



# REDEEMER CHURCH

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—February 22, 2026

*“The Righteous Who Live Righteously”*

— James 1:19-27

**Welcome & Announcements**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

**Missions Moment**

Rev. Wright Busching

Church Planter & Pastor at University Presbyterian Church, Tampa

**Introit**

*“This Day”*

Give us this day, our daily bread, you said you would,  
supply all my needs, according to your riches.  
I have but to ask and,  
I shall receive.

To go from here and share this love, you gave to me,  
to show someone, who's lost and help, them find, their way...  
the way to truth and faith, so they can be  
free....like me,  
free....like me.

Lord, we need your love,  
Lord, we need your peace,  
Lord, we need your joy,  
this day....thank you for this day,  
Lord we thank you for this day.

**\* Call to Worship**

*Deuteronomy 10:12-21*

Rev. Brian Gault

Assistant Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship

And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good? Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. Yet the Lord set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

**Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin**

Rev. Brian Gault

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Ephesians 2:4-5*

Rev. Brian Gault

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**\* Song of Preparation**

“Every Praise”

*Chorus:* Every praise is to our God.  
Every word of worship with one accord.  
Every praise, every praise is to our God!

Sing hallelujah to our God,  
Glory hallelujah is due our God.  
Every praise, every praise is to our God!

God my Savior, God my Healer, God my Deliverer.  
Yes He is, (yes He is), Yes He is, (yes He is!). Repeat as directed.

**\* 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.

**Pastoral Prayer**

Dr. Andy Sauerwein  
Ruling Elder

**Worship in Giving**

Dr. Andy Sauerwein

*\*\*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**

“My Soul’s Been Anchored in The Lord”

Redeemer Choir

In the Lord, in the Lord, my soul's been anchored in the Lord. (4x)

My hope is built on nothing less (my souls been anchored in the Lord).  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness (my souls been anchored in the Lord).  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame (my souls been anchored in the Lord).  
but wholly lean on Jesus name (my souls been anchored in the Lord).

In the Lord, in the Lord, my soul's been anchored in the Lord. (2x)

My soul's been anchored, been anchored in Jesus. (4x)

Jesus lover of my soul let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me oh my Savior hide till the storm of life is past!  
Safe into the haven guide oh receive my soul at last.

Anchored, anchored, anchored, anchored,  
My soul is anchored in the Lord!

**Prayer of Illumination**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

**Sermon Text**

James 1:19-27  
Pew Bible p. 1199

**Sermon Title**

“The Righteous Who Live Righteously”

**\* Song of Response**

*"By Faith"*

By faith we see the hand of God,  
in the light of creation's grand design.  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,  
who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth,  
with the power of His promise in their hearts,  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,  
a place where peace and justice reign.

By faith the prophets saw a day,  
when the longed-for Messiah would appear,  
with the power to break the chains of sin and death,  
and rise triumphant from the grave.

*Chorus:* We will stand as children of the promise,  
we will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward,  
'till the race is finished and the work is done,  
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

**\* Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

**\* Departing Song**

*"By Faith"*

By faith the church was called to go,  
in the power of the Spirit to the lost.  
To deliver captives and to preach good news,  
in every corner of the earth.

By faith this mountain shall be moved,  
and the power of the Gospel shall prevail.  
For we know in Christ all things are possible,  
for all who call upon His name. *Chorus*

**Prayer Intercessor Team**

Dr. Andy Sauerwein & Mrs. Quita Sauerwein (8:00am)

Dr. Andy Sauerwein & Mrs. Quita Sauerwein (11:00am)

**\*Please Stand.**

**(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #2579870)**

## **SERMON POINTS**

1. What is the righteousness of God here?
2. How is this righteousness fostered?
3. What does the righteousness of God look like in our real lives?

## **SERMON NOTES**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Connect Pad:** Please find the Connect Pad on your pew and sign in. This helps us keep track of Members and Visitors alike.



### 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.
- Thomas Eaves, son of Sterling & Lizzie Eaves: In remission from Leukemia.
- Caroline & Tu Combs: As Caroline undergoes treatment for stage 4 breast cancer.

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

### Talking to Your Kids About Sex: A Biblical Approach, Feb 25 or Mar 4

One of the most important—and sometimes daunting—conversations you can have with your child is “the talk.” In this one-hour session, we'll offer practical tools and encouragement to help you approach this conversation with confidence and care, and to continue it as an ongoing, healthy dialogue over time. This same talk will be offered on Feb 25 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary, and again on Mar 4 at 12:00pm in the Church Office at 644 Wellington Rd. RSVP through the QR code.

### Reaching Our Neighbors Luncheon, Feb 28

To kick off Missions Month 2026, join us in the fellowship hall from 10:30am-1:00pm for a practical and inspiring session focused on local evangelism and building bridges within our community. Pastor Thabiti Anyabwile will share from his experience helping churches engage their neighborhoods with gospel intentionality. See the QR code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](http://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday) to sign up.

### Registration Open for Women's Ministry Spring Retreat, Apr 24-25

Register now for our women's ministry retreat at Twin Lakes! This is an opportunity to set aside intentional time to grow in knowing our God deeper through the teaching and study of his Word, and to enjoy connection and rest with others. Portia Collins will be our guest speaker for the weekend, you can learn more about Portia through the QR code. This event is for women ages 18 and up. For more details and to register, see QR code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](http://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday).

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

### Community Garden Workday, Mar 14

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. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just want to put your hands in the dirt and learn, join us at 9:00am for our next spring workday at the garden, located at the corner of Robinhood and Londonderry. Questions or ideas? Contact Sylvia Leggette at [artandsoilgarden@gmail.com](mailto:artandsoilgarden@gmail.com)

### Serve with Families Count, Mar 18—Apr 29

Through Families Count, the church has the opportunity to come alongside families in difficult seasons, walking with them toward restoration and stability. This class will be Wednesdays evenings, March 18- April 29, 5:30-7:30pm. Childcare is provided through the nursery and Upside Down. Please contact Jennifer Remington at [jenremington2@gmail.com](mailto:jenremington2@gmail.com) to get involved, and please be praying for these families!

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

**Weekly Programming Pauses—Spring Break, Mar 4 & 11**

For spring break Upside Down, Crossroads, Hope Exchange, and The Soul of Shame Book Discussion will not meet. Rooted will not meet on Mar 8.

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

**Children's Church, Mar 1**

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

**Celebrating a Grand Time at The Redeemer's Ball**

This past weekend, 75 folks came out and celebrated together at our annual Redeemer's Ball. The dance floor was shredded and sweet memories were made amongst the family of God-thanks to Jajuan, Joya, and all the volunteers who made this special event possible! Check out the photo album from the ball via the QR code.

**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. See QR code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](http://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday) for more information.

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

**High School Skate Night, Mar 1**

Whether you're a pro on roller skates or just here for a good time, we'd love to see you at our High School Silly Skate Night, 5:30-7:00pm, at Spinners in Florence! Attire: Thrift Store Tacky. Bring some money for food if you'd like to eat there).

**Middle School Spring Day Getaway, Mar 28**

Middle Schoolers, join us for a Saturday retreat at Twin Lakes Camp! This will be a chance to spend time in God's Creation and enjoy time with your friends and youth leaders. We're going to have a blast and hope you'll be a part of it! Registration is open from Feb 1–Mar 13, sign up through the QR code.

**Middle School RYM, June 22-26**

Middle School RYM (Reformed Youth Ministries) trip is for students who will be in 6th-8th grade during the 2026-27 school year (current 5th-7th graders). This conference is held at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center in Panama City Beach, FL. For more information about RYM, check out their website. Registration is first come first serve. The trip cost is \$525 with a \$125 deposit due upon registration. See QR code to register.

**High School RYM, July 3-7**

High School RYM (Reformed Youth Ministries) trip is for students who will be in 9th-12th grade during the 2026-27 school year and our 2026 High School graduates. This conference is held at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center in Panama City Beach, FL. For more information about RYM, check out their website. Registration is first come first serve. The trip cost is \$525 with a \$125 deposit due upon registration. See QR code to register.

**RYM Financial Aid Information**

We do not want the cost of these RYM trips to keep anyone from being able to participate. We have some money budgeted to go toward financial aid for those who need it. An application process for this is wise and necessary, and a link to the application (along with more information) is on each of the registration pages. This application inquires about need, interest, and current involvement with Redeemer.

**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 on Wednesday nights. We have a blast and would love to see you there! See QR code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](http://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday) for more information.

**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! See QR code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](http://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday) for more information.

# MISSIONS MONTH 2026



A month focused on living on mission in our neighborhoods, our city, and among the nations

## KEY EVENTS & DATES

FEB 28

Reaching Our  
Neighborhood Luncheon

MARCH  
1-29

Mission Moments  
(Sundays)

MARCH  
22

Mission Month Dinner

MARCH  
28

Ministering to the  
Poor Luncheon

## GUEST SPEAKERS:



Rev. Thabiti Anyabwile

Dr. Karen Ellis



Rev. Joshua Tsavatewa

All events and meals are free!

Childcare available  
for Mar 22 and Mar 29  
(register two weeks prior for childcare)

Register early and join us during Missions Month!





# MISSIONS MOMENTS



**February 22**  
**Rev. Wright Busching**  
Church Planter/Pastor



**March 1**  
**Trey and Kiki Adams**  
MTW Thailand Team Leader,  
Mission to the World



**March 8**  
**Willis Bridges**  
Director of Ministry & Mission,  
Mission First



**March 15**  
**Rev. Hernando Saenz**  
Hispanic Ministries Director,  
Mission to North America (PCA)



**March 22**  
**Marcus Nobles**  
Campus Associate, RUF  
Alabama A&M



**March 29**  
**Kelle Menogan**  
Head of School,  
The Redeemer's School

## *Spring Adult Sunday School*

*9:45-10:35am*

*Spring Adult Sunday School Block 1  
began Feb 8 and concludes Mar 29.*

### **Jackson Apologetics: Clear Answers for Complex Questions**

**Teachers:** Jerome Douglas, Karen Ellis, Esther Abraham

**Location:** Room 109

Want to grow in defending the faith? Join us as we engage the beliefs shaping our city and everyday conversations. We will explore sexuality, Christian nationalism, Islam, Jehovah's Witness, Hebrew Israelism, and deconstruction - drawing from Eric Mason's Urban Apologetics. Come grow in clarity and confidence as we learn to give Gospel answers with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15).

### ***The Song of Songs***

**Teacher:** Miles Van Pelt

**Location:** Sanctuary

The Song of Songs is perhaps the most neglected and misunderstood book in the Christian Bible, but we need to hear its message more than ever in our current cultural moment. The Song upholds the beauty of the marriage covenant as instituted by God in Genesis 2, while helping us to navigate the hardships, temptations, and brokenness of the post-fall Genesis 3 world we now inhabit. In this class, we will consider the topic of marriage and marital intimacy from the larger context of the Bible through the lens of Solomon's most famous song, the Song of Songs.

### ***Christian Growth: the Fruit of the Spirit***

**Teachers:** Zack Owens, Bentley Crawford, Andy Sauerwein

**Location:** Fellowship Hall

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23). In scripture, a healthy life with God is often described in biological terms - whether as physical growth or botanical growth (a living faith is not truly living if it doesn't exhibit the characteristics of life: movement, breathing, and growth.)

In this class, we will explore each of the Fruit of the Spirit as a window into a biblical understanding of how and why we grow as Christians, exploring not only personal sanctification but also Intimacy (giving and receiving love), Identity (Connecting to others even through conflict), Imperfection (Dealing with sin and failure in ourselves and others), and Impulse Control (Holy Spirit empowered ability to feel and think instead of react).

## Spring Adult Sunday School

9:45-10:35am

Spring Children & Youth Sunday School  
began Feb 8 and concludes May 31.

### Youth (6th-12th): Truths That You Can Trust

**High School Teachers:** Chael Williams, Stephanie Greer, Rob Vickery,  
Mary Katherine Evans, Cadden Christie

**Middle School Teachers:** Chael Williams, Stephanie Greer,  
Josh Anderson, Mary Katherine Evans, Lane Morgan

**Location:** Youth Room

In a world that is constantly shifting and information that is always changing, it is important that we "build our houses on the rock." This spring Redeemer Youth will be studying truths you can trust to remind us of the unchanging truth of God's Word. Using Paul David Tripp's *12 Truths Every Teen can Trust* as a resource, we will be learning together about core doctrines of the Christian faith serve as a firm foundation for living the Christian Life.

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

This spring, RedeemerKids is continuing through "Investigating God's Word."

**K4:** Room 208

**Teachers:**

Rachel Harbarger, Amanda McGuffey

**K5:** Room 209

**Teachers:**

Beth Clarke, Sarah Love Crawford

**1st:** Room 210

**Teachers:**

Krisan Parish, Claire Graves, Emmaline Smith

**2nd:** Room 207

**Teachers:**

Gene Everitt, KK Harrington

**3rd:** Room 206

**Teachers:**

Christa Williams, Page Callen,  
Andrea Burks

**4th:** Room 202

**Teachers:**

Angela Simpkins, Samuel Bolen

**5th:** Room 204

**Teachers:**

Haley Arndt, Tyler Espinoza,  
Jake Garner

### Nursery (2-3):

#### Exploring God's Word Through the New Testament

This spring, our Nursery Sunday School classes will be looking at God's Son. Our focus will be on exploring the New Testament as we study the birth and early years of Jesus. Each lesson is designed to help children discover and understand these foundational stories from Scripture. In every lesson, the children are continually directed to Jesus and encouraged to recognize their need for Him.

## THIS WEEK

### Deacon on Call Week of Feb 22

Johnston Walker, 601.260.0978

#### Sunday, Feb 22

- 8:00am Worship Service
- 8:00am Livestream Available
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 5:30pm Rooted

#### Monday, Feb 23

- 6:00pm GriefShare

#### Tuesday, Feb 24

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

#### Wednesday, Feb 25

- 9:00am Mom's Bible Study
- 6:00pm Upside Down
- 6:00pm Crossroads
- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm Faith & Finances via Hope Exchange
- 6:00pm *The Soul of Shame* Book Discussion
- 6:00pm Talking to Your Kids About Sex

#### Thursday, Feb 26

- 12:00pm Women's Bible Study

#### Friday, Feb 27

#### Saturday, Feb 28

- 8:30am Men's Basketball
- 10:30am Reaching Our Neighbors Luncheon

#### Sunday, Mar 1

#### Missions Month Begins

- 8:00am Worship Service
- 8:00am Livestream Available
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship Service
- 5:30pm High School State Night



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## STAFF

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor  
Brian Gault, Asst Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship  
Zack Owens, Asst Pastor of Congregational Care  
Jerome Douglas, Dir Neighborhood Outreach & Missions  
Jajuan McNeil, Director of Children's Ministry  
Joya McNeil, Children's Ministry Assistant  
Chael Williams, Interim Youth Director  
Stephanie Greer, Assistant Youth Director  
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  
Markese Lee, 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  
John Hooker\*  
Detrick Johnson  
Blaise King  
Cody McCain  
Lane Morgan  
Greg Ross  
Jaimar Scott  
Seth Shannon  
Jonathan Shull  
Jeremy Smith  
Ellis Tucker  
Johnston Walker  
Tamarco White

\*Sabbatical

## COMING UP:

Mar 4: Session & Diaconate Meetings  
Mar 4: Talking to Your Kids About Sex: A Biblical Approach  
Mar 14: Community Garden Workday  
Mar 22: Sunday Dinner: Developing a Heart for God's Mission  
Mar 25: Community Garden Workday  
Mar 28: Ministering to The Poor Luncheon  
Mar 28: Middle School Spring Day Getaway