

Redeemer Missions Conference Schedule

Friday Evening:

6:00 - 7:00 pm - Opening Session

7:00 - 8:00 pm - Reception in Fellowship Hall

Saturday Morning:

7:30 am - Breakfast in Fellowship Hall - families eat together

8:15 - Devotions with Russ Whitfield - children and nursery dismissed

9:00 - 12:00 - Work Projects and Assisted Living Program

Assisted Living Program/Disaster Response Kits:

Families with younger children (k4- 12 yrs) - Zack will lead a group to Brookdale Senior Living in Ridgeland to present a program for residents. Immediately following the program, families will go next door to Pear Orchard church to assemble hygiene kits for Mission to North America Disaster Response and end the morning with organized play in the gym.

Work Projects:

Adults and kids 13+ will have a work project at one of three houses we are currently renovating in the Broadmoor neighborhood.

Saturday Evening:

5:00 - 6:00 pm Chick-fil-a supper in Fellowship Hall - families eat together

6:00 - 7:00 pm - Panel Discussions

"Responding to the Call vs. Reacting to a Crisis" (Adults)

"Mission Experience" (Children)

Sunday Morning:

9:45 - 10:35 am - Sunday Schools with different missionaries will present in our Sunday School classes

Russ Whitfield is the pastor of Grace Mosaic Church in Washington, DC. After having a life transforming experience of God's grace on the campus of New York University, Russ sensed a call to ministry and immediately pursued the training necessary to sharpen his ministerial gifting. Upon completion of his Bachelor of Music degree, he attended Dallas Theological Seminary and finished his formal training at Westminster Theological Seminary, completing a Master of Divinity. Throughout his journey, Russ was privileged to serve in a diversity of roles and ministry contexts among a broad range of people groups. It was from these experiences that the seeds of vision for a new church began to grow. Now Russ, his wonderfully gifted wife, Vanessa, and his sweet kids are excited about seeing God change lives and communities in Washington, DC. When he's not at work in ministry, you might see Russ in his back yard wrapped in a cloud of barbecue smoke or on stage with his Funk/Soul/R&B band: Soul Suit.



REDEEMER CHURCH MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Partners in the Gospel

MARCH 2-4, 2018

Speaker | Rev. Russ Whitfield, Senior Pastor of Mosaic Church

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Bill and Crystal MacKenzie are on associate staff with the Navigators and have been ministering to international students at Ole Miss for the past 35 years. Their ministry, The International Guest House, is a collection of houses and structures situated on 20 acres five miles from campus, on which there are horses, a lake, and a ropes course. God has blessed the ministry and provided more opportunities to relate to students. In fact, they have more students who would like to live with them than they have places to put them. Thus, they are in the wonderful position of needing to “enlarge their tent.”

Brent Kooi is a charter member of Redeemer Church. Formerly the Dean of Students at Belhaven University, he first visited Japan in 2007 with Redeemer's first choir mission team. Brent began serving in Chiba, Japan in 2010, and then in Osaka in 2014. He is serving as interim president of Genesis International College. GIC's vision is to be a two year English-speaking college offering an opportunity for higher education to the bottom half of high school graduates who couldn't otherwise go to school. Through the platform of providing skills, GIC will also share the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ.



God began to stir a passion in both **Brian and Mandy Stock's** hearts for global missions while they were still in college. Their enthusiasm for the Word and serving God's people led them both to Reformed Theological Seminary where they first met. After marrying and then graduating from seminary, the couple moved to South Asia to work with an MTW team. This team is planting a city-center church in a city of 10 million. Along with pastoral responsibility, Brian trains urban church planters and studies at SAIACS. Brian and Mandy have lived in South Asia for five years. Brian is an ordained TE in the PCA, Mandy is a busy homemaker and their three girls (Lydia, Molly and Isabella) enjoy playing and singing.

Chandra Crane works for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's Graduate and Faculty Ministries at Mississippi College School of Law. She gratefully walks alongside graduate students and faculty as they ask “Who is Jesus?” and “How do I serve faithfully in my field for the glory of God and the good of the nations?” Chandra is also a perpetual student at Reformed Theological Seminary, working on her Master of Divinity in Biblical Exegesis and Campus Ministry. Growing up in a multi-ethnic family in the Southwest and now happily transplanted to the Deep South, Chandra is passionate about diversity and family. She is married to Kennan and they have two wonderful daughters, Annabel and Emmaline. In her “spare time,” Chandra enjoys reading, napping, and defying stereotypes.



Originally from Virginia Beach, VA, **Cyril Chavis** attended the University of Virginia, where he first recognized he was a sinner rebelling against God. He gave his life to Jesus Christ, experiencing God's life transforming grace. He soon sensed an inward call to ministry. Cyril was licensed to preach in Mt. Gilead Missionary Baptist Church and became a church planting resident at Portico Church. After graduating from UVA with a BA in Religious Studies, Cyril pursued an M.Div. at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson. After a two-year internship, he became the RUF campus minister at Jackson State University. Cyril and his wife, Jenell, are excited about seeing God restore JSU students to Himself for their joy and His glory. When not working in ministry, Cyril is hanging out and caking with Jenell, laughing way too hard with friends and family, and vibing out to good music!

DeSean Dyson is the Head of School at The Redeemer's School. A lifelong resident of Jackson, DeSean has vivid memories of the good and bad in Jackson. He and his family came to Redeemer Church from a desire to be in a Christ-centered, Bible believing church that is committed to ministry and has a love for God that transforms how we live and relate to others in every context of our lives. DeSean is passionate for what the Lord is doing at Redeemer, and his desire to love and serve the Lord at Redeemer Church eventually led him to become the founding Head of School at The Redeemer's School.



Diane Johnston is a Children's Ministry Specialist with Child Evangelism Fellowship®. She was raised on a cattle ranch in the Colorado mountains. After a brief time working with widows and orphans in Uganda, the Lord led her to Jackson in June 2004. She has worked in all facets of the ministry, but she specializes in a Gospel-centered Bible ministry to preschool children. She is currently a circuit rider, traveling across Hinds and Rankin counties to 14 daycares each week and teaching 28 classes of children, combined into 20 Good News Clubs®. Diane has been attending Redeemer for eight years and began working in Upside Down on Wednesday nights this year.

Erin White is a counselor with The Net, a local ministry founded to provide free or affordable counseling and mentoring to Jackson residents living in poverty. Erin's clients include adults in the Midtown neighborhood and students and families at The Redeemer's School. She is blessed to have the opportunity to walk alongside people made in God's image who are enduring difficult circumstances. Erin is a Redeemer member who lives in Jackson with her husband David, their daughter Faye, and their dog Pip. In her free time Erin enjoys sitting in a comfortable chair while talking to friends and sipping warm beverages.



In 2013, **Haruaki Odate** and his family traveled from Japan to Jackson to attend Reformed Theological Seminary. Before coming to the U.S., Haruaki worked in relief work right after the 2011 tsunami and earthquakes. He also played guitar for friends' gospel music ministry for more than ten years. Currently, he is a Redeemer intern where he leads a Tuesday evening Bible study before choir rehearsal and plays guitar for Sunday worship services and special events. Haruaki recently finished his third year of the MDiv program at RTS and has one more year to complete it. He and his wife, Asami, have a daughter, Hatsuo, and two sons Niji and Torah.

Jonathan and Emily Eastman are currently using their knowledge of Arabic language and culture to reach out to the many immigrants from Arabic speaking countries now living in Germany. Jonathan has the opportunity to do evangelism in the city center with men from our church, the Reformed Baptist Evangelical Church in Wetzlar. He also translates sermons for Muslims visiting our church and for an international dinner held at a closely related church. We are excited to see what God will do in our area and have been very encouraged in our first five months in Germany.



Rebekah and Luke Bert are both originally from Pennsylvania, but moved to Jackson in 2010 for Rebekah's job at Belhaven University. While in Jackson, Luke attended Reformed Theological Seminary where God called them to leave their new Jackson home for another home in Quebec, Canada. In Quebec, Luke will serve as the professor of Old Testament and Biblical Languages at Sembeq Seminary. Since the late 1960s Quebec has become increasingly atheistic. Today, less than one percent of the population is evangelical Christian, which means that what Quebec needs most is theological education for its pastors. This is why they want to go to Quebec — to train local leaders to teach Christ from all of Scripture. They have three children, Matthias (4), Saranna (2), and Kara (1 month).

Sarah Grafton, Redeemer member, serves locally and abroad. A majority of our city's international students and scholars come from the Middle East and East Asia. While here, many meet Christians for the first time in their lives. Sarah works in full-time ministry as she seeks, alongside members of Redeemer and other area churches, to show hospitality to Jackson's international community (Deut.10:18-19). She has taught English overseas and also travels to visit friends who've returned home. Sarah is thankful for Redeemer's partnership, especially in prayer.



Trey and Kirsten (Kiki) Adams have served the Thai church and people for several years and are excited to be a part of what God is doing in several new church plants there. They have partnered with Thai national leaders to start Grace Point Church, a gospel ministry seeking to form an influential, Bible teaching, gospel community. They disciple others through developing authentic relationships with Chiang Mai residents, encouraging biblical fellowship among the believers, serving one another and locals, and worshipping in a Christ-centered way. Trey is an ordained assistant to a Thai pastor and serves in the diverse community ministries of Grace Point. Kiki uses her counseling training to support Thai staff with the church and community's counseling needs. She also counsels other local missionaries. They hope to host visiting short-term teams and spread a passion for the growth of God's kingdom in Thailand.

Chuck McArthur is the executive director of Equipping Leaders International, a missionary agency that sends teams of pastors and teachers worldwide to equip Christian leaders. Chuck was the youth director at First Presbyterian Church in Biloxi, MS before he and his wife, Sheree, moved to Liberia to work with the African Bible College for two years. They returned home to attend Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, after which they planted churches in the US. Chuck visited Liberia again in 2006, and he and Sheree began spending more and more time there while still serving their US church. In 2011, Chuck resigned the pastorate to fully devote his energies to serving Liberian pastors and teachers. He continues to work with 45 national instructors in Liberia. He also devotes his time, energy, and expertise to growing ELI through recruiting and coaching staff as well as vetting potential new national partners.



Erin Kate Goode is representing The Center for Pregnancy Choices, a nonprofit medical clinic that listens to, encourages, and equips those facing pregnancy decisions. They have been serving the Jackson Metro area for over 25 years and have served over 20,000 women in this community. Their complimentary services include: pregnancy confirmation, sonograms, options counseling, reproductive health information, pregnancy support, community referrals, post-abortion support, 24-hour helpline.

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