



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Austin McCann—September 27, 2026

“Out of the Depths of Anguish to the Heights of Assurance”

Psalm 130

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Time of Greeting

* Call to Worship

Rev. Chandler Rowlen (8:00am)

RUF Campus Minister at Mississippi Christian University

Rev. Jermaine Van Buren, Jr. (11:00am)

RUF Campus Minister at Jackson State University

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Rev. Chandler Rowlen (8:00am)

Rev. Jermaine Van Buren, Jr. (11:00am)

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:8

Rev. Chandler Rowlen (8:00am)

Rev. Jermaine Van Buren, Jr. (11:00am)

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

* 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 Will Feast”

Chorus: *We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together, we will feast and weep no more*

*We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God.
We are not consumed, by the flood, upheld, protected, gathered up. Chorus*

*In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid,
For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength. **Chorus***

*Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom. **Chorus***

New Testament Scripture Reading

James 4:6

Rev. Bentley Crawford

RUF Campus Minister at Belhaven University

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Trey Watkins

Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Rev. Bentley Crawford

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

"Cornerstone"

*My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus blood and righteousness,
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
but wholly trust in Jesus name.*

Chorus: *Christ alone; cornerstone.
Weak made strong; in the Savior's love,
through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.*

*When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil. **Chorus***

*When He shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in Him be found;
dressed in His righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. **Chorus***

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Austin McCann

RUF Campus Minister at Mississippi State University

Sermon Text

Psalms 130

Pew Bible p. 614

Sermon Title

"Out of the Depths of Anguish to the Heights of Assurance"

*** Song of Faith**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest 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**

Rev. Austin McCann

*** 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! **Refrain***

Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Dave Garner & Mrs. Tam Garner (8:00am)
Mr. Marculis Mosby & Ms. Diane Johnston (11:00am)

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #2579870)

Sermon Points

- I. (v.1-3) Prayerful Repentance
- II. (v.4-6) Patient Reliance
- III. (v.7-8) Plentiful Redemption

Sermon Questions

- How would you describe the “depth” you are currently facing? Do you believe God hears your cry and understands the depths you are in? How might the reality of God knowing your cry and hearing your voice impact the experience of your depths?
- Psalm 130 displays the challenging yet beautiful process of repentance. If God already knows our hearts and sees us fully, what sin might you be hiding that he already knows about? “**But** with you there is forgiveness...”. The finishing of repentance is always the turning from our sin and turning again to receive God’s forgiveness. How does the reality of God’s forgiveness produce a healthy fear of God in the heart of the Psalmist?
- What we long for in the deepest parts of who we are is what we are willing to wait for. What do you find yourself waiting for? How is God’s forgiveness related to waiting? How do we experience God’s mercy in our waiting?
- What is interesting to you about the repeated imagery of a watchmen waiting for the morning? Take some time to list and reflect. What promises in God’s Word bring you the most hope in this life?
- Can you think of a recent time when God’s mercy and forgiveness towards you lead you to share it with others (a spouse, sibling, child, friend, co-worker, stranger, enemy)? Because of Christ’s redemption on your behalf, all of the abundant, plentiful inheritance that is His, is now yours forevermore. But more importantly, it is His delight to shower you in all the love and embrace He has to offer you as your older brother. Does this kind of love and forgiveness characterize our Churches and our RUFs? How might understanding God’s view of us again in Christ, help shape our Churches and our RUFs?



RUF Sunday Guest Speaker | Rev. Austin McCann

Austin was born and raised in Memphis, TN. He began attending RUF as a freshman at Mississippi State University. Through the ministry of God's Word and meaningful friendships, the Lord used RUF to show Austin his deep need for grace in the Gospel and an ever-growing love for Christ and His Church. He also met his wonderful wife, Alex, through RUF. After graduating from MSU (2012-2016), Austin worked for two years as an RUF intern at Auburn University. In 2018, the McCanns moved to Charlotte, NC where Austin attended Reformed Theological Seminary. It is now an absolute joy to be serving as the RUF Campus Minister at his alma mater! Hailstate! They have three kids, Henry (5), Betsy (3) and Everett (1). Austin enjoys all things outdoors, talking MSU sports, reading a good book, and hole in the wall restaurants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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More Information:

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



*** PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES ***

- Beth Lovelace: Unable to attend worship recently due to declining health.
- Donald Dorsey: In the hospital with vascular issues.
- Myah Lane: As she waits for a treatment plan for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia.
- Thomas Eaves, son of Sterling & Lizzie Eaves: In remission from Leukemia.

Births

- Andy Ballard Fair, 9.17.26, Covenant Child of William & Anna Fair.
- Selah Allison Gillespie, 9.19.26, Covenant Child of George & Anne Elizabeth Gillespie.
- Kendall Farrington, 9.20.26, Covenant Child of Joshua & Katelyn Farrington.

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

*** SEEKING TO SERVE ***

We Need 80 More People to Serve at the Fish Fry, Oct 7, 5:00pm

The Fish Fry is more than an event; it is an opportunity to welcome our neighbors, build relationships, and share the love and hope of Christ. We need 80 more people to serve in each area; food, welcome, set/clean up, and hospitality. Sign up through the QR code!

Families Count Kickoff Meet & Greet, Oct 7, 5:00-8:00pm

This Fall, Redeemer is offering a 7-week parenting class on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30pm for families navigating challenging seasons and working with CPS, taught by Mar-ray and TK Harris. This opportunity allows the church to offer holistic care to families referred, so that children may remain in their parents care or reunify with them permanently. We're kicking off with a meet & greet during the annual Fish Fry. During the semester, volunteers are needed to assist with transportation to and/or from class, help set up the room before class, and to eat with the participants as mentors from 5:30-6:00pm. If you're interested in serving these families, reach out to Jennifer Remington at jenremington2@gmail.com.

Caffeination Station

One of our MOST VITAL ministries at Redeemer is our morning coffee service before Sunday school. Volunteers keep us caffeinated by preparing and serving the coffee. Bonus, volunteers get the first sips of our Northshore Coffee. If you can join the rotation, reach out to Gretchen Shull at seastripes@gmail.com.

*** CALLED TO CONNECT ***

RUF Sunday & Lunch for College Students, TODAY, Sept 27

Each fall, we celebrate and support all God is doing in our city through Reformed University Fellowship. RUF reaches college students at universities in the US with the hope of Christ and equips them for a lifetime of flourishing and service in the church, their community, and the wider world. Rev. Austin McCann, Campus Minister at MSU, will be our speaker, and other local campus ministers will help lead us in worship. Following the 11:00am service, college students join us for lunch in the fellowship hall to get to know our local campus ministries.

Fathers & Brothers & Sons Dodgeball Night, Sept 30, 6:00-7:30pm

Men's Ministry presents: An epic game of dodgeball! Men, invite a friend. Dads, bring your sons of all ages. Youth (6th-12th), y'all come on! Can you handle the heat? Can you hit Pastor El before he knocks you out? Start warming up that throwing arm now! We'll meet at the former Chastain middle school at 4650 Manhattan Rd, sign up through the QR code.

RYA Group Discussion: Christ-Centered Relationships, Oct 8, 6:30-8:30pm

Join Redeemer Young Adults for our small group discussion on several Bible passages that teach us about Christ-centered relationships. We'll meet at Josh Anderson's home, drinks will be provided, we'd like you to bring your favorite gas station snack! Reach out to Josh at janderson4333@student.rts.edu for the address or with any questions.

Redeemer Explored Begins Oct 11, 9:45-10:35am

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 11-Nov 29. 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.

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

Congregational Meeting Called to Elect Brian Gault & Zack Owens as Associate Pastors, Oct 4, 9:45am

With immense gratitude, the Session has voted to recommend Brian Gault and Zack Owens for election as Associate Pastors at Redeemer. This honor, extended after years of faithful service and shepherding, marks their shift from Assistant Pastors to Associate Pastors. Because Associate Pastors are elected by the congregation, they serve as full voting members of the Session. In place of our monthly brunch, the Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 4, during the Sunday school hour (9:45 AM, in the sanctuary) to vote on calling Brian and Zack to this office. Redeemer members, please mark your calendars to ensure we have a quorum and are present to celebrate this milestone for Brian, Zack, and our church body as a whole. We will also hear an end of fiscal year budget update from Jon Fults, Finance Chair.

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

Upside Down, Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30pm

Upside Down 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 the book of Joshua. Drop off in the Fellowship Hall, dinner provided.

Raising Kids in a Digital World Discussion, Sept 30, 12:00pm

This fall, RedeemerKids and Congregational Care are teaming up to discuss how we teach our children to engage with technology with wisdom. During these hour long conversations, Pastor Zack Owens and Director of AV Ministries Brandon Slay will give parents practical tools to equip parents to steward their children's relationship with technology.

Communicants Class Begins Oct 11, 9:45-9:35am

Communicants is a six-week-long class offered twice a year—fall and spring. 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. Sign up for the class through the QR code.

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

High School Fall Retreat (Oct 24-25) Registration Now Open!

High Schoolers, we hope you'll join us for our 2026 Fall Retreat on Oct 24-25! We'll get to spend time in God's Word together and enjoy activities and games at Twin Lakes. This is a great chance to grow in your faith and in friendship with others! Registration closes on Oct 8, sign up now through the QR code.

Middle School Encounter Retreat (Nov 13-15) Registration Now Open!

Sign up for our Middle School Encounter retreat for 6th-8th grade on Nov 13-15! Encounter is a presbytery-wide retreat with other churches in the area at Twin Lakes. Our speaker this year will be Jeff Jordan, Assistant Pastor at Madison Heights. Registration closes on Oct 7, sign up now through the QR code.

High School Picnic at Laurel Park, TODAY, Sept 27, 5:30-7:00pm

High school students, grab a friend and join us for a fun evening at Laurel Park for a picnic co-hosted with several Belhaven families! We'll have a picnic dinner, lawn games, and time to hang out—we can't wait to see you there!

Crossroads, Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30pm

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 have a blast and would love to see you there!

Rooted, Sundays, 5:30-7:00pm

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!

Current Adult Sunday School Classes

Block 1, Aug 9—Sept 27

Redemption Accomplished, WCF 8-15

Location: Fellowship Hall

The Righteousness of God: Romans 1-5

Location: Room 109

Redeeming the Time: Parenting as Spiritual Formation

Location: Sanctuary

Upcoming Adult Sunday School Classes

Block 2, Oct 11—Nov 29

The Wisdom of Finding Wisdom: How to Interpret Proverbs

Location: Sanctuary

Teacher: Brian Gault

Join us for seven weeks as we explore the rich structure, interpretive approach, and practical message of the Book of Proverbs. This class will help participants understand how to read Proverbs thoughtfully, discerning the literary patterns, recurring themes, and instructional techniques that shape its teaching.

We will examine the interpretive principles needed to apply ancient wisdom to contemporary life, highlighting the fear of the Lord as the foundation of understanding. Through guided discussion, reflection, and group interaction, participants will discover how Proverbs equips believers to navigate moral choices, cultivate godly character, and live wisely in daily relationships. Engage with Scripture in a new way, and grow in both knowledge and practical application of divine wisdom.

Sharing Christ at Work

Location: Fellowship Hall

Teacher: Jerome Douglas

A 7-week practical training on bringing faith into the workplace with wisdom and courage. This would focus on helping people take intentional steps toward leading others to faith and encouraging fellow believers, equipping them to have natural, meaningful Gospel conversations and live as faithful witnesses in their daily work.

Redeemer Explored

Location: 109

Teachers: Elbert McGowan, Jr., Barry McCay

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.

Fall Children & Youth Sunday School

Aug 9—Nov 29

9:45—10:35am

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

K4- Room 209/211 - Teachers: Amanda McGuffey, Rachel Harbarger

K5- Room 208 - Teachers: Beth Clarke, Sarah Love Crawford, Rebekah Kettleman

1st Grade-Room 210 - Teachers: Claire Graves, Krisan Parish

2nd Grade-Room 207 - Teachers: Gene Everitt, KK Harrington, Rebecca Walker

3rd Grade - Room 205/206 - Teachers: Andrea Burkes, Page Callen, Christa Williams

4th Grade - Room 204 - Teachers: Latanya Frances, Alleen McClain, Sonya White

5th Grade - Teachers: Haley Arndt, Tyler Espinoza

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, 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 Sept 27

Cody McCain, 601.594.3640

Sunday, Sept 27

RUF Sunday

8:00am Worship Service
8:00am Livestream Available
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service
5:30pm High School Picnic at
Laurel Park

Monday, Sept 28

12:00pm Men's Gathering
6:00pm GriefShare

Tuesday, Sept 29

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

Wednesday, Sept 30

9:00am Mom's Bible Study
12:00pm Raising Kids in a Digital
World Discussion
-Fall Break for Regular Wed Programs-
6:00pm Fathers & Brothers
& Sons Dodgeball
6:00pm Hope & Relationships Class

Thursday, Oct 1

12:00pm Women's Bible Study
31 Days of Giving Food Drive Begins

Friday, Oct 2

Saturday, Oct 3

8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, Oct 4

Communion Sunday

8:00am Worship Service
8:00am Livestream Available
9:45am Congregational Meeting
11:00am Worship Service
Various Sunday Growth Groups

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
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Coralie Keplinger, Coordinator of Communications
& Operations, Assistant to the Senior Pastor
Mary Sanders, Administrative Assistant
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Joshua Coleman, Intern
Oliver Hammond, Intern
Markese Lee, Intern

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Seth Shannon
Jonathan Shull
Jeremy Smith
Ellis Tucker
Johnston Walker
Tamarco White

*Sabbatical

COMING UP:

Oct 5: Session & Diaconate Meetings
Oct 7: Community Fish Fry
Oct 8: RYA Group Discussion
Oct 11: Redeemer Explored Begins
Oct 11: Communicants Class Begins
Oct 11: Donuts with Deacons
Oct 12: Church Office Closed
Oct 18: Children & Youth Sunday
Oct 24-25: High School Fall Retreat
Nov 2: Session & Diaconate Meetings
Nov 11: Church Office Closed



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