

REDEEMER CHURCH

A COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR THE CITY

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Rev. Brian Gault—March 17, 2024
"The Origin of Shame"
—Genesis 3:7-13

Reflection Quote

"John depicts the reversal not only of Israel's shame as they return back from exile to Jerusalem but also of humanity's shame as they return back from exile to the garden of Eden.... In so doing, John tells us that God's people are no longer banished from his presence in the garden. God again dwells among his people. He again walks in their midst, but they no longer need to hide in shame as Adam once did. On the contrary, they see his face and their foreheads are inscribed with his name (Rev 22:4), signifying that they reflect not the image of the beast but the image of God. God's people at last fully reflect not the shame of idols, but the glory of God as originally intended. In so doing, the restoration of humanity abounds to God's glory."

-Te-Li Lau, in the Dictionary of the New Testament Use of the Old Testament

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Gault

Assistant Pastor of Shepherding and Discipleship

Missons Moment

Chris & Josephine Hatch Third Millenium Ministries

* Call to Worship

Zephaniah 3:16-20

Mr. Daniel Covert Ministry Assistant

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Mr. Daniel Covert

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 5:8

Mr. Daniel Covert

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

* Song of Preparation

"We Are One Body"

Though we are many, we are one body - we are one body in Christ One faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, binding us together in one cause One hope in the one God, one Father over all

* Song of Praise

"Who You Say I Am"

Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me? I was lost but He brought me in Oh His love for me Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me His grace runs deep While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me Yes He died for me (Chorus)

In my Father's house There's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am

I am chosen Not forsaken I am who You say I am You are for me Not against me I am who You say I am (Chorus)

New Testament Scripture Reading

1John 2:25-3:2

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And this is the promise that he made to us--eternal life. I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie-- just as it has taught you, abide in him. And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him. See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

Covenant Baptism

Rev. Brian Gault

Baker Thomas Haygood, Covenant Child of Reid and Mary Helen Haygood (8:00am) Alexander Emeric Joel Ellison, Covenant Child of Caleb and Sarah Ellison (11:00am)

Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Barry McCay, Ruling Elder

Worship in Giving

Dr. Barry McCay

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.

Children's Church (Ages 4-5) 8:00am only

Commandment 3: "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God."

Parents: After worship in giving, you are welcome to send your child (4-5) to children's church before the end of special music.

* Special Music

"Be Patient with Me" Mr. Arthur Phillips & Ensemble

Please be patient with me, God is not through with me yet. Please be patient with me, God is not through with me yet.

When God gets through with me, when God gets through with me, I shall come forth, I shall come forth like pure gold.

If you should see me and I'm not walking right, and if you should hear me and I'm not talking right;
Please remember what God has done for me,
Please remember that God is not through with me,
when He gets through with me, I'll be what He wants me to be.

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Brian Gault

Sermon Text

Genesis 3:7-13

Sermon Title The Origin of Shame

* Hymn of Faith "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

* Benediction Rev. Brian Gault

Departing Song

"In Christ Alone"

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Prayer Intercessor Team

Dr. Barry McCay/Mrs. Ellen McCay (8:00am) Mr. Ellis Tucker/Mrs. Shirley Tucker (11:00am)

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

The Sacrament of Covenant (Infant) Baptism

As we read through the Word of God, it becomes clear that God's sovereign grace is embraced in the "covenant" framework of Scripture. By grace alone, God has covenanted with His people that He will have them to/for Himself from every nation, tribe, people, and language (Rev. 7). It is a covenant generally that embraces family solidarity (see Act 2:39; Act 16:31; Genesis 17:7). As noted elsewhere, "every person identified in the Bible as having a household present at his or her conversion also had the household baptized."

Because of God's covenant, all history marches forward to the time when God's covenant people will live in the New Jerusalem in a renewed world order enjoying fully their relationship with God: "they will be His people, and God Himself will be their God" (see Rev. 21:3).

Even today, Christ continues as "the Mediator of the new covenant" (Heb. 8), the one Mediator between God and man (1 Tim. 2). Salvation is covenant salvation: regeneration, justification, adoption, sanctification are covenant mercies. Baptism and the Lord's Supper, corresponding to/replacing the old covenant rites of circumcision and Passover, are covenant ordinances. God's law is covenant law, and keeping it is the truest expression of gratitude for covenant grace and loyalty to our covenant God. An understanding of this covenant of grace guides us through, and helps us appreciate, all the wonders of God's redeeming love.

Christians in our theological tradition believe that children of believers, infant children, are and should be included as members of the visible covenant community, the church. Why? Because we believe, based upon the Bible, that infant children of believers have the status of covenant children and therefore should be baptized, just as Jewish male infants previously had been circumcised. Again, why? Because, if infants are deemed members of the visible covenant community with their believing parents, it is fitting to give them the sign of covenant status and of their place in the covenant community.

Is there something magic about the water? No. Do baptized infants have no obligation to make a public profession of personal faith in Jesus Christ? Certainly, they do. When we celebrate the sacrament of covenant baptism, we publicly recognize a covenant child through the covenant sign of baptism as a child of at least one believing parent (1 Cor. 7:14), thus as a member of the visible church. At the same time, we are careful also to affirm that neither baptism nor being the child of believing parents will suffice to make that child a true believer. At some point, each baptized infant/child must personally turn from their sins and express their own faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The outward and visible sign in baptism is water. As water is poured down on the head of a child, we are reminded of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ that delivers us from the penalty of sin (1 John 1:7) as well as the sanctifying virtue of the Holy Spirit delivering us from the power of sin (Romans 8:2).

¹Taken from notes in the Reformation Study Bible

² Paper on covenant baptism by Dr. Bryan Chappell

SERMON QUESTIONS

- In Brené Brown's 12 "shame categories" (appearance and body image, money and work, motherhood and fatherhood, family, parenting, mental and physical health, addiction, sex, aging, religion, surviving trauma, and being stereotyped and labeled), where do you encounter shame?
- Which of Curt Thompson's messages of shame do you fight the most? (I am not enough. There is something wrong with me. I am bad. I don't matter. I don't have what it takes. I don't work hard enough. I'm going to be found out for the fraud I am.)
- How do Gen 3:5 and 2:25 make sense of the entrance of shame into the world in Gen 3:7? Discuss the relationship between shame and fear and how they cause us to hide
- In Gen 3:11-13, shame blames. Adam blames God and Eve; Eve blames the serpent. Using the shame flowchart below, how are we supposed to respond to shame? Share different ways you've responded to shame.

Shame Flowchart: How do we respond to shame?

Accurate: Good Response → Conviction of Sin → Repentance (1)

Bad Response → Reject Shame → Hardened (2)

Inaccurate: Good Response → Reject Shame → Free (3)

Bad Response → Wrongful Guilt → Wrongful Confession (4)

- How do we see grace in 3:9, 11? Have you experienced God pursuing you in the midst of your shame? Share one of those experiences, if you are willing.
- The Gospel says 'Shame does not get the last word.' How does
 Jesus take our shame so that one day in the New Heavens and the
 New Earth, we will never experience shame again?

Growth Groups

SUNDAY GROWTH GROUPS



OZIER/PEARCE 4:30pm 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/ LANCASTER/SMITH 5:00pm Childcare provided (call ahead) Place: McGuffey Home, Jackson



KING/McNEIL 5:30pm Place: Redeemer Church



OWENS/HOOD/ DOWELL/DENLEY 5:00 pm Childcare provided (call ahead) Place: Owens Home, Jackson



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

Are you a part of a Growth Group? Growth Groups are a place where we can plug into a smaller community to know others and be known, grow in the Christian life together under God's word, and pray with and for each other.

WEDNESDAY GROWTH GROUPS



POLLARD/SLAY 6:30pm Childcare at the church with Wed night activities Place: Redeemer Church, Jackson



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

For more information see QR Code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday

Connect Pad: Please find the Connect Pad on your pew and sign in. This helps us keep track of Members and Visitors alike.

More Information:

On the QR Code you'll find links to announcements and online giving.



*** 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.

*** SEEKING TO SERVE ***

6 More Leaders Needed for Upside Down

We are in need of six additional leaders to serve at Upside Down with our 1st-3rd grade groups. Leaders will seek to disciple Redeemer Kids, and facilitate further learning of the weekly Bible lesson. Upside Down meets Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. See the QR Code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information and to sign up.

Help with the Spring Block Party, Mar 23

As we throw this spring fling in our parish, we'll need help with set up & clean up, food prep & service, and door prizes & the Easter egg hunt. Many hands make light work. Can you give us a hand? See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information and to sign up.

*** CALLED TO CONNECT ***

RYA on God's Will and Decision Making, Mar 21

Join Redeemer Young Adults for a time of learning and discussing with Ronjannet Taylor, on the topic of Your Relationship to God's Will and Decision Making. We will meet in the church Youth Room from 7:00-8:00pm. Email Jermaine Van Buren at jvbjr2915@gmail.com or see QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information.

RYA March Madness Potluck, Mar 22

Join RYA for a time of fellowship as we watch march madness unfold together. We'll gather thirty minutes before tipoff at the Harris home (contact Jermaine for the address). We'll provide wings for the main dish, bring your favorite game day snack and jersey! Email Jermaine Van Buren at jvbjr2915@gmail.com or see QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information.

Spring Block Party, Mar 23, 11:00-2:00pm

Join us behind the church on Wellington Road for our Spring Block Party as a time to gather with our parish. We'll have barbecue, an Easter egg hunt, and the Good News of the Gospel. Invite your friends and neighbors as we enjoy the beauty of Spring! See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information and to sign up.

Redeemer Explored Begins, Mar 31

If you are interested in joining Redeemer, we invite you to participate in Redeemer Explored, a Sunday School class that explores who we are and what we believe. Pastor Elbert leads this class during the Sunday School hour (9:45 - 10:35am), from Mar 31 - May 12.. See the QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information and to hold your seat in the class. Meets in room 109.

Communicants Class Begins, Mar 31

Communicants class starts on Sun, Mar 31 for kids in 3rd-8th grade. This 6-week course explains core Christian beliefs and participants who attend at least half the classes are given the opportunity to become Communing Members by giving a credible confession of faith to an elder. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information and to sign up.

Pick Up Invite Cards in the Narthex

Easter and Christmas are the two days each year that churches welcome the most visitors. Who could you invite to join us for our Easter Service on March 31? If you'd like a physical invite card as something to hand to someone you invite, you can pick them up in the narthex.

*** NEWS TO NOTE ***

New Redeemer Webpage: Discipleship Ministries

Our website has undergone some renovations recently, and we wanted to let you know about some of the changes. This week, check out our new Discipleship Ministries page, which shares the vision for discipleship as the pattern of growth in the Christian life and what that looks like in the life of Redeemer. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday to view the new page.

Committees at Redeemer

Redeemer is an Elder-led and Committee-driven church. Six Committees (Administration, Children & Youth, Congregational Care, Discipleship Ministries, Missions & Outreach, and Worship), consisting of officers and lay people, help organize and support the ministries of the church in order to fulfill our mission and vision. See the QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information.

Now Accepting Applications for the Director of Music Ministry

Our search is underway for a Director of Music Ministry. This is a salaried, part-time position (targeting 25-30 hours/week) with potential to grow into full-time role. We are accepting applications through April 15. Know someone who might be interested? See the QR code for all the information about the Director of Music Ministry position and search process.

2024 Missions Moment Schedule

Each Sunday during Missions Month, we will have a Missions Moment where we hear from different missionaries we support. During this season, we encourage our members to support missions in three ways: PRAY, GIVE, GO. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information.



March 17 Chris & Josephine Hatch Third Millenium Ministries



March 31 Stuart & Meg Mills Peru



March 24 Delta Streets Academy Mississippi



April 7 Jae Yoo South Korea

SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 - 10:35am

Spring Adult Sunday School, Block 1

Feb 11-Mar 24

Jesus is Building His Church in a Dechurching World: Fellowship Hall

Teachers: Brian Gault, Elbert McGowan, Jr., Barry McCay, Jermaine Van Buren, Jr.

Forgiveness: Sanctuary
Teachers: Zack Owens, Tu Combs

Coming Up: Adult Sunday School Block Two Mar 31-May 12

Intimacy With God in The Psalms: Sanctuary

Teacher: Brian Gault

There are times when intimacy with God feels like chasing the wind. Intimacy is found at the intersection of longing and belonging, transparency and acceptance, abiding and beholding. In the Psalms, God takes the words of his saints and they become the word of God as a path to bring our whole self before him. The Psalms are full of raw honesty, overwhelming grief, and incomprehensible joy—all tools for the loving father to woo us into his presence. He says, "Bring your whole self. I want all of you."

Brokenness and heartache, doubt and confidence, and anger and exaltation are all welcome in God's presence. And as we walk the well-worn words of saints who have gone before, the path will emerge to bring our whole selves before the face of God. And that's where intimacy begins.

Befriend: Creating Belonging in a Lonely & Isolated World: Fellowship Hall

Teachers: Karl Arndt, Grant Callen, Scott Marshall, Kelle Menogan, Zack Owens, William Stackler, Jermaine Van Buren, Jr.

Sometimes we find in seasons of life that busyness and social media have left a void of deep, intentional friendship. What ever happened to connection and belonging? Where can I know others and be known?

Using Scott Sauls' book, *Befriend*, this class will make a case for building friendships that go beyond a digital, transactional, or one-dimensional nature and turn into relationships that are vulnerable, transparent, loving, and loyal. Sauls creates categories, each with a biblical foundation, for various types of friendship and gives us a different lens to see those we encounter day by day. He encourages us to befriend "the One in the Mirror," "the 'Other," "True Friends and Significant Others," "the Poor and Empty-Handed," "the Rich and Powerful," and so many more. The end result is a paradigm for friendship that challenges us to love others the way Jesus did.

Redeemer Explored: Room 109

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Barry McCay

Would you like to know more about Redeemer Church? Are you interested in becoming a member? If so, you need to take this class. Pastor Elbert McGowan, along with the elders, will teach this 7-week introductory course on the ins and outs of Redeemer Church and how you can get involved. If you are ready to join Redeemer or have further questions, you will have the opportunity to meet with an elder at the end of the class (May 19 & 26).

SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45 - 10:35am

Spring Youth Sunday School Feb 11-Mar 24

Middle School, Worship at Redeemer: Youth Room

For those who have grown up in the church, Sunday mornings can become rote. We can be tempted to simply go through the motions. So, our Youth Sunday school will study "Worship at Redeemer." In the class, we will unpack the reason and rhythm of our Sunday morning worship service by explaining the elements of worship and seeing them expressed in the worship service. We will address questions like... "Why do we worship?" and "How can two churches look different, but still be faithful?"

High School, Evangelism: Youth Room

In this class, we are equipping students to engage their unbelieving friends and share the gospel with them. According to the Gallup Polls, 88% of people who visited church for the first time did so because they were invited by a friend. And according to The Great De-Churching, 86% of people who have left the church say they would re-visit the church if a friend invited them. By offering this class alongside "Worship at Redeemer", we hope to help students see that part of evangelism can be as simple as inviting their friends to church.

Spring Children's Sunday School Feb 11-May 12

K4-1st Grade: Stories of the Bible

K4: Room 211 K5: Room 209

1st Grade: Room 207

2nd-3rd Grade: Biblical Themes & Building Blocks of the Faith

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2nd Grade: Room 210

3rd Grade: Room 202

4th-5th Grade: Bible Survey 4th Grade: Room 206 5th Grade: Room 204

*** Redeemer Kids ***

K4-5th Grade

Mar 17: Children's Church (Ages 4-6, 8:00am only)

Mar 20: Upside Down

Mar 31: Communicants Class Begins

*** Redeemer Youth ***

6th-12th Grade Mar 17: Rooted Mar 20: Crossroads

Mar 21: High School Girls Bible Study

THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call for the Week Mar 17 Tamarco White, 601.421.0224

Sunday, March 17 Baptism Sunday

8:00am Worship Service

Livestream Available

9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service

5:30pm Rooted

Various: Sunday Growth Groups

Monday, March 18

Tuesday, March 19

12:00pm The Men's Gathering

6:00pm GriefShare

7:30pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 20

9:00am Mom's Bible Study 6:00pm Upside Down 6:00pm Crossroads

6:00pm Women's Bible Study

6:00pm Hope Exchange Community

Group

Various: Wednesday Growth Groups

Thursday, March 21

12:00pm Women's Bible Study 4:15pm High School Girls Bible

Study

7:00pm RYA on God's Will &

Decision Making

Friday, March 22

6:00pm RYA March Madness Potluck

Saturday, March 23

8:30am Men's Basketball 11:00am Spring Block Party

Sunday, March 25

8:00am Worship Service

Livestream Available

9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service

5:30pm Rooted

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Johnston Walker
Thomas Wallace
Tamarco White

COMING UP:

Mar 29: Good Friday Service

Mar 31: Redeemer Explored Begins Mar 31: Communicants Class Begins

Mar 31: Adult Sunday School Block 2 Begins

Apr 1: Session & Diaconate Meetings Apr 7: Mission Month Concludes

Apr 18: RYA Your Relationship to Relation-

ships

Apr 20: Saturday Serve

Apr 24: Youth Senior Night

Apr 27: Redeemer Women's Meet & Greet