



## REDEEMER CHURCH

A COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR THE CITY

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

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Mr. Marcus Nobles | September 18, 2022

*"How to Walk in a Dark World"*

- 1 Peter 1:1-16

### Prelude

Musicians

### Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

### \*Call to Worship (*Genesis 12, Psalm 121, John 3*)

Rev. Jeff Jordan, MS College RUF (8:00 am)

Rev. Bentley Crawford, Belhaven College RUF (11:00 am)

"Come, all who need help! Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth. Come, all who desire blessing! Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages. Come, all who long for salvation! Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world."

### Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Rev. Jeff Jordan (8:00 am)

Rev. Bentley Crawford (11:00 am)

### Assurance of Pardon

*Psalm 130:3-4*

Rev. Jeff Jordan (8:00 am)

Rev. Bentley Crawford (11:00 am)

"If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared."

### \* Song of Preparation

*"My God Is Awesome"*

My God is awesome, He can move mountains.

Keep me in the valley, hide me from the rain.

My God is awesome, heals me when I'm broken,

Strength where I've been weakened, forever He will reign

**Chorus:** *My God is awesome, awesome, awesome, awesome*

My God is awesome, Savior of the whole world,

Giver of salvation, by His stripes I'm healed.

My God is awesome, today I am forgiven His grace is why I'm living, Praise, His holy name (*Chorus*)

He's mighty (He's mighty), He's mighty (He's mighty)

He's mighty (He's mighty), He's mighty (He's mighty) Awesome, awesome

He's holy (He's holy), He's holy (He's holy)

He's holy (He's holy), He's holy (He's holy) Awesome, awesome

He's Great (He's Great), He's Great (He's Great)

He's Great (He's Great), He's Great (He's Great) Awesome, awesome

Deliverer (Deliverer), Deliverer (Deliverer)

Deliverer (Deliverer), Deliverer (Deliverer) Awesome, awesome

### \* Song of Praise

*"Arise My Soul, Arise"*

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; The bleeding sacrifice, in my behalf appears; Before the throne my Surety stands, Before the throne my Surety stands, My name is written on His hands.

**Refrain:** *Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, Arise, my soul, arise. Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, Arise, my soul, arise. Shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

He ever lives above for me to intercede; His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead; His blood atoned for ev'ry race, His blood atoned for ev'ry race, And sprinkles now the throne of grace. (Refrain)

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary; They pour effectual prayers;  
they strongly plead for me: "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him,  
O forgive," they cry, "Nor let that ransomed sinner die!" (Refrain)

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear; He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear,  
With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh, and "Father, Abba, Father," cry. (Refrain)

**Old Testament Scripture Reading**

*"Psalm 121"*

Rev. Jeff Jordan (8:00 am)

Rev. Anthony Forrest, Jackson State University RUF (11:00 am)

**Pastoral Prayer**

Mr. Bill Wallace, Ruling Elder Emeritus

**Special Music**

*"Psalm 126"*

Mississippi College RUF Students

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter  
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy  
Restore us, O Lord Restore us, O Lord

Although we are weeping Lord, help us keep sowing  
The seeds of Your Kingdom For the day You will reap them  
Your sheaves we will carry Lord, please do not tarry  
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy

The nations will say, "He has done great things! "The nations will sing songs of joy  
Restore us, O Lord Restore us, O Lord

**Children's Church (Ages 4-6) 8:00 am Only**

This week's word is B for Bible.

**Scripture Reading and Prayer of Illumination**

Mr. Marcus Nobles

Campus Ministry Associate with RUF/Alabama A&M

**Sermon Text**

*1 Peter 1:1-16*

**Sermon Title**

*"How to Walk in a Dark World"*

**\* Hymn of Faith**

*"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Refrain:** *Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

**\* Worship in Giving and Benediction**

Rev. Jeff Jordan (8:00 am)

Rev. Anthony Forrest (11:00 am)

**Prayer Intercessor Team**

Mr. Bill Wallace/Mrs. Alecia Wallace (8:00am)

Mr. Steve Ozier/Mrs. Gloria Ozier (11:00am)

**\*Please Stand.**

**(Redeemer Church, PCA, CCLI #257987)**

## SERMON QUESTIONS

- How have you felt Elect and Exiled?
- What do you think it means to be born again through the resurrection of Jesus?
- How do you FEEL the results of #2 .. living hope, everlasting inheritance, public salvation?
- How have trials purified your faith?
- Have you ever had Joy that was inexpressible?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### 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.



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

- 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.

### BIRTH

- Lily James Bloomingburg, 9-7-22, daughter of Max and Ashton Bloomingburg. See QR CODE for Take Them a Meal.
- Emmaline Taylor McCain, 9-14-22, daughter of Cody and Ann Claire McCain. See QR CODE for Take Them a Meal.

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

### Now Hiring Administrative & Communications Assistant, 20 Hours per Week

This position provides administration and communications support for Redeemer Church. The person will create and/or manage communications including bulletins, weekly updates, mail printing and distribution, website/database management, and provide administrative support to the church office as a whole. Please see QR CODE for more information.

### Sitters Needed for Church Events

Redeemer is looking to enlarge our team of child care sitters for our Wednesday and Sunday Growth Group ministry. Sitters are paid \$12.50 an hour, and must complete a screening/training process. If you are interested, please email Velma Warner at: [vwarn@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:vwarn@redeemerjackson.com).

### Youth Volunteer Dinner and Discussion, Sept 22

A night of fellowship, training, and discussion for Crossroads and Rooted volunteers as we look forward to this coming semester. If you have any questions contact Wilson Jamison at 205.540.0369. See QR CODE for more information and to sign up!

### Men's Gatherings Begin Sept 27

Men's Gatherings will run for 8 weeks this fall, Sept 27 - Nov 16. We'll be looking at Jesus & the Church and Jesus & Gentleness. We're asking men to commit to 5 of the 8 weeks. We meet at the church: Tues, 12-1pm or Wed, 6:30-7:30am. See QR CODE for more information and to sign up!

### Annual Neighborhood Fish Fry, Sept 28

This is our Fall Kick-off family friendly event where the members of our church community can meet members of our parish. We will have good food (FREE fish meal), family games and a large inflatable, plus LIVE music! Bring your chairs and blankets and join the fun! See QR CODE for more information and to sign up to volunteer.

### Church Picnic at Camp Pioneer, Oct 8

Come have a blast with your church family outside at Camp Pioneer – live music, good food, fun and games for all ages! Join us from 10am-3pm. See QR CODE for more information and to sign up!

### Communicants Class Begins, Oct 9

Communicants class is starting on Sunday October 9 for kids in 3rd-8th grade. Communicants is a six-week course where we explain core Christian beliefs and are given the opportunity to give a credible confession of faith to ruling elders. See QR CODE for more information and to sign up!

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

**Micro-business Enterprise Class Begins, Oct 4**

If you are interested in starting your own business but need direction, this class is for you. Micro-business Enterprise is a five-week training program with coaching, to help you learn the steps to starting and sustaining your own micro-business. See QR CODE for more information and to sign up!

**Middle School Girls' Small Group Begins, Oct 6**

A small group for 6th-8th grade girls. We will be doing a study on Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament through the Jesus Storybook Bible. Middle School girls come join us for a 5-week small group study through the Jesus Storybook Bible from 4:15-5:15pm. See QR CODE for more information.

**Redeemer Youth Trampoline Night, Oct 13**

Fellowship event for Redeemer Youth students, 6th-12th grade, from 5:45-7:30pm at Party Safari (5324 Lakeland Drive, Flowood, MS 39232). See QR CODE for more information and to sign up!

Redeemer Church, PCA  
**WEEKLY**  
Schedule



**9:45 AM**  
**Sept 18 – Dec 4**

*Adults*

**Redeemer Explored:** Room 109

**Women's Class: Sermon on the Mount:** Sanctuary

**Biblical Sexuality in an Age of Confusion:** Fellowship Hall

**Paul & The Self:** Room 200A (inside the Youth Room on the left)

*Youth* **(6th-12th)**

**Biblical Worldview:** Youth Room

*Children* **(K4-5th)**

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

**K4:** Room 203

**K5 Classroom 1:** Room 204

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Room 205

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Room 202

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Room 207

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

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Room 209/211

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Room 210

## Fall Growth Groups begin Sept 18-21

### SUNDAY GROWTH GROUPS



**OZIER/PEARCE**  
3:30pm  
Childcare provided  
(call ahead)  
Place: Pearce  
Home, Madison



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



**BERKOMPAS/  
HARTMAN/  
KENYON**  
5:00pm  
Place: Kenyon  
Home, Jackson



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



**KING/McNEIL**  
5:30pm  
Place: Redeemer  
Church



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



**SAUERWEIN/  
WAGNON**  
5:45pm  
No Childcare  
Place: Wagnon  
Home, Jackson



**FULTS/GAULT**  
6:00pm  
No Childcare  
Place: Fults Home,  
Clinton

### WEDNESDAY GROWTH GROUPS



**McCAY/POLLARD/  
SIMPKINS**  
6:30pm  
Childcare provided  
(Redeemer pro-  
grams)  
Place: Redeemer  
Church, Jackson



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

## THIS WEEK

### Deacon on Call for the Week September 18

Karl Arndt, 601.720.4727

### Sunday, September 18 RUF & Baptism Sunday

- 8:00 am Worship Service
- Live Stream Available
- 9:45 am Fall Sunday School Begins
- 9:45 am Redeemer Explored Begins
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:30 pm RUF College Student Lunch
- Various Times Sunday Growth Groups Begin
- 5:30 pm Rooted

### Monday, September 19

### Tuesday, September 20

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

### Wednesday, September 21

- 6:30 am Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 am Mom's Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Upside Down
- 6:00 pm Crossroads
- 6:00 pm Faith & Finances Hope Exchange
- Community Group
- 6:00 pm Officer Training
- 6:30 pm Wednesday Growth Groups Begin

### Thursday, September 22

- 12:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- 4:15 pm High School Girls' Small Group
- 6:00 pm Youth Volunteer Dinner & Discussion

### Friday, September 23

### Saturday, September 24

- 8:30 am Men's Basketball

### Sunday, September 25

- 8:00 am Worship Service
- Live Stream Available
- 9:15 am Fall Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 5:30 pm Rooted

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## STAFF

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor  
Steve Lanier, Director of Outreach & Missions  
Brian Gault, Asst Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship  
Zack Owens, Asst Pastor of Congregational Care  
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 & Interim Youth Director  
Jermaine Van Buren, Jr., Intern, Youth Ministry Assistant  
Gabriel Garcia, Intern  
Daniel Covert, Intern  
Stephanie Morton, Assistant Youth Director  
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  
Paul Rankin  
Herb Sanders  
Trey Watkins  
Shelby Watts

## DEACONS

Karl Arndt  
Grafton Bragg  
Philip Carter  
Davidson Forester  
Jon Fults  
David Garner  
Jake Garner  
Levi Gill  
John Hooker  
Detrick Johnson  
Baskin Jones  
Guin Kendrick  
Blaise King  
Cody McCain  
Greg Ross  
Jonathan Shull  
Ellis Tucker  
Thomas Wallace

## COMING UP

Sept 27: Men's Gatherings Begin  
Sept 28: Redeemer Annual Fish Fry  
Oct 3: Session and Diaconate Meetings  
Oct 4: Micro-business Enterprise Class Begins  
Oct 6: Middle School Girls' Small Group Begins  
Oct 8: Redeemer Church Picnic  
Oct 9: Communicants Class Begins  
Oct 13: Redeemer Youth Trampoline Night  
Oct 20: RYA & Brian Gault on Dating  
Oct 29: Fall Festival