



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Zack Owens—Aug 2, 2026

“War and Beauty”

1 Peter 2:11-12

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Zack Owens
Assistant Pastor of Congregational Care

* Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-3

Mr. Josh Anderson
Intern

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Josh Anderson

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:5

Mr. Josh Anderson

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

* Song of Preparation

“Praise Him”

Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!

Jesus, Blessed Savior. He's worthy to be praised. Repeat

From the rising of the sun until the going down of the same;

He's worthy, Jesus is worthy. He's worthy to be praised.

Glory! Glory! In all things, give Him glory.

Jesus, Blessed Savior. He's worthy to be praised.

For God is our rock, hope of salvation; a strong deliverer. In Him will I always trust.

Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!

Jesus, Blessed Savior. He's worthy to be praised.

* 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***

Old Testament Scripture Reading *Isaiah 32:14–18*

Mr. Josh Anderson

"For the palace is forsaken, the populous city deserted; the hill and the watchtower will become dens forever, a joy of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks; until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places."

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Herb Sanders
Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Mr. Herb Sanders

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

"I Will Trust in the Lord"

*I will trust in the Lord I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord 'till I die.
I will trust in the Lord I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord 'till I die.*

*I'm gonna stay on the battlefield, I'm gonna stay on the battlefield.
I'm gonna stay on the battlefield 'till I die.
I'm gonna stay on the battlefield, I'm gonna stay on the battlefield.
I'm gonna stay on the battlefield 'till I die.*

*I'm gonna call on Jesus name I'm gonna call on Jesus name.
I'm gonna call on Jesus name 'till I die.
I'm gonna call on Jesus name I'm gonna call on Jesus name,
I'm gonna call on Jesus name Till I die.*

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Zack Owens

Sermon Text

1 Peter 2:11-12
Pew Bible p. 1204

Sermon Title

"War and Beauty"

*** Hymn of Faith**

"More About Jesus"

*More about Jesus would I know, more of His grace to others show.
More of His saving fullness see, more of His love who died for me.*

Chorus: *More, more about Jesus. More, more about Jesus.
More of His saving fullness see, more of His love who died for me.*

*More about Jesus let me learn, more of His holy will discern.
Spirit of God my Teacher be showing the things of Christ to me. **Chorus***

*More about Jesus in His word, holding communion with my Lord.
Hearing His voice in every line, making each faithful saying mine. **Chorus***

Communion

Rev. Zack Owens and the Elders

Communion Music

*** Benediction**

Rev. Zack Owens

***Departing Song**

"More About Jesus"

More about Jesus on His throne
Riches in glory all His own
More of His kingdom's sure increase
More of His coming - Prince of Peace

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Scott Marshall & Mrs. Helen Marshall (8:00am)

Mr. Herb Sanders & Mrs. Mary Sanders (11:00am)

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #2579870)

Sermon Points

There is a war in our souls that is meant by Christ to produce beauty in our lives for the glory of God.

- War in our souls (Resisting what does not belong - v. 11)
- Beauty in our lives (Inhabiting places we do not belong - v.12)

Sermon Questions

- I. Peter begins with "beloved, I urge you" (belonging precedes doing, doctrine precedes moral imperative.) How does this gracious context help us hear, receive, and respond to the commands of scripture?
- II. Paul describes the war in our souls in Romans 7, "I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate." Does that describe any specific struggle in your life right now, and what would it look like to invite the Lord and others into it?
- III. Peter calls us to "keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable." This is not a call to mere moral goodness, but to a beautiful way of life before a watching world. He assumes "when," not "if," they speak against us as evildoers. Where has honorable, beautiful conduct actually cost a follower of Jesus? Have you experienced this?
- IV. Peter's way forward is Repentance ("abstain": what we turn away from), Responsibility ("keep": what we turn toward), and Restoration ("Glorify God": what we're aiming for). What can you be praying for in your own life, and for your family and your neighbors?

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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 ***

- Bill Wallace: As he recovers from Heart Ablation
- Finn Roberson: As he recovers from surgery and is treated for severe sleep apnea.
- Sheila Nasekos: Hospitalized with internal bleeding.
- Donald Dorsey: In the hospital with vascular issues.
- Myah Lane: As she undergoes treatment for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia.
- Thomas Eaves, son of Sterling & Lizzie Eaves: In remission from Leukemia.

Births

- Denny Bryce Rogers, 7.23.26, Covenant Child of Andrew & Casey Rogers
- Annie June Davidson, 7.14.26, Covenant Child of Samuel & Emily Davidson

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

*** SEEKING TO SERVE ***

Serve at Upside Down This Fall

We are excited to restart Upside Down on Aug 19. This is our midweek discipleship time for kids k4-5th grade. It's like VBS for our kids once a week! This fall we will be studying Joshua. If you'd like to join the RedeemerKids team as a leader, reach out to Jajuan McNeil-mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com-we'd love to have you!

Volunteers Needed for Children's Church

We want to restart children's church on Sept 20 for our K4 and K5 members. In order to teach our children about covenant theology on first and third Sundays, we need 10 people to help to disciple some of our youngest members. Please contact Jajuan McNeil at mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com by Sept 2 to let him know that you want to be apart of this leadership group.

Hope Exchange Volunteer Training, Aug 5, 6:00-8:00pm

This event is for any adult interested in helping people in practical ways. It's for people with a heart for mercy & justice. We are offering an essential training for anyone looking to invest in friendships across dividing lines of race, class, and culture. As an added bonus, it also equips you to serve as an ally with Hope Exchange! Together, we will: 1. Learn best practices in asset-based poverty alleviation, 2. Get prepared to invest in long-term relationships with people working to make positive changes, 3. Grow your church or organization's capacity to serve the most vulnerable in your community. The training will take place at Jackson Leadership Foundation downtown. Sign up through the QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday.

Community Garden Workday, Aug 8, 8:00-11:00am

Whether you're an experienced gardener or just want to put your hands in the dirt and learn, join us in the garden as we tend the community space. Each work day includes maintenance, bed prep, planting, harvesting, and special projects. There is wholesome work for all ages and even a kids play area for the littlest ones! THE ART + SOIL COMMUNITY GARDEN grows organic food to share with the surrounding community. We provide information, education, and mentoring for new gardeners in an encouraging community. Contact Sylvia Legette at artandsoilgarden@gmail.com for more information.

*** CALLED TO CONNECT ***

Church-Wide Fellowship Brunch, TODAY, Aug 2, 9:45-10:35am

Join us for our monthly congregation wide brunch during the Sunday School hour on Aug 2! We'll enjoy food and fellowship together as we enter the fall season. 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!

Choir Practice Resumes Aug 4, 7:00pm

The Redeemer Choir is kicking off for the fall and you're invited to join! Whether you've sung in the choir for years or just want to give it a try, we would love to have you join us in worship.

Mark Your Calendars: Growth Groups Resume Aug 16!

As the fall kicks off, our bi-weekly Growth Groups will be resuming their rhythm. Growth Groups are a space to know others and be known, and to grow in the Christian life together under God's word. Be on the lookout for information on each group in the coming weeks!

Hope & Relationships via Hope Exchange Begins Aug 19, 6:00-7:30pm

Hope & Relationships is a communication class (powered by Hope Exchange) for people who: 1) are ready to make real progress and grow in the way they speak and listen; 2) want to share their honest thoughts, feelings, and opinions without causing unnecessary offense; 3) desire to understand their patterns in conflict and strive for real change; and 4) are open to working through challenges in community. If that sounds like you, get signed up through QR code and reserve your spot in the class!

*** NEWS TO NOTE ***

Memorial Service for Dr. Jim Hurley, Aug 8, 10:30am

Dr. Jim Hurley, long time Redeemer member, has gone to be with the Lord. His faith has become sight, and there will be a Memorial Service here at Redeemer as we remember and thank the Lord for his life.

Now Accepting Officer Nominations, July 12-Aug 9

The Session has voted to accept nominations for officers for four weeks. Qualified men will meet the standards set for Deacon or Elder in 1 Tim 3 and Titus 1, of the appropriate age (Deacon 25, Elder 35), and a member for at least one year as of Feb 2027. He should be someone who is already actively serving and connected in the life of the church, knows their Bible, and demonstrates spiritual maturity both personally and publicly. A candidate must receive two nominations (not from family members) to be a valid nominee. All officers must be able to receive and adopt our Confessional Standards and form of government. You can find more information and the nominations form on the nominations page through the QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday.

We're back on Spotify!

We've resumed updating the songs for Sunday worship on a Spotify playlist. This is a great way to help prepare our hearts for worship each week. Look for the "Sunday Music" button on the Coming Sunday update!

Sabbatical for Brian Gault, May 31—July 31

Brian Gault, Redeemer's Assistant Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship, is currently on Sabbatical. He will return to the church office the week of Aug 3.

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

Upside Down Returns, Aug 19, 6:00-7:30pm

Our weekly programming for our RedeemerKids ages K4-5th grade is BACK on Wed, Aug 19 at 6:00pm. Mark your calendars!

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

High School Senior Lunch, Aug 9, 12:30-2:00pm

High School seniors, please join us for a lunch at the Marshall's home to celebrate the beginning of your senior year! Please RSVP to Stephanie at sgreer@redeemerjackson.com by Aug 5 to let us know if you can make it and receive the address.

Youth Parent & Leader Meeting, Aug 9, 4:00-5:00pm

Redeemer Youth parents and leaders, please join the Redeemer Youth staff for a meeting in the Youth Room. We'll be doing some introductions, offering information about the ministry and the upcoming school year, and spend time in prayer for the ministry. Hope to see you there!

Youth Leader Hangout, Aug 9, 5:00-6:30pm

Crossroads and Rooted leaders, let's kickoff the fall semester by grabbing dinner together at Aplos in Highland Village immediately following the parent and leader meeting on Aug 9. This will be a great chance to meet or catch up with other youth leaders before we jump into the school year!

Crossroads Kickoff Game Night, Aug 19, 6:00-7:30pm

Middle Schoolers (6th-8th grade), come kick off the 2026-27 school year with dinner and a game night in the Youth Room!

Rooted Returns Aug 23, 6:00-7:30pm

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. See you there!



REDEEMER CHURCH

Fall WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Kickoff

ROMANS WITH DR. CHRIS STEVENS

This year in our weekly Bible Studies we will be studying the book of Romans, so our desire for this event is to be an introduction into Romans. We hope that through this event and throughout the year that you know God deeper through the study of his Word and become more connected with other women. If you aren't in a Bible Study or are new to Redeemer, this is a great event to attend. If you are already involved in a Bible Study, come learn more about Romans and enjoy the opportunity to be with the women of Redeemer.

August 15
8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Registration begins at 8:00am, and we will begin promptly at 8:30am and conclude by 12:30pm. **Breakfast will be provided!**

More about our speaker: Dr. Chris Stevens is the Assistant Professor of New Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary. He holds a Master of Divinity from Westminster Seminary California and a Ph.D. in Christian Studies with a concentration in Biblical Studies and New Testament from McMaster Divinity College. He is passionate about helping students grow in their knowledge of Christ and their ability to faithfully interpret and proclaim God's Word. Dr. Stevens and his wife, Megan, have two sons.



DR. CHRIS STEVENS

If you have any other questions, contact Katie Drake at kdrake@redeemerjackson.com

Register through QR code.





WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Join us as we study the book of Romans this year!

This is a place where relationships are formed around prayer & time in the Word.
You can join us at any time—these are open groups!

Tuesday Morning | 7:00-8:00 am

Splaingard/McNair/Brand Group

- begins September 15th
- Outside Beagle Bagel at Highland Village
- Leaders: Debbie Splaingard, Bonnie McNair, Amanda Jo Brand
- Book: *Romans: The Glory of the Gospel* by Lydia Brownback
- Contact: Bonnie McNair: bonniethebookworm14@gmail.com



Tuesday Evening | 7:00-8:30 pm

Garner/Callen/Bragg/Keplinger/Barrow/Williams Group

- begins September 8th
- Garner Home in the Heatherwood Neighborhood (contact Jamie for the address)
- Leaders: Sarah Barrow, Jamie Bragg, Liz Callen, Rachael Garner, Coralie Keplinger, Alli Smith
- Contact: Jamie Bragg: jamiebragg@gmail.com



Wednesday Evening | 6:00-7:30 pm

Crawford/Hawkins/Brown/Jones Group

- begins August 19th
- Bride's Room at the church
- Leaders: KC Jones, Khambile Perry, Kristy Hawkins, Mary Hamilton Harkins, Mary Winston Gressett, Phoebe Brown, Renee Jefferson, Sarah Love Crawford
- Book: *Romans: The Glory of the Gospel* by Lydia Brownback
- Contact: KC Jones: katherinejones@outlook.com
- Childcare provided



Thursday Lunch | 12:00-1:00 pm

Shannon/Johnson/Marshall/McGowan/Parker Group

- begins September 3rd
- Bride's Room at the church
- Leaders: Avery Shannon, Elizabeth Johnson, Helen Marshall, Karen McGowan, and Ruth Parker
- Contact: Avery Shannon: avery.carlisle@gmail.com



Moms' Bible Study | 9:00-11:15 am

Moms' Bible Study is designed for all moms especially those with young children. We meet in the Bride's Room at the church on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 with nursery provided for children 0-3 and a Bible Club for older children attending.

Women will be offered a chance to learn in a large group setting as well as gather in small groups to pray together. Please register online, including registering your children for Nursery (0-3) and Bible Club (4+). Also, please feel free to bring your baby into Bible Study with you.

- begins September 2nd
- Bible Study and Prayer Groups from 9:00 - 11:15
- Bride's Room
- Teachers: Alecia Wallace, Angela Simpkins, Kirsten Pearce, Mia Missel, Olivia Akins
- Ministry Team Members: Becky Lowther, Krisan Parish, Paula Anders, Rebecca Walker, Susan McCaffrey, Tra-C Mae Johnson
- Book: *In View of God's Mercies - The Gift of the Gospel in Romans* by Courtney Doctor
- Contact: Krisan Parish: krisanparish@gmail.com



Please be in touch with the contact person for the group you are interested in joining to find out what materials you need to participate in the group this year. While all groups are studying Romans, each group will approach it a little differently.

We are excited to have you join us!

For any questions, contact Katie Drake at kdrake@redeemerjackson.com

Fall Sunday School Begins Aug 9 **Adult Classes Block 1 (Aug 9—Sept 27):**

Redemption Accomplished, WCF 8-15

Teacher: Brian Gault

This fall, our Sunday School class will explore Chapters 8–15 of the Westminster Confession of Faith, tracing the heart of the gospel and the saving work of Christ. Over seven weeks we will consider how God rescues sinners through the person and work of Jesus and applies that redemption to His people by the Holy Spirit.

Topics include Christ the Mediator, human will and sin, effectual calling, justification, adoption, sanctification, saving faith, and repentance. Together these chapters present a beautiful picture of God's grace—from Christ accomplishing salvation to the Spirit bringing that salvation to life in believers. Whether you are new to the Confession or familiar with it already, this class will help deepen your understanding of the gospel and strengthen your confidence in the saving grace of Christ.

The Righteousness of God: Romans 1-5

Teachers: Josh Anderson, Joshua Coleman, Markese Lee,
Jonny Parker, Jermaine Van Buren

In this Sunday School class, we aim to use Romans 1-5 to paint a clear picture of the unrighteousness of man, the righteousness of God, and the way in which this righteousness is imputed to those who believe in Christ. In these five chapters, Paul gives arguably the clearest exposition in the Bible of how we sinners are made righteous by the death and resurrection of Christ. We hope that, after this class, all who attend will leave with a clearer understanding of the righteousness we have in Christ, the divine indicative that serves as a foundation for all divine imperatives.

Redeeming the Time: Parenting as Spiritual Formation

Teachers: Zack & Kristen Owens, Marray & TK Harris

In this class, we hope to focus less on behavior and discipline and more on the formation of our children - heart, mind, soul, and strength. Connecting the dots between Ephesians 5:15-16 and 6:1-4, we will explore how children spend their time and how parents spend time with their children (technology, play, sports, reading, spiritual discipleship at home and at church).

Fall Children & Youth Sunday School

9:45-10:35am

Aug 9—Nov 29

Youth (6th-12th): Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion

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

Middle School Teachers: Chael Williams, Stephanie Greer, Jerome Douglas, Katie Drake, Lane Morgan, Goodness Adegbola, Oliver Hammond, Jake Garner

Location: Youth Room

This fall Redeemer Youth Sunday School will be working through *Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion* by Rebecca McLaughlin. From the back of the book:

"Christianity is the most widespread global belief system, and promises to remain so well into the future. But for many educated westerners, biblical Christianity is a dangerous idea—challenging some of their deepest beliefs. Channeling state-of-the-art research, personal stories, and careful biblical study, *Confronting Christianity* explores 12 questions that keep many of us from considering faith in Christ. Look more closely, McLaughlin argues, and the reality of suffering, the complexity of sexuality, the desire for diversity, the success of science, and other seeming roadblocks to faith become signposts. Jesus becomes not a relic from the ancient world, but our modern world's best hope."

Children's (K4-5th): Exodus

Location: Upstairs Classrooms

This Fall, RedeemerKids will start to study the book of Exodus during the Sunday School hour. We will be using OneStory's curriculum to study God's word chapter by chapter.

Nursery (2's & 3's): God's Faithfulness to His Promises

Teachers: Olivia Akins, Chad Akins, Amy Boyett, Alexis Doty, Akida Mosby

Location: Nursery Wing

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.

THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call Week of Aug 2

Preston Denley-662.231.3332

Sunday, Aug 2

8:00am Worship Service
8:00am Livestream Available
9:45am Church-Wide
Fellowship Brunch
11:00am Worship Service

Monday, Aug 3

Tuesday, Aug 4

Wednesday, Aug 5

Thursday, Aug 6

Friday, Aug 7

Saturday, Aug 8

8:30am Men's Basketball
10:30am Memorial Service for
Rev. Dr. Jim Hurley

Sunday, Aug 9

8:00am Worship Service
8:00am Livestream Available
9:45am Fall Sunday School Begins
11:00am Worship Service
4:00pm Youth Parent and
Leader Meeting

Final Day to Submit Officer Nominations

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, Director of Youth Ministry
Stephanie Greer, Assistant Youth Director
Katie Drake, Director of Women's Ministry
Velma Warner, Nursery Coordinator
Ellie Craven, Director of Music Ministry
Candace Robins, Assistant Director of Music Ministry
Brandon Slay, Director of AV Ministries
Andre Warner, Audio/Visual Assistant
Coralie Keplinger, Coordinator of Communications
& Operations, Assistant to the Senior Pastor
Mary Sanders, Administrative Assistant
Josh Anderson, Intern
Joshua Coleman, Intern
Markese Lee, Intern

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:

Aug 10: Session & Diaconate Meetings
Aug 15: Women's Ministry Fall Kickoff
Aug 16: Sunday Growth Groups Begin
Aug 19: Upside Down Begins
Aug 19: Crossroads Kickoff Game Night
Aug 19: Moms' Bible Study Begins
Aug 19: Wed Evening Women's Bible Study
Sept 6: Church-Wide Prayer Brunch
Sept 7: Church Office Closed
Sept 8: Tues Evening Women's Bible Study
Sept 15: Tues Morning Women's Bible Study



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