

REDEEMER CHURCH

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



ORDER OF SERVICE

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr. | May 9, 2021

"A Long and Painful Family Feud Ends with Joy and Renewed Fellowship!"

-Acts 8:4-25

Prelude

Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

* Call to Worship

Mr. Wright Busching
Director of Youth Ministries

"My servant David shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall walk in my rules and be careful to obey my statutes. They shall dwell in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children shall dwell there forever, and David my servant shall be their prince forever. I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore. My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore."

Prayer of Invocation, Confession of Sin, Assurance of God's Grace

Mr. Wright Busching

* Song of Preparation

"Gospel Medley"

O the blood of Jesus, O the blood of Jesus, O the blood of Jesus, It washes white as snow.
O the cross of Jesus, O the cross of Jesus, O the cross of Jesus, His death brings life to me.
O the love of Jesus, O the love of Jesus, O the love of Jesus, He freely gives to me.
O the blood of Jesus, O the blood of Jesus, O the blood of Jesus, It washes white as snow.

There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder working pow'r in the blood of the Lamb;
There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder working pow'r in the precious blood of the Lamb.

In The name of Jesus, In the Name of Jesus, We have the victory,
In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus, Satan will have to flee, ooh tell me who can stand before us,
when we call on that great name, Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus, We have the victory *(Repeat)*

* Song of Praise

"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 Saviour'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.

Christ alone; cornerstone. Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all. He is Lord, Lord of all. *(Chorus) (Repeat)*

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

Supplemental Scripture Reading

Mr. Wright Busching

2 Kings 17:1-8

"In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, Hoshea the son of Elah began to reign in Samaria over Israel, and he reigned nine years. And he did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, yet not as the kings of Israel who were before him. Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria. And Hoshea became his vassal and paid him tribute. But the king of Assyria found treachery in Hoshea, for he had sent messengers to So, king of Egypt, and offered no tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year. Therefore the king of Assyria shut him up and bound him in prison. Then the king of Assyria invaded all the land and came to Samaria, and for three years he besieged it. In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and he carried the Israelites away to Assyria and placed them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. And this occurred because the people of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods and walked in the customs of the nations whom the Lord drove out before the people of Israel, and in the customs that the kings of Israel had practiced."

Luke 9:51-56

"When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village."

John 4:1-9 19-27

"Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. And he had to pass through Samaria. So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?' (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)"

John 4:19-27

"The woman said to him, 'Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am he.' Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you seek?' or, 'Why are you talking with her?'"

New Members Presentation

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Baptism

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Mrs. Alexandra (Lexy) Berry (11:00am)

Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Barry McCay, Ruling Elder

Scripture Reading and Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Sermon Text

Acts 8:4-25

Sermon Title

"A Long and Painful Family Feud Ends with Joy and Renewed Fellowship!"

*** Hymn of Faith**

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain: *Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, Points to the refuge, the mighty cross. *(Refrain)*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide. What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide, Whiter than snow you may be today. *(Refrain)*

*** Worship in Giving and Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

Prayer Intercessor Team

Dr. Barry McCay/Mrs. Ellen McCay

<https://redeemerjackson.com/resources/forms/prayer-request-form/>

***Please Stand.**

(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #257987)

SERMON QUESTIONS

- Can you recall the worse instance of an internal family feud you've witnessed from a movie, book, or personal life experience?
- What did you learn from the sermon about the relationship between the Jews and the Samaritans?
- Jesus told the apostles that they would be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the Earth. Why would this have been eye-opening in light of John 4 or Luke 9:51-56?
- While Jews and Samaritans seemed to be content with continuing in this space of hostility, was God content with this?
- What does Revelation 7, John 4, Ezekiel 37, and Ezekiel 16:44-64 teach us about God's heart for reconciliation?
- How does God transform feuding into fellowship in our passage? In light of Acts 9:31 and Acts 8:8, what was the result of God's work?
- How is the battle between Simon the Magician and Philip the evangelist (Acts 21:8) similar to the battle between Moses and Pharaoh's magicians in Exodus 7-9? Why would God bring about this particular showdown in the presence of the Samaritans?
- How does the finished work of Jesus bring an end to the feuding and hostility?
- Where do you see "ghettoization, polarization, and fragmentation" in our world?
- As an individual Christian (like Philip) who knows God's displeasure with such hostility, what can do to be a peace-making, truth-telling, good-deed-doing follower of Jesus?

PRESS ON

PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14



REDEEMER CHURCH VBS 2021

Pre-register and Volunteer at VBS, June 21-24

Get ready for an Olympic-themed Vacation Bible School
Let's Press On Together!

Mon-Thurs, June 21-24, 5:45-7:45pm.

Kids entering k4-5th grade are welcome to enter into a fun, safe, immersive, and imaginative environment as we study God's Word together. Please sign up to volunteer (5:30-8:00 pm) and/or pre-register your rising k4-5th graders (5:45-7:45 pm) at: <https://redeemerjackson.com/event/vacation-bible-school-2021/>. Food and child care provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES

- Jay Ferchaud to have a quick recovery.
- *Members serving in front-line fields: medical, emergency, grocery, restaurant, home care, etc.*
- *All those who are in the high risk categories for Coronavirus.*
- *Lydia Abraham: Mito Disease, Stage 4 Liver Cirrhosis, pain management and wisdom for Doctors in her treatment. For updates on Lydia, please visit: <https://caringbridge.org/visit/lydiaabraham>.*

BIRTH

- Serena Lee Wallace, 4-22-21, daughter of Thomas and Marianna Wallace
Take Them a Meal: <https://www.takethemameal.com/WGGQ0569>
- Ava Moore Smith, 5-2-21, daughter of Jeremy and Alli Smith
Take Them a Meal: <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=MORE0449&welcome=1>

CALLS TO ACTION

Please Welcome 37 New Members

On Monday night the Session received 37 new members: 23 Communing Members and 14 Non-Communing Members. They will be introduced this Sunday, and a pictorial directory of the new members will be available in the Narthex after the service. Please help us welcome them!

Volunteers Needed to Open 11am Nursery

We would love to open Nursery at the 11am service, but we have a supply problem. We need 50 more volunteers to make this possible. Would you consider serving, especially if you use the Nursery? Email Velma Warner at: vwarner@redeemerjackson.com for more information or to volunteer!

Full Count Baseball Car Wash Fundraiser, Sat, May 15, 12-5pm

The Full Count Baseball Warrior team has been given the opportunity to participate in a summer camp, June 7-12 at Long View Ranch. We are excited for a week of great fun and to see our friend, James Nasekos. Please join us in the front parking lot of Redeemer on Saturday, May 15 for food, fun and a clean car!

Children & Youth Move Up Day, June 6

As summer Sunday School begins, we will move all of our children up to the next grade. Rising 6th graders will go to Youth Sunday School, and rising K4s will move out of Nursery and attend a K4 class. For questions email Zack Owens at: zowens@redeemerjackson.com or Wright Busching at: wbusching@redeemerjackson.com.

NEWS TO NOTE

Spring Sunday School Ends May 9

Spring Semester Sunday School ends May 9, and we will then take 3 weeks off: May 16, 23, 30. There will be no Nursery during Sunday School for these weeks. Summer Sunday School will begin June 6.

Redeemer Texts from 87447

We use texting as a way to communicate with our members. If you wish to stop receiving texts, simply reply "STOP"; if you wish to receive texts again, type "START". These commands affect ALL TEXTS that come through Breeze.

Redeemer YouTube Channel

Did you know that Redeemer has our own YouTube channel? Just visit: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=redeemer+church+jackson+ms. You can find past sermons, adult Sunday Schools, or Upside Down, among other things.

Graduate Recognition

The Redeemer family would like to acknowledge all those graduating from high school, college, or post-graduate work in our membership. If you or someone you know is graduating this year, please [email the church office](mailto:office@redeemerjackson.com) at: office@redeemerjackson.com.

High School Graduates

Caitlin Vickery

Leland Vickery

THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call for the Week May 9

Guin Kendrick, 601.934.8326

Sunday, May 9

- 8:00 am Limited Return to In-Person Worship
Live Stream Available
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Limited Return to In-Person Worship
5:30 pm Rooted

Monday, May 10

Tuesday, May 11

- 12:00 pm Men's Gathering

Wednesday, May 12

- 6:30 am Men's Gathering
9:00 am Mom's Bible Study

Thursday, May 13

- 6:30 pm Redeemer Young Adults Large
Group Teaching

Friday, May 14

Saturday, May 15

- 12:00 pm Full Count Baseball Car Wash
Fundraiser

Sunday, May 16 Baptism Sunday

- 8:00 am Limited Return to In-Person Worship
Live Stream Available
9:45 am No Sunday School
11:00 am Limited Return to In-Person Worship

COMING UP

Sun, Jun 6

Mon, Jun 7

Mon, Jun 7

Sat, Jun 19

Mon, Jun 21-

Thurs, Jun 24

- First Summer Sunday School
Session Meeting
Diaconate Meeting
Prayer Walk
Vacation Bible School

STAFF

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor
Steve Lanier, Assistant to the Pastor
Brian Gault, Asst Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship
Zack Owens, Asst Pastor of Children & Families
Wright Busching, Director of Youth Ministries
Lara Jensen, Asst Director of Youth Ministries
Symeon Robins, Music Director
Candace Robins, Assistant Music Director
Joya McNeil, Children's Ministry Assistant
Velma Warner, Nursery Coordinator
Felecia Marshall, Business Administrator
Mary Sanders, Administrative Assistant
Wilson Jamison, Intern

RULING ELDERS

Grant Callen
Gene Dent
Tommy Dent
Scott Marshall
Barry McCay
Kelle Menogan, Sr.
Marculis Mosby
Otis Pickett, Sr.
Paul Rankin
Herb Sanders
Kelly Simpkins
Trey Watkins

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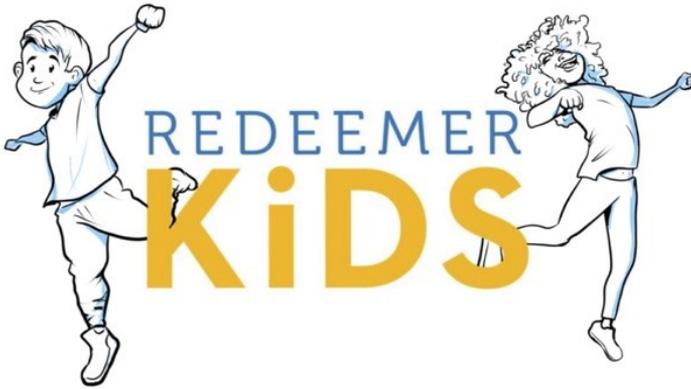
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Philip Carter
Davidson Forester
Jon Fults
David Garner
Jake Garner
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Children's Bulletin



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My Worship Notes

Your name: _____

Date:

Preacher:



Scripture: _____

Open your Bibles to the Scripture.

Is it in the Old Testament or
in the New Testament? OT/NT

The Scripture is on _____ in my Bible.

Listen to the sermon and mark each time you hear :



	<u>God</u>	<u>Jesus/Christ</u>	<u>Believe</u>

My favorite song we sang:



What are two things that were prayed for today?

1. _____

2. _____

1. What do we learn about God in this Scripture?

2. How does this good news change the way we think, feel, or live?



Can you draw a picture from this scripture that helps you remember God's Word?

