



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—Sept 14, 2025

“God Blesses & Keeps Joseph from the Pitfalls of Assimilation and Pride”

—Genesis 41:41-57

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Ministry Moment

Rev. Zack Owens
Congregational Care Teams

Introit

“We Have Come into This House”

We have come into His house, and gathered in His name, to worship Him. (x2)
We have come into His house, and gathered in His name, to worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him, and worship Him. (x2)
So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him, and worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

Let us lift up holy hands, and magnify His name, and worship Him. (x2)
Let us lift up holy hands, and magnify His name, and worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

He is all my righteousness,
I stand complete in Him, and worship Him. (x2)

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and worship Christ the Lord.

Call to Worship

1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-12

Mr. Joshua Coleman
Intern

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Joshua Coleman

Assurance of Pardon

Jeremiah 31:34

Mr. Joshua Coleman

...for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

*** Song of Preparation**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty.
Worthy to receive glory,
Worthy to receive honor,
Worthy to receive all our praises.

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Holy is the Lord, God Almighty.
Worthy to receive glory,
Worthy to receive honor,
Worthy to receive all our praises.

Praise Him, Praise Him and lift Him up.
Praise Him, exalt His name forever.
Praise Him, Praise him and lift Him up.
Praise him, exalt his name for ever.

*** Song of Praise**

"I Love You Lord Today"

I love you, I love you I love you Lord today.
Because you care for me in such a special way,
that's why I praise you I lift you up and I magnify your name,
that's why my heart is filled with praise.

My heart, my mind, my soul belongs to you.
You paid the price for me way back on calvary,
that's why I praise you I lift you up and I magnify your name,
that's why my heart is filled with praise.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. William Stackler
Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

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

"Behold, Bless Ye The Lord "

Redeemer Choir

Behold, bless ye the Lord, oh ye servants of the Lord.
Which by night, stand in the house, of the Lord, of the Lord, oooo.
Lift up your holy hands, lift up your hands.
And let the Lord bless thee out of Zion, of Zion.

In God's temple...hatred in God's temple.
Open the door, and come on in.
In the temple find love.
In the temple find joy.
In the temple find peace.
In the temple stay Lord. Repeat bridge as directed.

And let the Lord bless thee out of Zion, of Zion.
Of Zion. Repeat "Of Zion" as directed.
And let the Lord bless thee out of Zion, of Zion.

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

Genesis 41:41-57

Pew Bible p. 41

Sermon Title

"God Blesses & Keeps Joseph from the Pitfalls of Assimilation and Pride"

***Hymn of Faith**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changeest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, Spring-time and harvest;
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above--
Join with all nature in manifold witness to
Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

*** Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

*** Departing Song**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear Presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Karl Arndt & Mrs. Haley Arndt (8:00am)
Mr. William Stackler & Mrs. Amy Stackler (11:00am)

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #2579870)

SERMON QUESTIONS

- Contrast Joseph's life in Genesis 37-40 with 41. What is different about him in our chapter this morning?
- Would you agree that Joseph, who had suffered immensely, seems to be flourishing in our text? Can you remember a time when the Lord lifted you out of a dark season?
- While it's tempting to think Joseph is now out of the woods in Genesis 41, why is it more accurate to see that while he's out of the woods of hardship, chapter 41 introduces him to new forest he'd need to navigate well?
- Pharaoh appears to be at the center of everything transpiring in verses 41 - 45! What might Pharaoh be doing (directly or indirectly) by giving Joseph a new name, a new look, new clothing, new power, and a new wife? How might this have introduced temptation in Joseph's heart towards complete assimilation?
- In the sermon, CS Lewis' *Inner Ring* was referenced. When have you been guilty of chasing some access into a man-made inner ring, only to tarnish your unique Christian identity?
- It appears that Joseph was at the center of everything in verses 46-49 and 53-57! How might this have introduced temptation in Joseph's heart towards pride? When have you, on the heels of success, been tempted to forget the Lord?
- In the end, Joseph maintains his unique identity in Egypt. While he is in Egypt, he is not of Egypt. What evidence do we have in this text to support this? Joseph also maintains a deep sense of humility. What evidence do we have in this text to support this?
- Hebrews 11:22 reminds us that Joseph was a man of deep faith in the Lord. As these things are unfolding, his hope and trust remains in God's promises, presence, and Gospel. How does the Gospel of Christ, the good news of the greater Joseph, help us deal with prosperous times? How does the grace of Christ keep us, even when we fail? How does the Holy Spirit work in us, moving us to remember who we are and whose we are in this life?

Sermon Points:

1. Highly exalted and successful.
2. Hidden dangers of assimilation and pride.
3. Helped by God and the Gospel to persevere.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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More Information:

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

*** PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES ***

- Margaret Sudduth: As she grieves the loss of her 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.

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

*** SEEKING TO SERVE ***

MNA Disaster Relief Bucket Drive, Ends Sept 19

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 Fri, Sept 19. 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.

Sing With the Choir During RUF Sunday, Sept 28

Grab your favorite university t-shirt, your musical talent and enthusiasm, and join the choir during RUF Sunday on Sept 28! Reach out to Akida Mosby at akidamosby@yahoo.com or Meg Mills at megger.lsu@gmail.com to learn how you can get involved.

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.

*** CALLED TO CONNECT ***

RYA Spiritual Formation Dinner & Discussion, Sept 18

Join RYA for our next event hosted at Rachel Anderson and Susan Gibson's home (address in RYA GroupMe) on Sept 18 from 6:30-8:00pm. We will share a meal together and then time reflecting and discussing on how God's Word shapes us more into the image of Christ. Contact Chael Williams at cwilliams@rts.edu with any questions.

Men's Gathering Begins Sept 30

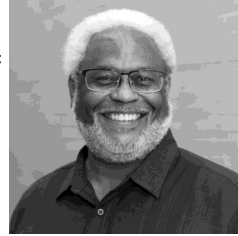
For 8 weeks this fall, gather with Redeemer men to meditate on and discuss scriptures on Jesus's Discernment and Endurance and how those attributes shape our lives. We meet Tuesdays, 12-1, in front of the church office. This is a time to connect and pray with other men under the Word, sitting outside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

Redeemer Explored Begins Oct 12

If you are interested in joining Redeemer or know someone who is, 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. Email Brian Gault at bgault@redeemerjackson.com for more info or to hold your seat in the class.

Welcome Andre Warner, Audio/Visual Assistant!

Andre has faithfully served for years as a dedicated volunteer in our AV ministry, and we're thrilled to now have him step into this part-time staff role. He brings valuable experience and a heart for excellence to everything he does behind the scenes. In this role, Andre will support the weekly production of our sermons—including managing the livestream, editing video/audio, and uploading sermons to our podcast. Thanks Andre; we're grateful for all you do!



Redeemer Podcast

Our sermon podcast feed is fully up to date—thanks to Andre Warner and the A/V team for the editing and uploads. You can go back and listen for a second time or send last week's sermon to a friend!

Social Media Refresh

We're giving Redeemer's social media a fresh start! You'll see encouragement, stories of what God is doing, and snapshots from worship and events. We'd love for you to be part of it—but if you'd rather you and your family not be in photos or videos, just let Jerome Douglas know. Follow along and help us share what God is doing at Redeemer! Instagram: [@Redeemer_Jackson](https://www.instagram.com/Redeemer_Jackson), Facebook: [@Redeemer Church Jackson](https://www.facebook.com/RedeemerChurchJackson).

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.

“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

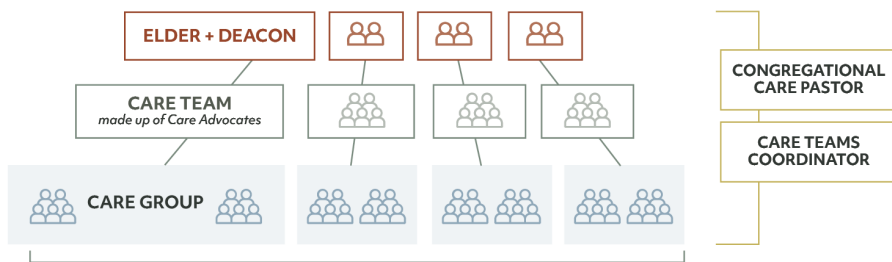
Redeemer Church, as the body of Christ, has many parts. If we think of the preaching of the Word as the nervous system, missions as the muscular system, prayer as the respiratory system, discipleship as the skeletal system, and giving as the circulatory system – then Congregational Care is the immune 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**

2025 Fall Adult 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 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, Sept 21

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 6 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!



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FREE FOOD • GAMES • MUSIC • FAMILY FUN

WEDNESDAY, **OCTOBER 8**

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

(Behind Redeemer Church)

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**Bring your family and friends
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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:***



THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call Week of Sept 14

Jeremy Smith, 601.278.2260

Sunday, Sept 14

8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

6:30pm Rooted

Monday, Sept 15

Tuesday, Sept 16

4:30pm Youth Girls Bible Study

6:00pm GriefShare

7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, Sept 17

9:00am Mom's Bible Study

6:00pm Upside Down

6:00pm Crossroads

6:00pm Women's Bible Study

6:00pm Work Life Class via

Hope Exchange

Various Sunday Growth Groups

Thursday, Sept 18

6:30pm RYA Spiritual Formation
Dinner & Discussion

Friday, Sept 19

Saturday, Sept 20

8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, Sept 21

8:00am Worship Service
Livestream Available

9:45am Sunday School

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

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

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



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COMING UP:

Sept 25: Community Garden Workday

Sept 28: RUF Sunday

Oct 2: RYA Ice Cream Social

Oct 5: Church-Wide Fellowship Brunch

Oct 6: Session & Diaconate Meetings

Oct 8: Fish Fry

Oct 11: Community Garden Workday

Oct 12: Children & Youth Sunday