



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Brian Gault—July 27, 2025

“A Growing Gospel Body”

—Ephesians 4:1-16

Reflection Quote

“In contrast, the qualities of the stable, mature Christian are then described, the one whose influence will uphold unity and peace. His essential quality is characterized as a combination of truth and love—utter loyalty to truth about human life and God’s purpose for it revealed in Christ, combined with loving concern for individual people and their personal welfare.”—Leslie Mitton, Ephesians

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Brian Gault
Assistant Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship

Time of Greeting

* Call to Worship

John 17:20-23

Rev. Wilson Jamison
Assistant Pastor of Youth Ministry

I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Rev. Wilson Jamison

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:9

Rev. Wilson Jamison

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

* Song of Preparation

“Bless That Wonderful Name”

Bless that wonderful name of Jesus.

Bless that wonderful name of Jesus.

Bless that wonderful name of Jesus—no other name I know.

Mighty is the name of Jesus.

Holy is the name of Jesus.

Glorious is the name of Jesus—no other name I know.

Worthy is the name of Jesus.

Wonderful the name of Jesus.

Son of God is He, my Jesus—no other name I know.

Praise that wonderful name of Jesus.

Praise that wonderful name of Jesus.

Praise that wonderful name of Jesus—no other name I know.

*** Song of Praise**

"We Are One Body"

Though we are many, we are one body—we are one body in Christ.
One faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, binding us together in one cause,
one hope in the one God, one Father over all.

New Testament Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 12-18 Rev. Wilson Jamison

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Marculis Mosby, Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Rev. Brian Gault

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.*

Special Music

"Your Love is Strong"

Mr. Josh Williams

Heavenly Father, You always amaze me. Let Your kingdom come in my world and in my life. Give me the food I need to live through today.

And forgive me as I forgive the people that wrong me.
Lead me far from temptation, deliver me from the evil one

I look out the window, the birds are composing
Not a note is out of tune, or out of place.

I walk to the meadow, and stare at the flowers, better dressed than any girl
on her wedding day.

So why should I worry? Why do I freak out?, God knows what I need
You know what I need.

Chorus: Your love is, Your love is
Your love is strong
Your love is, Your love is
Your love is strong
Your love is, Your love is
Your love is strong

The Kingdom of the Heavens is now advancing,
Invade my heart, invade this broken town

The Kingdom of the Heaven is buried treasure
Would you sell yourself to buy the one you've found?

Two things You told me:
That You are strong, and You love me
Yes, You love me. *Chorus*

Our God in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name above all names.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us today our daily bread, forgive us weary sinners, keep us far from our vices,
and deliver us from these prisons.

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Brian Gault

Sermon Text

Ephesians 4:1-16
Pew Bible p. 1161

Sermon Title

"A Growing Gospel Body"

*** Hymn of Faith**

"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne, we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

*** Benediction**

Rev. Brian Gault

*** Departing Song**

"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

This glorious hope revives our courage by the way;
while each in expectation lives and waits to see the day.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity. Amen.

Prayer Intercessor Team

Dr. Andy Sauerwein & Mrs. Quita Sauerwein (8:00am)
Mr. William Stackler & Ms. Diane Johnston (11:00am)

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #257987)

SERMON NOTES

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“A Growing Gospel Body”

—Ephesians 4:1-16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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More Information:

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

*** PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES ***

- Parker Honeycutt and Family: As Parker's mom recovers from complications from emergency surgery.
- Sally Ann Jones and Family: Home from the hospital after respiratory issues.
- Kathryn Wilson and Family: Rejoicing in the birth of Paul Henry Wilson. Kathryn is still recovering from West Nile Virus.
- Thomas Eaves, son of Sterling & Lizzie Eaves: In remission from Leukemia.
- Tu & Caroline Combs: As Caroline undergoes treatment for stage 4 breast cancer.

Births

Paul Henry Wilson, Covenant son of Amile & Kathryn Wilson, 7.19.25

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

See QR Code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for updates and Take Them a Meal.

*** SEEKING TO SERVE ***

Serve at Upside Down

Upside Down meets Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm (Aug 20–Sept 24, 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. Would you prayerfully consider serving this fall? Reach out to Jajuan McNeil at mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com to join the fun!

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 for more information.

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 for more information and to sign up.

Community Garden Workday, Aug 9

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 8:00-11:00am! Sign up through the QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday.

***** 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.

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 being a wise and welcoming church, and our 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 *****

Brandon Slay Serving as Director of AV Ministries

A few months ago, Brandon Slay stepped into the part-time role of Director of AV Ministries at Redeemer, and we're so thankful for his leadership! He also works full-time as Director of Technology at Christ Covenant School. With over 20 years of AV experience and a deep love for the church, Brandon brings a steady hand and a servant's heart to all things tech. We're grateful for all he does — be sure to thank him when you see him behind the soundboard!



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 3 Fellowship Brunch. Feel free to reach out with questions to Jerome Douglas at jdouglas@redeemerjackson.com.

Zack's Back on July 28!

Zack Owens has returned from Sabbatical and spoke at Lake Forest Ranch Camp this past week. He'll be back in the church office the week of July 28.

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.

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

More information coming soon!

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

Nursery (2-3):

Exploring God's Word Through the Old Testament

This fall, our Nursery Sunday School will focus on teaching our young children the biblical foundation of God's creation and the early family of faith by covering key stories from the Book of Genesis, highlighting the life of Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Esau, Jacob, and Joseph and how they fit into God's plan of salvation.

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

Celebrating Our Time at Lake Forest Ranch

This past week, 14 RedeemerKids had a blast at Lake Forest Ranch Camp! We enjoyed time outside, fellowship, worship, and learning about God's word. Thanks to Jajuan, Joya, Zack (or Lake Forest Frank, as he was known this week) and Kristen for shepherding our kids this week.



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 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 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 27

Detrick Johnson, 601.672.7214

Sunday, July 27

8:00am Worship Service

Livestream Available

9:45am Summer Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

Monday, July 28

Tuesday, July 29

6:45am Redeemer Hosts Mission

Mississippi Prayer Breakfast

7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, July 30

6:00pm Hope Exchange Ally Training

Thursday, July 31

Friday, Aug 1

Saturday, Aug 2

8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, Aug 3

8:00am Worship Service

Livestream Available

9:45am Church-Wide Fellowship
Brunch

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

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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

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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 4: Session & Diaconate Meetings

Aug 9: Community Garden Workday

Aug 10: Fall Sunday School Begins

Aug 10: Rooted Kickoff Pool Party

Aug 13: Crossroads Kickoff Gamenight

Aug 17: Growth Groups Begin

Aug 20: Upside Down Begins

Aug 20: Crossroads Begins

Aug 21: RYA Hangout at Reservoir



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