



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Chandler Rowlen—Sept 28, 2025

“The Parable of the Seed Growing”

—Mark 4:26-29

Welcome & Announcements

Mr. Jerome Douglas
Director of Neighborhood Outreach & Missions

Introit

“In This Place”

A release is in this place, fresh oil from heaven.

Let it flow in this place.

Oh Lord, we need it.

Healing is in this place, Lord we receive it.

Let it flow in this place.

Oh Lord, we need it.

Call to Worship

Psalm 24:7-10

Rev. Jermaine Van Buren, Jr. (8:00am)
RUF Campus Minister at Jackson State University

Rev. Bentley Crawford (11:00am)
RUF Campus Minister at Belhaven University

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory! Selah

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Rev. Jermaine Van Buren, Jr.
Rev. Bentley Crawford

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:8

Rev. Jermaine Van Buren, Jr.
Rev. Bentley Crawford

...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

* Song of Preparation

“Be Glorified”

Be glorified, be glorified. Be glorified, be glorified.

Be glorified in the heavens, be glorified in the earth.

Be glorified in this temple. Jesus, Jesus, be Thou glorified.

Worship the Lord! Worship the Lord! Worship the Lord! Worship the Lord!

Worship the Lord in the heavens, worship the Lord in the earth.

Worship the Lord in this temple. Jesus, Jesus, be Thou glorified.

*** Song of Praise**

"10,000 Reasons"

*Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.
Worship His holy name.*

Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy name.

*The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes. Chorus*

*You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing.
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. Chorus*

*And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore. Chorus*

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Rob Vickery
Elder

Worship in Giving

Mr. Rob Vickery

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.*

Choral Worship

"I Was Made to Live for You"

Redeemer Choir

*I was created for Your glory, Your Glory.
All of my days were made for You.
Lord, You have formed me and You know me, You know me.
Without You Lord what can I do?*

Chorus: I was made to live for You. Repeat X3.

*No matter where I go You see me,
You see me. Jesus, You're never far away.
Help me to follow where You lead me,
You lead me. I open my heart to You today. Chorus.*

*Lord, I give my life as a sacrifice for You.
I give everything as an offering to You.*

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Chandler Rowlen
RUF Campus Minister at Mississippi College

Sermon Text

Mark 4:26-29
Pew Bible p. 998

Sermon Title

"The Parable of the Seed Growing"

***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**

Rev. Chandler Rowlen

*** 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, life that shall endless be.

Prayer Intercessor Team

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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More Information:

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



*** PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES ***

- Jasmine Holmes & Family: As they grieve the loss of Jasmine's father.
- Todd Sanders & Family: As they grieve the loss of Todd's mother.
- Gregory Mazzaferro & Family: As they grieve the loss of Gregory's mother.
- Myah Lane: As she undergoes treatment for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia.
- Thomas Eaves, son of Sterling & Lizzie Eaves: In remission from Leukemia.
- Tu & Caroline Combs: As Caroline undergoes treatment for stage 4 breast cancer.

Births

Molly Briar Ellis, 9.17.25, daughter of Michael & Hannah Ellis.

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

*** SEEKING TO SERVE ***

MNA Disaster Relief Bucket Drive, Ends Oct 5

We're excited to partner with PCA Mission to North America (MNA) to serve communities impacted by natural disasters. We're assembling 50 Disaster Relief Buckets filled with essential cleaning supplies to help families begin the recovery process after floods, hurricanes, and other crises. All materials are due by Sun, Oct 5. You can drop off donations at the bin located in the narthex. See the full list of items through the QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday, contact Bethany Faught at bethanyfaught7@gmail.com for more information.

Serve at The Community Fish Fry, Oct 8

Mark your calendars for a day of fun, food, and fellowship with our neighbors! We'll enjoy free fried fish, music, games, kids' activities, and a resource fair for families. This is a church-wide effort, and it will take all of us serving together to welcome our neighbors well. We're praying for 100 people to step in and help make this possible. This year the Fish Fry will be from 5:00-8:00pm, see QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday to sign up to volunteer.

31 Days of Giving Food Drive

During the month of October we'll be gathering canned goods to benefit Hopeful Community Outreach. HCO houses a food pantry that benefits food insecure individuals in our parish and our city. Thirty-One Days of Giving is planned by RedeemerKids, but it gives an opportunity for our entire church to share Christ's love in word and deed. Help us reach our goal of 1,000 non-perishable canned goods! Donations can be dropped off upstairs by the RedeemerKids bulletin board. Contact Jajuan McNeil at mrcneil@redeemerjackson.com with any questions.

*** CALLED TO CONNECT ***

RUF Sunday, Sept 28

Today, we celebrate God's work through Reformed University Fellowship (RUF)! Our campus ministers are helping to lead worship as we hear testimonies of God's grace on campus and pray for the next generation of leaders. After the service, we'll gather for lunch at 12:30pm—open to all RUF students, staff, and alumni. Come ready to encourage, support, and connect with our college community.

Men's Gathering Begins Sept 29

For 8 weeks this fall, gather with Redeemer men to meditate on and discuss scriptures on Jesus's Discernment and Endurance and how those attributes shape our lives. We meet Mondays, 12-1, in front of the church office. This is a time to connect and pray with other men under the Word, sitting outside as weather permits. RSVP to bgault@redeemerjackson.com.

RYA Ice Cream Social, Oct 2

Join RYA at the District at Eastover for an Ice Cream Social with Sal and Mookie's ice cream! Come and go or come and stay, we will be out there from 6:00-7:30pm hanging out and enjoying and fellowship—plus, we have fifty FREE ice cream vouchers! Reach out to Chael Williams at cwilliams@rts.edu for more information.

Church-Wide Fellowship Brunch, Oct 5

Join us for our monthly congregation wide brunch during the Sunday School hour on Oct 5! We'll enjoy food and fellowship, then spend the last 15-20 minutes hearing updates on the acquisition, development, and use of Chastain middle school. 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!

RCA ArtMake: Intokber, Oct 9

Join Redeemer Community Arts for an ArtMake! This is for artists of any level and age to dedicate some time to create and explore in their various mediums in an uplifting community. This particular Artmake features Belhaven professor Jacob Rowan instructing on different ink mediums and tools for around an hour. Basic drawing supplies are provided, but any type of artmaking is encouraged, so whether you want to paint, compose, practice, write, knit, or just read a book, you are welcome to join us. We'll meet at Northshore Specialty Coffee in the District from 6:00-8:00pm. Coffee and light refreshments provided.

*** NEWS TO NOTE ***

Redeemer Explored Begins Oct 12

If you are interested in knowing more about Redeemer or joining the church, Redeemer Explored is a Sunday School class that explores who we are and what we believe. Pastor Elbert leads this class during the Sunday School hour (9:45 - 10:35am), for 7 weeks from Oct 12 - Nov 30. At the end of the class, there will be the opportunity to interview with an Elder for membership. Email Brian Gault at bgault@redeemerjackson.com for more info or to hold your seat in the class.

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



REDEEMER CHURCH

COMMUNITY

FISH FRY

FREE FOOD • GAMES • MUSIC • FAMILY FUN

WEDNESDAY, **OCTOBER 8**

5:00pm - 8:00pm • WELLINGTON RD, JACKSON MS

(Behind Redeemer Church)

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+ OPEN TO THE
COMMUNITY

**Bring your family and friends
for an evening of fun!**

Enjoy free fried fish, live music,
games for all ages, a bounce
house, petting zoo, and a
community resource fair with
local organizations.



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***Sign up
to serve:***



“But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.

If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.”

1 COR 12:24-26

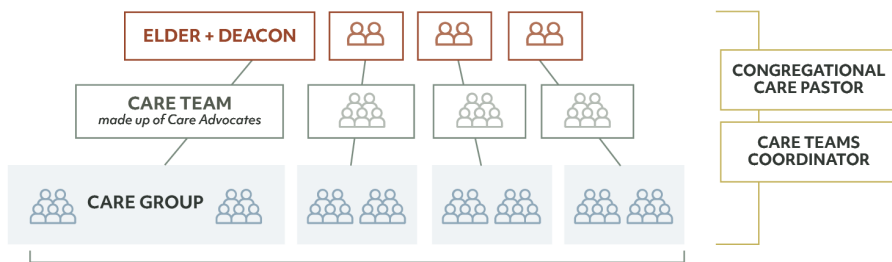
Redeemer Church, as the body of Christ, has many parts. If we think of the preaching of the Word as the nervous system, missions as the muscular system, prayer as the respiratory system, discipleship as the skeletal system, and giving as the circulatory system – then Congregational Care is the immune system. **We seek to respond with healing and hope to the parts of Christ's body that hurt.**



What are Care Teams?

Care Teams are a new initiative to help our church be attentive and responsive to the needs of the Body. Here's a brief overview of what it will mean for you as a church member:

- Each member will still have an assigned elder: a leader in the church who is available to you and responsible for your spiritual shepherding
- Each elder will now be joined by a Care Team of deacons, men, and women in our congregation.
- One member of the Care Team (your Care Advocate) will be assigned to you to pray for and check-in with you regularly.



Congregation equally divided into Care Groups

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to care@redeemerjackson.com.

Fall Adult Sunday School

9:45-10:35am

Fall Adult Sunday School Block 1
began Aug 10 and concludes today, Sept 28.

Habits of the Household
Location: Sanctuary

In Pursuit of Biblical Creativity
Location: Room 109

The Book of Acts
Location: Fellowship Hall

Fall Adult Sunday School Block 2
begins Oct 12 and concludes Nov 30.

Foundations of Faith: A Study of the Westminster Confession (Chapters 1–7)

Teacher: Brian Gault
Location: Fellowship Hall

Over 7 weeks we will study Chapters 1–7 of the Westminster Confession of Faith, exploring foundational doctrines that have shaped Reformed theology for centuries. We will examine the nature and authority of Scripture, the attributes and decrees of God, creation and providence, the fall of man, and God's covenantal relationship with humanity.

Working chapter-by-chapter, each week will include guided reading, group discussion, and theological reflection aimed at deepening understanding and encouraging personal application. Whether you are new to the Confession or know it well, this course will provide a structured, thoughtful approach to the historic teachings of the Reformed faith. Join us as we grow in our knowledge of God and His Word through the lens of this timeless confession.

My Role in God's Rescue Plan

Teachers: Jerome Douglas, Brent Kooi, Barret Jones
Location: Room 109

Join us in exploring God's heart for the nations and our part in his mission. Together we'll look at what missions is, who missionaries are, and how each of us can participate - whether by going or sending. Each week will focus on a different aspect of God's rescue plan, concluding with a hands-on mission project. Come be inspired and equipped to play your role in God's global mission!

Redeemer Explored

Teachers: Elbert McGowan, Jr., Barry McCay
Location: Sanctuary

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.

If you are ready to join Redeemer or have further questions, you will have the opportunity to meet with an elder at the end of the class.

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 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

Children's Church, Oct 5

Children ages 4-5 join us as we study Covenant Theology this fall. 8:00am service only, for ages 4-5.

Communicants Class Begins Oct 12

Communicants Class (generally ages 9-13) is a six-week-long class offered two times a year. Children of Redeemer members (i.e., non-communing members) have the opportunity to talk through the vows of the church, make a credible profession of faith, and be admitted to partake in the Lord's Table as Communing Members. There are six classes in the course and you'll need to complete a minimum of three of the classes in order to sit for an elder interview. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday to sign up, reach out to Jajuan at mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com with questions.

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.

***** Redeemer Youth *****

6th-12th Grade

High School Fall Retreat, Nov 7-8

High School students, we would love to have you join us for our 2025 Fall Retreat! At Fall Retreat you'll get to hear teaching from God's Word, enjoy time outside, play games, meet new people, and hang out with your friends and youth leaders. Registration is open from Sept 1 to Oct 23. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday to sign up.

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

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 Sept 28

Johnston Walker, 601.260.0978

Sunday, Sept 28

RUF Sunday

- 8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 12:30pm RUF Lunch
- 6:30pm Rooted

Monday, Sept 29

Tuesday, Sept 30

- 7:00am Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm GriefShare
- 7:00pm Choir Practice
- 7:30pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Oct 1

- 9:00am Moms Bible Study
- 5:30pm Families Count Class
- 6:00pm Work Life Fellowship Night

Thursday, Oct 2

- 6:30pm RYA Ice Cream Social

Friday, Oct 3

Saturday, Oct 4

- 8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, Oct 5

- 8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available
- 9:45am Church Wide Fellowship
Brunch
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 5:30pm Rooted
- Various Sunday Growth Groups

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
Brandon Slay, Director of AV Ministries
Andre Warner, Audio/Visual Assistant
Josh Anderson, Intern
Joshua Coleman, Intern
Ian Deffenbaugh, Intern
Markese Lee, Intern
Chael Williams, Intern
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Joyce Hamme, Arthur Phillips, Meg Mills, Akida Mosby

RULING ELDERS

Karl Arndt
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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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David Garner
Jake Garner
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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



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COMING UP:

Oct 6: Session & Diaconate Meetings
Oct 8: Fish Fry
Oct 11: Community Garden Workday
Oct 12: Children & Youth Sunday
Oct 16: RYA Spiritual Formation Dinner & Discussion
Oct 23: Community Garden Workday
Nov 2: Church-Wide Prayer Brunch
Nov 3: Session & Diaconate Meetings