



## REDEEMER CHURCH

A COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR THE CITY

**Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor**



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Anthony Forrest | September 12, 2021

*"The Everlasting Withstands the Ever-Changing"*

- Hebrews 13:8

### Reflection Quote

"Always the same! unchanging!—that is a glorious character; a character which belongs to nothing that is of the earth; a character which He alone deserves, who is the Lord from heaven." —J.C. Ryle "The Unchanging Christ"

### Prelude

Musicians

### Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

### \* Call to Worship

*Psalm 102:25-28*

Rev. Bentley Crawford  
RUF Minister, Belhaven University

"Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but you are the same, and your years have no end. The children of your servants shall dwell secure; their offspring shall be established before you."

### \* Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Bentley Crawford

### \* Song of Preparation

*"Living He Loved Me"*

**Chorus:** Living he Loved Me Dying he saved me Buried He carried my Sins far away  
Rising he justified Freed me forever One day he's coming back Glorious day (x2)

One day when heaven was filled with His praises One day when sin was as black as could be  
That's when Jesus came down to be born of a virgin Dwelt among men, my example is He everybody say (*Chorus*)

Then one day they led Him up Calvary's mountain That day when they nailed Him to die on the tree  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected Bearing our sins, my redeemer is He (*Chorus*)

One Sunday the grave could conceal Him no longer That day when the stone rolled away from the door  
That's when Jesus arose over death He had conquered Now He's ascended, He's our Lord forever more (*Chorus*)

### \* Song of Praise

*"Ancient of Days"*

Though the nations rage Kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King Reigning over all  
So I will not fear for this truth remains: That my God is the Ancient of Days

**Chorus:** None above Him, none before Him All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though the dread of night Overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me I am not alone  
O His love is sure and He knows my name For my God is the Ancient of Days (*Chorus*)

Though I may not see What the future brings  
I will watch and wait For the Saviour King  
Then my joy complete standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days (*Chorus*)

## Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Jeff Jordan  
RUF Minister, Mississippi College

*Excerpt from Prone To Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration (Barbara Duguid)*

Mighty God, our Rock and our Shield,  
You are our deliverer and our refuge from danger. We know we have nothing to fear in life or in death, yet we do fear. You have told us to rest from our own striving, yet we often rely on our own strength and find ourselves consumed with anxiety and deeply shaken by this world and by our own weakness. You have promised to work all things in this universe together for our spiritual blessing and good, yet we doubt your love and argue with your wisdom. Father, forgive us for our unbelief and pride, which cause us repeatedly to doubt your love, your Word, and your power to hold onto us and work all things together for our good. Lord, thank you that in the midst of our faltering belief, you have provided a strong and powerful Savior. Though Satan's accusations ring in our ears and threaten to undo us, you have declared us righteous and blameless in your sight because of Christ. You are the Great King of the universe. Please grant us joyful hope to long for heaven, and grace to find rest and contentment in you on our journey there. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon:

**ROMANS 8:31-34** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

### Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Grant Callen, Ruling Elder

### Choral Worship

*"Perfect Praise"*

Redeemer Choir

O Lord how excellent, how excellent, how excellent, how excellent is Thy Name.

There is none like You, none like You, none like You.

Jesus excellent is Thy Name in all the earth, in all the earth, in all the earth, in all the earth.

Jesus excellent is Thy Name. Every knee shall bow and every tongue

confess that He is Lord. Jesus excellent is Thy Name.

### Scripture Reading and Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Anthony Forrest  
RUF Campus Minister, Jackson State University

### Sermon Text

*Hebrews 13:8*

### Sermon Title

*"The Everlasting Withstands the Ever-Changing"*

### \* Hymn of Faith

*"The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power"*

The blood that Jesus shed for me, Way back on Calvary; The blood that  
gives me strength from day to day, It will never lose its pow'r.

**Refrain:** It reaches to the highest mountain; It flows to the lowest valley.  
The blood that gives me strength from day to day, It will never lose its pow'r.

It soothes my doubt and calms my fears, And it dries all my tears; The blood  
that gives me strength from day to day, It will never lose its power. *(Refrain)*

### \* Worship in Giving and Benediction

Rev. Anthony Forrest

### Prayer Intercessor Team

Mr. Kelle Menogan/Mrs. Martha Turner

**\*Please Stand.**  
**(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #257987)**



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## SERMON QUESTIONS

- Why would God not changing be a good thing?
- Is change a bad thing? If not, what would you say is good change?
- Think on this. What area of your life (if you are comfortable sharing) taxes you most with its constant changing?
- Does the truth that Jesus is unchanging affect how you handle/engage the change around you?
- Read Psalm 102:25-28.

“Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. 26 They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, 27 but you are the same, and your years have no end. 28 The children of your servants shall dwell secure; their offspring shall be established before you.”

  - a. How might these verses encourage you during the present (pandemic, etc.)?
  - a. How might you encourage someone to trust that Jesus is reliable in the midst of all that you know they are enduring? -Does not necessarily have to be answered aloud.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

[redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](https://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday)

### \*\*\*CALLS TO ACTION\*\*\*

#### Register your Online Attendance

If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, we want to know! Please register your attendance each week with the QR CODE during the announcements.



#### Men's Ministry Kickoff on the Lake, Sept 18

Men, we will gather at a lake house about 50 minutes from the church to consider how we can follow Jesus together as men in this new year. There will be fishing, boating, cornhole, fellowship, and a waterslide. We'll throw balls around and throw meat on the grill. Join us on Sat, Sept 18 from 10am-3pm. Bring your son(s) 6th grade & up! Invite a friend! See QR CODE for more info & to RSVP.

#### Redeemer Explored Begins Sept 19

Would you like to know more about Redeemer Church? Are you interested in becoming a member? If so, we'd love to have you join us for the Redeemer Explored Class during the Sunday School hour (9:45 -10:35) that begins Sept 19. See the QR CODE to sign up or get more information.

### \*\*\*NEWS TO NOTE\*\*\*

#### Masks for Sanctuary Entrance & Exit

While we have Mask Optional seating, out of care for those who are more comfortable in Mask Required contexts, we are requesting everyone wear a mask as they enter and exit the sanctuary. Please also consider wearing a mask while indoors.

#### Fall Sunday School Kickoff Brunch, TODAY Sept 12

In light of COVID, we will begin in the Sanctuary, where there's more room to spread out (and livestream capability). We will hear about both adult and youth Sunday School offerings, and then dismiss to the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship, where you can get a light brunch, if you like. For more information see the QR CODE.

#### Adult SS Classes this Fall:

**Torah:** Gault, Simpkins, Mosby

**One Another 101:** Owens, Lanier, Jamison

**10 Commandments (Womens' Class):** Jones, Lanier, Turner, Callen

**Redeemer Explored:** McGowan, Lanier, McCay

#### Rooted Begins, TONIGHT Sept 12

Rooted (9th -12th) will begin for the Fall on Sunday from 5:30-7:00pm in the Youth Room.

#### Men's Gatherings Begin, Sept 21

Our 8 weeks of Fall Men's Gatherings will run from Sept 21 - Nov 10, meeting for an hour at the church: 12-1pm on Tues or 6:30-7:30am on Wed. We're asking men to commit to 5 of the 8 weeks. As we pursue becoming more like Jesus together, the two aspects of Jesus's life and character we'll consider are:

Jesus and Following

Jesus and Sabbath

See QR CODE for more info & to RSVP.

### \*\*\*PRAYER REQUESTS/UPDATES\*\*\*

- *Claire Langley: For solutions with ongoing health issues.*
- *Members serving in front-line fields: medical, emergency, grocery, restaurant, home care.*
- *Lydia Abraham: Mito Disease, Stage 4 Liver Cirrhosis, pain management and wisdom for doctors in her treatment. For updates on Lydia, please see QR CODE.*

# MINISTRY LEADER UPDATES

## Jajuan McNeil Hired as Director of Children's Ministry

After initiating a search process in January 2021, Redeemer is excited to welcome Jajuan McNeil as our new Director of Children's Ministry.



Jajuan and his family – Joya, Cali (7), and Deuce (5) – have been members of Redeemer since 2017. Jajuan comes to us via Gary, IN and Oxford, MS. While a student at Ole Miss, Jajuan created, programmed, and executed an after-school program for kids, networking with churches in the area to provide resources while developing leaders.

He has been regularly involved in children's ministry, mentoring, and coaching in a variety of contexts, including as a faithful Sunday School teacher, Upside Down leader, and Disability Ministry buddy at Redeemer. Jajuan holds a Master of Arts in Integrated Marketing Communications, a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, and comes to us from Progressive Insurance.

Since 2014, our children's ministry has more than doubled (growing from 40 to 150 children on Wednesday nights from 2014 to 2019). Jajuan's profound gifts in discipleship, equipping and encouraging children and families, and administration/organization make him a fantastic fit for our church. We are thrilled to welcome him to the staff.

## New Hires on Our Youth Ministry Team

**Ann Chestnut** will serve as a part-time High School Ministry Assistant with Rooted to disciple our high school girls. She has served with Redeemer Youth for the past 8 years and has done an amazing job.

**Stephanie Morton** will serve as a part-time Middle School Ministry Assistant with Crossroads to disciple our middle school girls. She will also help with administrative work. Stephanie invested in our middle school ministry last year as a volunteer and is well loved by our girls.

**Wilson Jamison**, one of our interns, will take on additional hours to serve in Youth Ministry, teaching some on Wednesday nights and in Sunday School, and helping to disciple our middle school boys. He did excellent work last year in his youth rotation, and our kids enjoy his teaching.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CORNER

Fall Sunday School runs Sept 12 (Kickoff Brunch) – Dec 5

### Fall Sunday School at Redeemer 9:45am-10:35am

#### ADULTS

*Torah, From Paradise to the Promised Land:* Sanctuary

**One Another 101:** Room 2A

**Women's Class:** The Ten Commandments: Fellowship Hall

**Redeemer Explored:** Room 103

#### YOUTH (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

Biblical Relationships (Part 2): Youth Room

#### CHILDREN (K4-5<sup>th</sup>)

##### **K4-1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** *Stories of the Bible*

**K4:** Room 2C

**K5 Classroom 1:** Room 205

**K5 Classroom 2:** Room 203

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Room 204

##### **2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** *Biblical Themes & Building Blocks of the Faith*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Room 218/219

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Room 220

##### **4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** *Bible Survey*

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Room 223/224

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Room 105

**Broadmoor Neighborhood Garden Workday, Rescheduled to  
September 18  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Come join us as we transition to our fall plantings. This service opportunity is open to all ages and levels of experience; bring the whole family! Broadmoor Neighborhood Garden, 601 Robinhood Road, Jackson. For questions or ideas, email Paul Rankin at paulrank27@gmail.com or call or text him at 601.826.5409.



**BROADMOOR**  
NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN

Saturday workday  
**Come Plant  
With Us!**  
10:00am-12:00pm

Please join us in the garden for the start of our spring planting. No experience is necessary, and all ages are welcome. Contact Paul Rankin with any questions or ideas at redeemercommunityarts@gmail.com or 601-826-5409



**601 ROBINHOOD**  
ROAD, JACKSON, 39206

**Fall Growth Groups begin Sept 12-19.  
SUNDAY GROWTH GROUPS**



**OZIER/PEARCE**  
4:30pm  
Childcare provided  
(call ahead)  
Place: Pearce Home,  
Madison



**CalLEN/MARSHALL**  
5:00pm  
Childcare provided  
(call ahead)  
Place: Callen Home,  
Madison



**BERKOMPAS/STONE**  
5:00pm  
Childcare provided  
(call ahead)  
Place: Stone Home,  
Jackson



**EVANS/McGUFFEY/  
SMITH**  
5:00pm  
Childcare provided  
(call ahead)  
Place: McGuffey  
Home, Jackson



**KING/McNEIL**  
5:30pm  
No Childcare  
Place: Redeemer  
Church



**OWENS/SHULER/  
HOOD**  
5:30 pm  
Childcare provided  
(call ahead)  
Place: Owens Home,  
Jackson



**VICKERY/ROWAN**  
5:45pm  
No Childcare  
Place: Vickery Home,  
Jackson



**GAULT**  
6:00pm  
No Childcare  
Place: Gault Home,  
Clinton

**WEDNESDAY GROWTH GROUPS**

**McCAY/POLLARD/SIMPKINS**

6:30pm; Childcare provided (Redeemer programs)  
Place: Redeemer Church  
Jackson



**GARNER/WALLACE**  
6:30pm  
No Childcare  
Place: Garner Home,  
Brandon

## THIS WEEK

### Deacon on Call for the Week September 12

Jeremy Smith, 601.278.2260

### Sunday, Sept 12

- 8:00 am Limited Return to In-Person Worship  
Live Stream Available
- 9:45 am Fall Sunday School Kickoff Brunch
- 11:00 am Limited Return to In-Person Worship
- 4:30 pm Sunday Growth Group
- 5:30 pm Rooted

### Monday, Sept 13

- 6:00 pm Session Meeting

### Tuesday, Sept 14

- 6:00 pm Diaconate Meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday, Sept 15

- 6:30 am Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 am MOM's Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Upside Down/Crossroads
- 6:00 pm Hope Exchange Community Group
- 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- 6:15 pm Redeemer Officer Training

### Thursday, Sept 16

- 12:00 pm Women's Bible Study

### Saturday, Sept 18

- 10:00 am Men's Ministry Kickoff on the Lake
- 10:00 am Neighborhood Garden Workday

### Sunday, Sept 19-Baptism Sunday

- 8:00 am Limited Return to In-Person Worship  
Live Stream Available
- 9:45 am Fall Sunday School
- 9:45 am Redeemer Explored Begins
- 11:00 am Limited Return to In-Person Worship
- 5:00 pm Sunday Growth Groups
- 5:30 pm Rooted

### Let Us Know You were Here!

Please aim your smart phone camera at the QR code and fill out the short attendance form. This helps us keep track of Members and Visitors alike, and also includes links to announcements, online giving, and prayer requests.



## COMING UP

- Sat. Sept 18** Men's Ministry Kickoff on the Lake
- Sat. Sept 18** Neighborhood Garden Workday
- Sun, Sept 19** Redeemer Explored Class Begins
- Sun, Sept 12-19** Growth Groups Begin
- Tues, Sept 21-22** Men's Gatherings Begin
- Mon, Oct 4** Session & Diaconate Meeting

## 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  
Symeon Robins, Music Director  
Candace Robins, Assistant Music Director  
Jajuan McNeil, Director of Children's Ministry  
Joya McNeil, Children's Ministry Assistant  
Velma Warner, Nursery Coordinator  
Wilson Jamison, Intern & Youth Ministry Assistant  
Stephanie Morton, Middle School Ministry Assistant  
Ann Chestnut, High School Ministry Assistant  
Felecia Marshall, Business Administrator  
Mary Sanders, Administrative Assistant

## 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

## DEACONS

Grafton Bragg  
Philip Carter  
Davidson Forester  
Jon Fults  
David Garner  
Jake Garner  
John Hooker  
Detrick Johnson  
Baskin Jones  
Guin Kendrick  
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# Children's Bulletin



REDEEMER CHURCH

# 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:



<div data-bbox="90 1198 292 1377"><hr/><hr/></div>	<div data-bbox="306 1198 466 1377"><u>God</u></div>	<div data-bbox="479 1198 713 1377"><u>Jesus/Christ</u></div>	<div data-bbox="727 1198 908 1377"><u>Believe</u></div>
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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?

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

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

