

REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—May 10, 2026

“Trusting God With Our Time and Treasure”

James 4:13-5:6

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Missions Moment

Ms. Arianna Abraham, Ms. Esther Abraham,
Ms. Eva Pearce

* Call to Worship

Matthew 6:19-25-34

Mr. Josh Anderson
Intern

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal...

Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Josh Anderson

Assurance of Pardon

Luke 7:48, 50

Mr. Josh Anderson

And he said to her, Your sins are forgiven. And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

* Song of Preparation

“Highly Exalted”

Glory to God in the highest! Glory to God in the highest place!

You are the Lord, God Almighty,

You are highly exalted over all the earth!

*You are great and glorious, ever watching over us,
majestic and so marvelous; highly exalted, highly exalted.*

We declare You're wonderful, passionate and powerful.

Father forever You are faithful; highly exalted, highly exalted.

*** Song of Praise**

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

*When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast!
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.*

Refrain: *He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

*Those He saves are His delight, He will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. **Refrain***

*For my life He bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast;
'till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! **Refrain***

Old Testament Scripture Reading *Leviticus 19:9-17*

Mr. Josh Anderson

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God. "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. "You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.

Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Andy Sauerwein
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.*

*** Congregational Song**

“Keep Making a Way”

*Keep on making a way for me,
over and over again.
Always bringing me out over and over again.
Lord, You've done so much,
all to You I owe.*

Chorus: *I will ever sing Your praise,
glory to Your name,
You keep on making a way for me.*

*Keep on making a way for me,
opening doors for me,
taking care of me. Chorus*

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

James 4:13-5:6
Pew Bible p. 1202

Sermon Title

“Trusting God With Our Time and Treasure”

***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**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

*** 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

Dr. Andy Sauerwein & Mrs. Quita Sauerwein (8:00am)
Dr. Andy Sauerwein & Mrs. Quita Sauerwein (11:00am)

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #2579870)

SERMON QUESTIONS

1. **Open Reflection**—In your own words, what stood out to you when the passage was read?
2. **Enjoying God**—What particular aspect of the sermon helped you to enjoy God (Father, Son, and Spirit) more deeply?
3. What aspect of the gospel stood out to you in the sermon?
4. How would you summarize this sermon to another believer?
5. How was your understanding of the passage sharpened, clarified, or changed as you heard the word preached?
6. What are practical action steps that you can take this week as we consider how to apply this to our lives?
7. Where do you see struggles and/or victories in your life over doctrine and practice from today's passage and sermon?

SERMON NOTES

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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 ***

- Xander Ellison, son of Caleb & Sarah Ellison: As he recovers from a tonsillectomy.
- 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.

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

2026 Graduates

- **High School:** Gracie Blanks, Daniel Carter, Analise Franklin, Emma Fults, Gate Gregory, Jetson Hollingsworth, Linus Howell, Satomi Mills, Lydia Moller, Murray Rankin, Cade Slay, Ezra Splaingard, Nati Stackler, Carley Thompson, Barham Whitehead
- **College:** Abigail Newman
- **Post Grad:** Gabriel Garcia, Stuart Mills
- **Professional School:** Emily De Lashmet, Maria Miller

*** SEEKING TO SERVE ***

Community Garden Workday, May 20, 5:30-7:00pm

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 in the garden located at the corner of Robinhood and Londonderry. Questions or ideas? Contact Sylvia Leggette at artandsoilgarden@gmail.com.

RedeemerKids Leader Training, June 3 & June 10, 7:00pm

RedeemerKids is offering a special training for Redeemer Church members who are interested in serving in children's ministry but may feel unsure about how to get started. This training will provide practical guidance on leading large groups as well as effectively managing individual classrooms. We're offering two different dates on June 3 & June 10—whether you're a first time volunteer or a seasoned pro, this training is required in order to serve at VBS. Sign up through the QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday.

Help Lead Summer Children's Church, 1st & 3rd Sundays

In order for us to have children's church during the summer months, we will need at least 6 leaders to serve twice from June - Aug during the 8:00am service. If you would like to serve as a teacher or teacher assistant for children's church, please contact Jajuan McNeil at mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com

Summer Sunday School with RedeemerKids

During the summers, RedeemerKids shift from their usual curriculum and study the New City Catechism during the Sunday school hour. We need more leaders to pitch in and help to lead the littlest of members starting in June. Would you consider serving during the summer? Reach out to Jajuan McNeil at mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com

***** CALLED TO CONNECT *****

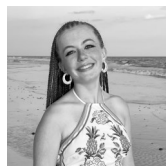
RCA ArtShare, May 21, 6:30-8:00pm

Join us for our art “open mic night.” It’s an opportunity for anyone engaged in creative activity to share in a friendly and relaxed environment. Play a song, share a poem, show a painting or drawing, or read a short story. Even if it’s in a rough draft form, come share what you’ve been working on. We’ll meet at the Berkompas home in Belhaven, contact Peter Davis at peterdart@live.com for the address. Light refreshments provided, and all ages welcome!

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

Praying for Our Short Term Missionaries

Redeemer is sending three of our members on short term mission trips this summer. Eva Pearce will serve in Tokyo, Japan with MTW’s Tokyo Community Arts Team, using her artistic gifts to build relationships and support gospel centered church planting in a largely unreached context. Esther Abraham and Arianna Abraham will travel to Central Asia with EPC World Outreach, partnering with a local team to help lead camps for disabled children and teens while supporting a developing church plant. Together, these trips reflect our commitment to both word and deed ministry among the nations. Please pray for their safety, boldness, and spiritual growth, and that God would use their efforts to strengthen local churches and draw many to Christ.



Celebrating a Sweet Time at The Women’s Ministry Retreat

Last weekend, 65 Redeemer Women gathered together at Twin Lakes to spend intentional time growing through the teaching and study of God’s word, and to bask in the beauty of creation and fellowship. A big thank you to Katie Drake, the Women’s Ministry Leadership team, and all the volunteers who made such a lovely weekend possible.

Sabbatical for Brian Gault, May 31—July 31

We are thankful to share that Brian Gault will take a sabbatical this summer, granted by the session as part of our church’s ongoing commitment to care and flourishing. Sabbaticals are a regular practice based on biblical rhythms of rest from labor after several years of sustained ministry. They provide an intentional space for rejuvenation, rest, and renewal both for pastors and their families, caring for their long-term health and thriving within our church family.



Brian, Leigh, and their six girls joined Redeemer in 2017. Since his ordination in 2018, Brian has brought his passion for the word of God and the growth of God’s people into the image of Christ to his role as the Assistant Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship. Brian’s intrinsic curiosity, passion for purposeful questions, delight in attuning to the spiritual needs of the flock, skill in creating elegant systems, winsomeness, and wisdom in instruction will be deeply missed this season.

During Brian’s sabbatical, the rest of our pastoral staff will share his responsibilities, though the absence of his (in)famous dad jokes will certainly echo across the congregation. If you have any questions about what this season will look like, reach out to Brian and the pastoral staff. Join us in prayer that this season would be marked by deep Shalom for the Gaults.

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

Children's Church, May 17

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

Kids With a Mission, May 29-30, 9:00am-1:00pm

Kids With A Mission is a half day summer camp for rising fourth and fifth graders in our church community. We use our time to discover and sometimes rediscover the beauty in our city and to see how missionaries in our city are working to bring peace to different areas. Day one we'll take a tour of historic Jackson, and day two we'll spend some time serving at the former Chastain building. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday to sign up.



Vacation Bible School, June 15-18, 5:30-7:30pm

VBS is a once yearly intensive study for kids k4- 5th grade. We take the time to eat together, study God's word, sing God's word, memorize God's word and play. We will be studying Noah's Ark this year to understand the salvation of the Lord. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday to register.



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

Redeemer Youth Alumni Catchup, May 13, 5:30-7:00pm

Calling all Redeemer Youth alumni from the High School graduating classes of 2023 -2026! We'd love to see you at this gathering at the Belhaven Town Center. Come grab some food or ice cream and reconnect with others who are back in town!

Middle School Summer Kickoff, June 3, 5:00-6:30pm

Rising 6th-8th graders, come jump into summer at Defy Trampoline Park with your youth leaders and friends at our Middle School Summer Kickoff! Please RSVP in the Redeemer Youth GroupMe or Stephanie at sgreer@redeemerjackson.com so we can get a headcount for this event.

High School Summer Kickoff, June 7, 5:30-7:00pm

Rising 9th-12th graders, come dive into summer with our summer kickoff pool party at the Arndt's home in Belhaven! Please RSVP in the GroupMe or to Stephanie at sgreer@redeemerjackson.com. We will share the address in the GroupMe closer to the event.

Spring Adult Sunday School Block 2 9:45-10:35am

Redeemer Explored

Teachers: Elbert McGowan, Jr., Barry McCay

Location: Room 109

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, Jr., 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.

Generous Justice

Teachers: Brian Gault, Grant Callen

Location: Fellowship Hall

This seven-week Sunday School class explores the core themes of Tim Keller's *Generous Justice* and how they shape a lived, biblical vision of mercy, righteousness, and neighbor-love. Together we will examine the Scripture's call to *mishpat* (justice) and *tzadeqah* (righteousness) in daily life, learning how God's grace motivates compassion rather than guilt or duty.

Each week connects Keller's insights to practical areas such as caring for the poor, addressing social and racial inequities, cultivating cross-cultural relationships, and integrating personal responsibility with concern for systems that harm the vulnerable. Participants will engage in discussion, reflection, and real-life application, discovering how the gospel empowers believers to seek restoration in their communities and embody God's heart for justice with humility, wisdom, and generosity.

Covenant Theology

Teachers: Josh Anderson, Joshua Coleman,

Jonny Parker, Jermaine Van Buren, Jr.

Location: Sanctuary

This class will explore the riches of covenant theology and how it shapes the way Reformed Christians read the Bible. Scripture repeatedly reveals God's covenant promise: "I will be your God, and you will be my people" (Ex 6:7).

Over seven weeks, we will trace this theme through the major covenants of the Bible using insights from J. V. Fesko's book *Signed, Sealed, Delivered*. The series will introduce the foundations of covenant theology and examine the covenant of redemption, the covenant of works, and God's covenant of grace in both the Old and New Covenants. We will also consider covenant signs and the relationship between covenant and the church. Our prayer is that this class will help participants see more clearly the beauty of Scripture and the richness of God's relationship with His people.

Spring Children & Youth Sunday School

9:45-10:35am

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

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

Middle School Teachers: Chael Williams, Stephanie Greer,
Josh Anderson, Mary Kathryn 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

2nd: Room 207

Teachers:

Gene Everrit, KK Harrington,
Rebecca Walker

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, 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 May 10

Cody McCain, 601.594.3640

Sunday, May 10

8:00am Worship Service
8:00am Livestream Available
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

Monday, May 11

Tuesday, May 12

7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, May 13

5:30pm Redeemer Youth
Alumni Catch-up

Thursday, May 14

Friday, May 15

Saturday, May 16

8:30am Men's Basketball
9:00am Community Garden Workday

Sunday, May 10

8:00am Worship Service
8:00am Livestream Available
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

STAFF

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor
Brian Gault, Asst Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship
Zack Owens, Asst Pastor of Congregational Care
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Jajuan McNeil, Director of Children's Ministry
Joya McNeil, Children's Ministry Assistant
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Stephanie Greer, Assistant Youth Director
Katie Drake, Director of Women's Ministry
Velma Warner, Nursery Coordinator
Coralie Keplinger, Coordinator of Communications
& Operations, Assistant to the Senior Pastor
Brandon Slay, Director of AV Ministries
Andre Warner, Audio/Visual Assistant
Josh Anderson, Intern
Joshua Coleman, Intern
Markese Lee, Intern
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Joyce Hamme, Arthur Phillips, Meg Mills, Akida Mosby

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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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Jake Garner
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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:

May 20: Community Garden Workday
May 29-30: Kids With a Mission
June 1: Diaconate Meeting
June 3: Session Meeting
June 3: RedeemerKids Leader Training
June 10: Summer Fellowship Potluck
June 13: Community Garden Workday
June 15-18: Vacation Bible School
June 22-26: Middle School RYM
July 3-7: High School RYM



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