



## REDEEMER CHURCH

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.—September 24, 2023

*"Church Attendance: Essential or Optional?"*

— 1 Corinthians 14:1-24

### Reflection Quote

**"Concerning the Gifts of the Spirit.** Spiritual gifts are granted to every believer by the Holy Spirit, who apportions to each Christian "individually as He wills." Christians are to use these gifts to serve Christ in the work of His kingdom and for the edification of the body of Christ. All true believers receive some spiritual gift or gifts. No spiritual gift is to be despised, nor is it to be misused to bring glory to any other than to Christ. Specific spiritual gifts noted in Scripture are found in the following passages: Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11-16. Some spiritual gifts plainly have ceased, such as the founding office of apostle. Others are obscure and cannot be clearly defined, such as "helps." Others are clearly seen today, such as "teaching" and "giving." Some have received undue prominence in recent days, such as "tongues," "working of miracles" and "healing."

**Concerning Tongues.** It seems evident that the tongues in Acts 2 were foreign languages known to the hearers there present. It is more difficult, however, to resolve the question of the exact nature of the tongues mentioned elsewhere in the New Testament. It is also difficult to determine with certainty the relationship of the modern tongues phenomenon to the New Testament experience. The General Assembly suggests, however, that:

1. Any view of the tongues as experienced in our time which conceives of it an experience by which revelation is received from God is contrary to the finalized character of revelation in Scripture;
2. Any view of tongues which sees this phenomenon as an essential sign of the baptism of the Spirit is contradictory to Scripture; and
3. Any practice of the tongues phenomenon in any age which causes dissension and division within the body of Christ or diverts the church from its mission is contrary to the purpose of the Spirit's gifts."

~Excerpt taken from *A Pastoral Letter Concerning The Experience of the Holy Spirit in the Church Today* (1973) <https://www.pcahistory.org/documents/pastoralletter.html>

### Prelude

Musicians

### Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

### Time of Greeting

#### \* Call to Worship

*Psalm 73:1-3, 16-28*

Rev. Brian Gault

Assistant Pastor of Shepherding and Discipleship

Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end. Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin. How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors! Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms. When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a

beast toward you. Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you. But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

**Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin**

Rev. Brian Gault

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Isaiah 53:5*

Rev. Brian Gault

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

**\* Song of Preparation**

*"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.

**\* Song of Praise**

*"Lord You Are Good"*

Lord, You are good and Your mercy endureth forever.

Lord, You are good and Your mercy endureth forever.

People from every nation and tongue, from generation to generation.

We worship You. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. We worship You for who You are.

We worship You. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. We worship You for who You are. (Repeat)

(Instrumental Interlude)

You are good all the time. All the time You are good. You are good.

**New Testament Scripture Reading**

*Ephesians 5:15-21*

Rev. Brian Gault

**Pastoral Prayer**

Mr. Grant Callen, Ruling Elder

**Worship in Giving**

Mr. Grant Callen

**\*\*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.*

**Choral Worship**

*"Perfect Praise"*

Redeemer Choir

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 & Prayer of Illumination**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

**Sermon Text**

1 Corinthians 14:1-24

**Sermon Title**

*"Church Attendance: Essential or Optional?"*

**\* Hymn of Response**

*"A Mighty Fortress"*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing: For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing;  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He; Lord Sabaoth,  
His Name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us;  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; One little word shall fell him.

**\* Benediction**

Pastor Elbert McGowan, Jr.

**\* Departing Hymn**

*"A Mighty Fortress"*

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever.

**Prayer Intercessor Team**

Mr. Karl Arndt/Mrs. Haley Arndt (8:00am)  
Mr. Ellis Tucker/Ms. Diane Johnston (11:00am)

**\*Please Stand.**

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

## **SERMON NOTES**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 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 \*\*\*

- Jaimar & Sonya Scott: As they grieve the loss of Jaimar's mother, Mary Scott. See QR Code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](https://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday) for Take Them a Meal.
- Wilson & Lindsey Jamison: As they grieve the loss of Wilson's father, John Jamison.
- Kristen & Zack Owens: For Kristen's mother, Debbie Lee, who is in ICU at Baptist Hospital.
- 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.

### \*\*\* CALLED TO CONNECT \*\*\*

#### **Redeemer's Block Party, Sept 27**

Join us for a family-friendly event and a Redeemer tradition! Each September we invite the entire Broadmoor and Fondren North neighborhoods to the church grounds for a free meal, joyful vibes, and practical connections. This year there will be live music (JC and the Family Band), large inflatables for the kids, and a community resource fair. We hope to make new friends, eat good food, and promote the gospel sharing work of our ministry partners. Bring your chairs and a blanket and join the fun! See QR Code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](https://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday) to register to volunteer and for more info.

#### **Finders/Keepers: Finding the Marriage you want; Enriching the Marriage you have, Oct 6 & 7**

Join us October 6 & 7 for our marriage conference, Finders/Keepers. Presented for both married and singles, clinical psychologist, Dr. John L. Cox will lead us in exploring principles for both how singles can be growing in preparation for marriage and how married couples can be growing closer together. Our focus will go beyond "communication skills" and "getaway weekends" to more deeply address the character qualities and abilities that God created us to need in order to find and build healthy romantic relationships. See QR Code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](https://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday) to register today and for more info.

#### **Women's Ministry Fall Gathering, Oct 21**

Women and girls of Redeemer, our Women's Ministry is excited to announce our Fall Gathering: You are invited to an afternoon of fun, fitness and fellowship! We will be joined by Ronjanett Taylor and her Double Dutch Jackson Club as they lead us through fitness stations including jump rope, hula hooping, hopscotch, and table games with smoothies for all. See QR Code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](https://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday) to register today and for more info.

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

#### **Now Accepting Applications for the Director of Neighborhood Outreach & Missions**

Our search is underway for a Director of Neighborhood Outreach & Missions. This is a full-time staff position, and the Search Committee welcomes applications from ordained as well as non-ordained applicants. We are accepting applications through October 1, 2023. Know someone who might be interested? See the QR Code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](https://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday) for the information about the Director of Neighborhood Outreach & Missions position and search process.



### **Officer on Sabbatical**

On September 11, the Session approved a Sabbatical for Trey Watkins. Trey has served on the Children & Youth Committee as well as the Committee on Congregational Care, in addition to serving on various subcommittees. Trey's wisdom, love for others, and pastoral heart will be missed in this season.

Please pray for Trey in this year for joy and deep fellowship with the Lord.

### **\*\*\* Redeemer Kids \*\*\***

*K4-5th Grade*

**Sept 24: Communicants Class**

**Sept 27: Redeemer's Block Party, No Upside Down**

### **\*\*\* Redeemer Youth \*\*\***

*6th-12th Grade*

**Sept 24: Rooted**

**Sept 27: Redeemer's Block Party, No Crossroads**

**Sept 28: High School Girls Small Group**

**Oct 19: Girls Trampoline Night**

Middle & High School girls, come join us on Thursday, October 19, from 6:00-7:30pm, at Defy Jackson, 2280 Lakeland Dr Flowood, MS 39232 for a night at the trampoline park! The cost is \$15 and that includes jumping socks. Email Stephanie Morton at [smorton@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:smorton@redeemerjackson.com) for more information. See QR Code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](https://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday) to register today!

**Nov 10 & 11: Redeemer Youth Fall Retreat**

Redeemer Youth (6th-12th Grade) will have a Fall Retreat at Twin Lakes Camp and Conference Center in Florence, MS on November 10-11, 2023. We will leave the church Friday afternoon and return Saturday evening after dinner. **Trip Cost: \$100**

**Financial Aid:** If the trip cost is an issue, we want to help! To request financial See QR Code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](https://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday). Financial aid is need-based and distributed on a first come, first served basis. All financial aid requests must be submitted by 10/20. We will not be able to provide financial aid after this date.

**Last day to register: 10/25.** After this, you can be placed on the wait list. Questions, please email Stephanie Morton at [smorton@redeemerjackson.com](mailto:smorton@redeemerjackson.com). See QR Code or [redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday](https://redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday) to register today!

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## **FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **9:45 - 10:35am**

*Fall Adult Sunday School, Block 1*

**Sept 10 - Oct 22**

**You Are Not Your Own: Fellowship Hall**

**Heroes & the Ultimate Hero: Room 109**

**Redeemer Explored: Sanctuary**

*Fall Youth Sunday School*

**Sept 10 - Dec 10**

**Middle School, Westminster Shorter Catechism: Youth Room**

**High School, Mark Jones' God Is: Youth Room**

*Fall Children's Sunday School*

**Sept 10 - Dec 10**

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

**K4: Room 211**

**K5: Room 209**

**1st Grade: Room 207**

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

**2nd Grade: Room 210**

**3rd Grade: Room 202**

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

**4th Grade: Room 206**

**5th Grade: Room 204**

**Communicants Class: Room 208**

**Sept 17 - Oct 22**



**FOOD**  
COMIDA

**GAMES**  
JUEGOS

**BOUNCY  
HOUSE**  
CASTILLOS  
INFLABLES

**LIVE MUSIC**  
MUSICA EN VIVO

# BLOCK PARTY!

FIESTA DEL BARRIO

**AKA: THE  
FISH FRY**

LA COMELONA DE  
PESCADO FRITO



**SEPT  
27TH  
6PM**

# REDEEMER CHURCH

640 E. Northside Dr  
Jackson, Ms 39206



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# **FINDERS KEEPERS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE**

**Finders/Keepers Marriage Conference  
Presented by Dr. John L. Cox**

**Friday, October 6, 6:00-9:00pm  
Saturday, October 7, 9:00am-12:00pm**

**Redeemer Church, PCA  
640 E. Northside Drive  
Jackson, MS 39206**

## THIS WEEK

### Deacon on Call for the Week Sept 24

Jeremy Smith, 601.278.2260

### Sunday, September 24

8:00am Worship Service  
Livestream Available  
9:45am Sunday School  
9:45am Redeemer Explored  
9:45am Communicants  
11:00am Worship Service  
5:30pm Rooted

### Monday, September 25

### Tuesday, September 26

12:00pm Men's Gathering  
7:30pm Women's Bible Study

### Wednesday, September 27

9:00am Mom's Bible Study  
6:00pm Redeemer's Block Party

### Thursday, September 28

12:00pm Women's Bible Study  
4:15pm High School Girls Small Group  
6:00pm GriefShare

### Friday, September 29

### Saturday, September 30

8:30am Men's Basketball

### Sunday, October 1 Communion

8:00am Worship Service  
Livestream Available  
9:45am Fall Sunday School  
9:45am Redeemer Explored Class  
9:45am Communicants Class  
11:00am Worship Service  
5:30pm Rooted  
Various Sunday Growth Groups

## COMING UP

Oct 2: Session & Diaconate Meetings  
Oct 6-7: Marriage Conference w John Cox  
Oct 14: Second Saturday Serve  
Oct 14: Community Garden Workday  
Oct 14: RYA-JSU Homecoming Game  
Oct 19: Thursday Night Fellowship Meal  
Oct 19: Girls Trampoline Night  
Oct 19: RYA Teaching Event w Jermaine Van Buren  
Oct 21: Women's Ministry Fall Gathering  
Oct 24: Community Garden Workday  
Oct 26: Fathers & Brothers & Sons Dodgeball Night  
Oct 31: Trunk or Treat

## STAFF

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor  
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, Asst Pastor of Youth Ministry  
Stephanie Morton, Assistant Youth Director  
Jermaine Van Buren, Jr., Intern, Youth Ministry Asst  
Gabriel Garcia, Intern  
Daniel Covert, Intern  
Felecia Marshall, Business Administrator  
Mary Sanders, Communications & Events Coordinator  
Tina Collier, Administrative Assistant

## RULING ELDERS

Grant Callen  
Tu Combs  
Gene Dent  
Scott Marshall  
Barry McCay  
Kelle Menogan, Sr.  
Marculis Mosby  
Herb Sanders  
Andy Sauerwein  
William Stackler  
Shelby Watts

## DEACONS

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

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## COMING UP

Nov 5: Daylight Saving Time Ends  
Nov 10 & 11: Redeemer Youth Fall Retreat  
Nov 16: Thursday Night Fellowship Meal  
Nov 16: RYA Teaching Event w Brian & Leigh Gault  
Nov 18: RYA Friendsgiving Potluck  
Nov 23: Thanksgiving Day Holiday