday, July 24

### Friday, July 25

### Saturday, July 26

8:30am Men's Basketball

9:00am Saturday Serve

### Sunday, July 27

8:00am Worship Service

Livestream Available

9:45am Summer 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

Katie Drake, Director of Women's Ministry

Velma Warner, Nursery Coordinator

Corrie Keplinger, Coordinator of Communications

& Operations, Assistant to the Senior Pastor

Tina Collier, Administrative Assistant

Josh Anderson, Intern

Joshua Coleman, Intern

Ian Deffenbaugh, Intern

Markese Lee, Intern

Chael Williams, Intern

Interim Music Ministry Team:

Joyce Hamme, Arthur Phillips, Meg Mills, Akida Mosby

## 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:

Aug 3: Church-Wide Fellowship Brunch

Aug 4: Session & Diaconate Meetings

Aug 10: Fall Sunday School Begins

Aug 17: Growth Groups Begin

Aug 20: Upside Down Begins

Aug 20: Crossroads Begins

Aug 24: Rooted Begins

Sept 3: Mom's Bible Study Begins

Sept 1: Church Office Closed



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