



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—Aug 24, 2025

“The LORD Was With Him”

—Genesis 39

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Time of Greeting

Introit

“Magnify The Lord”

Magnify the Lord, let us exalt his name together!
Magnify the Lord, He has done great things! *Repeat as directed.*

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give him the highest praise! *Repeat as directed.*

*** Call to Worship**

Revelation 21:1-5

Rev. Brian Gault

Assistant Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Rev. Brian Gault

Assurance of Pardon

Psalms 130:3-4

Rev. Brian Gault

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

*** Song of Preparation**

“Let it Rise”

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us,
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us,
Let the praises of the King rise among us—let it rise!

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us,
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us,
Let the joy of the King, rise among us—let it rise!

Ohh, ohh, ohh, let it rise!

*** Song of Praise**

“Trust in God”

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine.
He's been my fourth man in the fire, time after time.
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood,
and what He did for me on Calvary is more than enough.

Chorus: So I trust in God, my Savior,
The One who will never fail,
He will never fail. *Repeat*

Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps.
So this is my story and this is my song;
I'm praising my risen King and Savior all the day long. *Chorus*
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered. *Repeat X2*
That's why I trust Him,
that's why I trust Him. *Repeat as directed.*

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered. *Repeat X2*
That's why I trust Him,
that's why I trust in God;

My Savior
The One, who will never fail;
He will never fail.
I trust in God, my Savior
The One, who will never fail;
He will never fail.
I trust in God!

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. CL Pearce, Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

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*Visitors: If you would like to be contacted by the church, please include your email address
Thank you to those giving online.*

Choral Worship

"Unspeakable Joy"

Redeemer Choir

When I think of how he brought me through.
And how, how the Lord changed my life.
My soul, my soul is overwhelmed.
I've got joy, joy, joy, unspeakable joy
I've got joy, joy, joy, unspeakable joy. *Repeat as directed*

Joy unspeakable full of glory,
Joy unspeakable pathway bright,
Joy unspeakable full of glory,
Joy unspeakable burdens light ,
every time I think of the goodness of the Lord.

I've got joy, joy, joy, unspeakable joy. *Repeat as directed.*

I've got joy unspeakable joy,
I've got joy unspeakable!

Joy unspeakable joy, joy unspeakable.
Unspeakable joy, joy unspeakable

I've got joy, joy, joy, unspeakable joy. *Repeat as directed.*

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

Genesis 39
Pew Bible p. 39

Sermon Title

"The LORD Was With Him"

*** Hymn of Faith**

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for Thee, swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing,
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from Thee, filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose, ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
it shall be Thy royal throne, it shall be Thy royal throne.

*** Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

*** Departing Song**

"Take My Life and Let it Be"

Take my love, my Lord,
I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only, all for Thee.

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Jeremy Smith & Mrs. Alli Smith (8:00am)
Mr. Marculis Mosby & Mrs. Mary Sanders (11:00am)

***Please Stand.**
(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #2579870)

SERMON QUESTIONS

- When have you experienced the kind of loss or disorientation Joseph felt—being cut off from people, place, or security? What did that season look and feel like?
- Genesis 39 repeats four times, “The LORD was with Joseph.” Why do you think the author stresses this right after Joseph’s deep loss? How does God’s presence change the way we face our own lonely or uncertain seasons?
- God’s presence grew clearer from Abraham to Joseph, and now comes to us fully in Christ through the Spirit. How does seeing this storyline of God’s presence give you hope for where history—and your story—is headed?
- Why is it easy, in moments of heartache and uncertainty, to “cut corners,” turn inward, or indulge in sin? How does cultivating an awareness of God’s presence empower us to live faithfully instead?
- Because God was with him, Joseph was faithful in his work during a dark season. How might remembering that God is with you shape the way you approach school, home, or career this week?
- Because God was with him, Joseph was content in his circumstances during this difficult season. Furthermore, Egypt was blessed through his suffering, fulfilling God’s promise to Abraham that the nations would be blessed. How does this deepen your view of suffering—not just as personal growth, but as part of God’s mission to bless others?
- Because God was with him, Joseph resisted Potiphar’s wife. Why was he particularly vulnerable? How did he fight against this temptation? What role did God’s word and presence play? What do his holy responses reveal about what’s possible for those who abide in Christ rather than chase fleeting pleasures?
- Joseph walked with integrity yet still suffered—but the God who was with him in Potiphar’s house was also with him in prison, pouring out steadfast love. How does remembering the durability of God’s presence help you endure trials with hope and trust? How does Jesus guarantee that we will never be abandoned?

Sermon Points

1. The loss of place and familial presence
2. The timely arrival of God’s promised presence
3. The fruit of God’s presence
4. The durability of God’s presence

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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More Information:

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

*** PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES ***

- Myah Lane: As she undergoes treatment for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia.
- Nancy Beal: As she recovers from her third knee surgery this year at The Madison rehab clinic.
- Liz Abraham & Family: As they grieve the loss of Liz's father.
- Thomas Eaves, son of Sterling & Lizzie Eaves: In remission from Leukemia.
- Tu & Caroline Combs: As Caroline undergoes treatment for stage 4 breast cancer.

Births

Lula Augustine Fair, 8.06.25, daughter of William & Anna Fair.

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

*** SEEKING TO SERVE ***

Hope Exchange Equipping Allies Training, Aug 26

Curious how to best help people in need in our city, but not sure where to start? Consider attending Hope Exchange's Equipping Ally 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 from 5:00-7:00pm at Fondren church, sign up through the QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday.

*** CALLED TO CONNECT ***

Community Corner Cookout, Aug 30, 11:00am

Join us at Abigail Hartman's home in Fondren North for the next Community Corner Cookout. This is a simple and fun opportunity to connect with neighbors over sharing good food, music, and games. If you can, we'd love help with setup, serving, welcoming, games, or cleanup. No pressure—just come ready to be present. Please sign up through the QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday. Once you register, Jerome will contact you with the address.

Church-Wide Prayer Brunch, Sept 7

Join us for our monthly congregation wide brunch during the Sunday School hour on Sept 7! We'll enjoy food and fellowship, then spend the last 10 minutes praying together as a church. 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 ***

Accepting Applications for the Director of Music Ministry

Our search is continuing 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 **Sept 17**. Know someone who might be interested? See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information.

Fall Adult Sunday School **9:45-10:35am**

2025 Fall Sunday School Block 1
began 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: Room 109

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: Fellowship Hall

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.

Fall Children & Youth Sunday School

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

Youth (6th-12th): Christian Friendship

High School Teachers: Wilson Jamison, Ian Deffenbaugh,
Anna Lois Callen, Cadden Christie

Middle School Teachers: Wilson Jamison, Rob Vickery, Lane Morgan & Team

Location: Youth Room

"Why is friendship hard?" "Why is it necessary?" "What does it take to be a good friend?" "How does belonging to Jesus shape our friendships?" This fall in Sunday school, Redeemer Youth will explore Christian Friendship using Ed Welch's *Side by Side*. Together, we'll see that humans are made for friendship—that it is rooted in God Himself, broken by sin, and redeemed in Jesus. We'll also learn practical skills for building and sustaining Christ-centered friendships.

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

This fall, RedeemerKids is continuing through "Investigating God's Word." All classes K4-5th

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,

chapter by chapter through

5th: Room 204

Teachers:

Haley Arndt, Liz Callen,
Tyler Espinoza

Grade will be working
Matthew chapters 1-14.

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.

Fall Growth Groups

Redeemer is a big church. We want every member to have a place to connect. The Wednesday Group began on Aug 20, and the Sunday groups begin today, Aug 24. For more information and the contact information for each group, see QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday.

SUNDAY GROWTH GROUPS



**BERRY/BRAGG/
DRAKE**
5:00pm
Place: Berry Home,
Madison



**CalLEN/
MARSHALL**
5:00pm
Place: Callen Home,
Madison



FULTS/BOWER
5:00pm
Place: Fults Home,
Clinton



**EVANS/KRAG/
McGUFFEY/
TRAMEL**
5:00pm
Place: Evans Home,
Belhaven



**LEWIS/ROBERSON/
SMITH**
5:00pm
Place: Lewis Home,
Belhaven



**MORGAN/
WILLIAMS/ELLISON**
5:00pm
Place: Morgan
Home, Belhaven



**OWENS/DOWELL/
DENLEY/DOUGLAS**
5:00pm
Place: Owens
Home, Jackson



GAULT/TAYLOR
5:00pm
Place: Gault Home,
Jackson



**SAUERWEIN/
WAGNON**
5:45pm
Place: Wagnon
Home, Jackson

WEDNESDAY GROWTH GROUP



**GARNER/
WALLACE**
6:30pm
Place: Garner
Home, Brandon

Women's Bible Studies '25-'26

Please join the women of Redeemer this year in our study of Genesis! We have five different groups that will meet once a week through the fall and spring semesters. Childcare is offered during the Wednesday morning and evening studies. The Wednesday evening group began on August 20, Mom's will begin on Sept 3, and all other groups begin the week of September 9. Look for our flyers in the narthex for more details or see the QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday to view the Women's Ministry page and the contact person for each group.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDIES



**SPLAINGARD/
MCNAIR/BRAND**
7:00-8:00am
Place: Outside Beagle Bagel, Jackson



**GARNER/CALLEN/
BRAGG/
KEPLINGER/
BARROW/WILLIAMS**
7:30-9:00pm
Place: Callen Home

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES



**CRAWFORD/
HAWKINS/BROWN**
6:00-7:30pm
Place: Bride's room at Redeemer



MOM'S BIBLE STUDY
9:00-11:00am
Place: Bride's room at Redeemer

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY



**SHANNON/
JOHNSON/
MARSHALL/
MCGOWAN**
12:00-1:00pm
Place: Bride's room at Redeemer

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

Upside Down

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.

Children's Church Returns Sept 7

This fall we will be studying covenant theology in children's church. Leaders will expand on the topic of covenant life, the covenant of commencement, the covenant of preservation and the covenant of kingdom over 16 weeks. 8:00am service only, for ages 4-5.

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

Crossroads

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 Today, 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 Aug 24

Greg Ross, 601.613.6771

Sunday, Aug 24

8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

5:30pm Rooted Begins

Monday, Aug 25

Tuesday, Aug 26

5:30pm Hope Exchange Equipping
Allies Training

7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, Aug 27

6:00pm Upside Down

6:00pm Crossroads

6:00pm Women's Bible Study

6:00pm Work Life Class via
Hope Exchange

Thursday, Aug 28

Friday, Aug 29

Saturday, Aug 30

8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, Aug 31

8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

STAFF

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor

Brian Gault, Asst Pastor of Shepherdin & Discipleship

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Wilson Jamison, Asst Pastor of Youth Ministry

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Ian Deffenbaugh, Intern

Markese Lee, Intern

Chael Williams, Intern

Interim Music Ministry Team:

Joyce Hamme, Arthur Phillips, Meg Mills, Akida Mosby

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Karl Arndt

Grant Callen

Tu Combs

Gene Dent

Baskin Jones

Scott Marshall

Barry McCay*

Kelle Menogan, Sr.

Marculus Mosby

CL Pearce

Herb Sanders

Andy Sauerwein

William Stackler

Rob Vickery

Trey Watkins

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Philip Carter

Preston Denley

Davidson Forester

Jon Fults

David Garner

Jake Garner

Levi Gill*

Clayton Gressett

Reid Haygood

John Hooker*

Detrick Johnson

Blaise King

Cody McCain

Lane Morgan

Greg Ross

Jaimar Scott

Seth Shannon

Jonathan Shull

Jeremy Smith

Ellis Tucker

Thomas Wallace*

Johnston Walker

Tamarco White

*Sabbatical

COMING UP:

Sept 4: RYA Spiritual Formation Discussion

Sept 7: Church Wide Prayer Brunch

Sept 8: Session & Diaconate Meetings

Sept 13: Community Garden Workday

Sept 18: RYA Spiritual Formation Discussion

Sept 28: RUF Sunday



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