



REDEEMER CHURCH

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—October 11, 2026

“The Order Means Everything”

Galatians 3:15-29

Reflection Quote

“After God gave the promise to Abraham, He gave the law to Moses. Why? He had to make things worse before He could make them better. The law exposed sin, provoked sin, condemned sin. The purpose of the law was to lift the lid off man's respectability and disclose what he is really underneath—sinful, rebellious, guilty, under the judgment of God and helpless to save himself. And the law must still be allowed to do its God-given duty today. No one has ever appreciated the gospel until the law has first revealed him to himself. It is only against the inky blackness of the night sky that the stars begin to appear, and it is only against the dark background of sin and judgment that the gospel shines forth.”—*John Stott*

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Ministry Moment

Families Count

Mrs. Jennifer Remmington

Time of Greeting

* Call to Worship

Psalms 19

Rev. Brian Gault

Assistant Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Rev. Brian Gault

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:4-5

Rev. Brian Gault

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

*** Song of Preparation**

"Better Than Life"

*Your love is everlasting, it's an everlasting love,
Your mercy is as new as every rising of the sun
And Your loving kindness, loving kindness is better than life.
Your grace is all-sufficient, It's an all-sufficient grace,
Your power and Your glory are forever on display
And Your loving kindness, loving kindness is better than life.*

Chorus: *Oh, it's better, oh, better than life.
Oh, so much better,
Jesus, Your loving kindness
is better than life.*

*Fairest of ten thousand, of ten thousand You are fair.
And nothing in this world could ever measure or compare
to Your loving kindness, loving kindness is better than life.*

*All your ways are just oh Lord, You're just in all Your ways.
And I will lift my hands oh Lord with gratitude and praise.
For Your loving kindness, loving kindness is better than life. **Chorus***

*Jesus, your loving kindness, is better than life itself, better than life itself.
Jesus, your loving kindness, is better than life itself, better than life itself.
Jesus, your loving kindness, is better than life itself, better than life.*

Repeat chorus as directed

*** Song of Praise**

"Indescribable"

*From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing Your majesty. From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,
Every creature unique in the song that it sings. All exclaiming:*

Chorus: *Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name. You are amazing God.
All powerful, untamable, Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim,
You are amazing God.*

*Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go,
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow.
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night. None can fathom! Chorus.*

*Incomparable, unchangeable, You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same.
You are amazing God. You are amazing God.*

Confession of Faith

The Apostles Creed

Rev. Brian Gault

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hades. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Marculis Mosby
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

"Jesus is Mine"

Redeemer Choir

*Jesus is mine,
Jesus is mine.*

*Everywhere I go,
everywhere I be,
O Jesus is Mine.*

*Morning, evening,
all the day long,
singing my song.*

*Jesus is mine.
He's mine, oh yes He's mine.*

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

Galatians 3:15-29
Pew Bible p. 1155

Sermon Title

"The Order Means Everything"

*** Song of Faith**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!*

*** Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

*** Departing Song**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.*

Prayer Intercessor Team Rev. Jermaine Van Buren, Jr. & Mrs. Kelly Berkompas (8:00am)
Mr. Marculis Mosby & Mrs. Akida Mosby (11:00am)

***Please Stand.
(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #2579870)**

Sermon Points

- I. God's gracious covenant promise cannot be overturned by the law that came later.
- II. God's good purpose for adding the law was to expose sin and serve his promise, rather than justify us.
- III. God's true people become sons and heirs through faith in Christ, rather than through the law.

Sermon Questions

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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More Information:

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



*** PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES ***

- Ollie Roberson: As he recovers from an emergency appendectomy.
- Beth Lovelace: Unable to attend worship recently due to declining health.
- Donald Dorsey: Continued recovery from lengthy hospitalization and surgeries.
- 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

- Harvey Cruse Corso, 9.29.26, Covenant Child of Buckner & Rachel Corso.

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

*** SEEKING TO SERVE ***

31 Days of Giving Food Drive

During the month of October we'll be gathering canned goods to benefit Hopeful Community Outreach. HCO houses a food pantry that benefits food insecure individuals in our parish and our city. 31 Days of Giving is planned by RedeemerKids, but it gives an opportunity for our entire church to have an opportunity to share Christ's love in word and deed. Help us reach our goal of 1,000 non-perishable canned goods! Donations can be dropped off upstairs by the RedeemerKids bulletin board. Questions? Contact Jajuan McNeil at mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com.

*** CALLED TO CONNECT ***

Garden Art Night, Oct 15, 6:00-8:00pm

Redeemer Community Arts is partnering with the Art + Soil Community Garden for a night of creativity. Reduce, reuse, and recreate with us as we repurpose materials for an artistic purpose. There will be two artist led activities as well as space and drawing materials to work on your own project. And-we need your plastic tops! We need tops of all colors, shapes and sizes (bottle tops, jar tops, detergent tops, etc.) for a hanging sculpture activity that night, reach out to Kateri Gill at kateriaris@gmail.com if you have any you can donate. The garden is located at 601 Robinhood Rd, sign up through the QR code.

Children & Youth Sunday + Donuts with Deacons, Oct 18

Twice a year, Children & Youth in our congregation help to lead us in worship as we praise the Lord and together and celebrate all He is doing in the young flock at Redeemer. Part of C&Y Sunday is donuts with Deacons during the Sunday school hour. Donuts with Deacons is an opportunity for our K4-5th grade children to interface with the leaders of our church. They'll visit classrooms and talk about what it means to be a deacon and empower our children to work alongside them. And, they'll bring donuts! Questions? Contact Jajuan McNeil at mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com.

Thanksgiving Evening Service, Nov 22, 5:00pm

Join us as we gather for our annual Thanksgiving service to practice gratitude. This evening of worship and reflection is a perfect way to pause, give thanks, and celebrate God's blessings. Nursery will not be provided.

Redeemer Explored Begins Today, 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 *****

Joya McNeil Concludes Her Time in Children's Ministry

At the end of October, Joya McNeil will step down as Children's Ministry Assistant to serve full-time at The Redeemer's School as Director of Student Life, alongside her role as PE teacher. Joya joined the church staff in 2021 and has faithfully served RedeemerKids and their families, sharing her caring presence, robust affinity for crafts, and an enthusiasm that makes church life a joy for our kids. She lives up to her name. While we'll miss her deeply on staff, we're thankful she'll continue at The Redeemer's School and won't be far away. Join us in celebrating and thanking Joya as she enters this new season!



Now Accepting Children's Ministry Assistant Applications

With Joya now using her gifts full time at The Redeemer's School, we're now hiring a part-time Children's Ministry Assistant. Know someone who would be a good fit? Find the application and more details through the QR code, and contact Zack Owens at zowens@redeemerjackson.com for more information.

Library Breezeway Closed Today, Sunday, Oct 11

The glass next to the courtyard will be closed today while the glass is replaced. You can still connect from the fellowship hall wing to the sanctuary via the library, but you won't be able to enter or exit through the courtyard doors. When in doubt, follow the signs (or maybe the air-dancer if Corrie can swing it)—pardon our progress.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY **FALL** **FELLOWSHIP**



NOVEMBER 12 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Come enjoy a night of fellowship with the women of Redeemer at Jo Neel Vickery's home! Martha Turner will be leading us in line dancing. There will also be several fire pits to sit around and enjoy the fall weather and a watercolor craft we will use to encourage other Redeemer members.

Where: the address will be sent to you when you register — please register by using the QR code.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS:



JAN 30 Day Conference

MAR 20 Travel Event • Laurel, MS

APR 24 End of Year Event

***** 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.

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 Friendsgiving Feast, Nov 15, 5:30-7:00pm

Let's wrap up the fall semester with good food and great friends at our High School Friendsgiving Potluck at the McGowan's home. Sign up through the QR code to bring a dish to share, and check the GroupMe for the address—we hope you'll join us for a fun night together!

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!

Adult Sunday School Classes

Block 2, Oct 11—Nov 29

9:45-10:45am

The Wisdom of Finding Wisdom: How to Interpret Proverbs

Location: Sanctuary

Teacher: Brian Gault, CL Pearce

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 Oct 11

Greg Ross, 601.613.6771

Sunday, Oct 11

8:00am Worship Service
8:00am Livestream Available
9:45am Fall Adult Sunday School
Block 2 Begins
11:00am Worship Service
5:30pm Rooted

Monday, Oct 12

Church Office Closed
12:00pm Men's Gathering
6:00pm GriefShare

Tuesday, Oct 13

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

Wednesday, Oct 14

5:30pm Families Count Class
6:00pm Upside Down
6:00pm Crossroads
6:00pm Women's Bible Study
6:00pm Hope & Relationships Class
6:00pm Officer Training

Thursday, Oct 15

12:00pm Women's Bible Study

Friday, Oct 16

Saturday, Oct 17

8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, Oct 18

Children & Youth Sunday

Baptism

8:00am Worship Service
8:00am Livestream Available
9:45am Sunday School
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
Andre Warner, Audio/Visual Assistant
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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Kelle Menogan, Sr.
Marculis Mosby
CL Pearce
Herb Sanders
Andy Sauerwein
William Stackler
Rob Vickery
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Detrick Johnson
Blaise King*
Jonathan Lancaster
Cody McCain
Lane Morgan
Greg Ross
Jaimar Scott
Seth Shannon
Jonathan Shull
Jeremy Smith
Ellis Tucker
Johnston Walker
Tamarco White

*Sabbatical

COMING UP:

Oct 24-25: High School Fall Retreat
Nov 1: Communion Sunday
Nov 2: Session & Diaconate Meetings
Nov 11: Church Office Closed
Nov 13-15: Middle School Encounter Retreat
Nov 15: Baptism Sunday
Nov 22: Thanksgiving Evening Service
Nov 23-27: Church Office Closed
Dec 6: Communion Sunday
Dec 7: Session & Diaconate Meetings
Dec 20: Baptism Sunday



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