

# REDEEMER CHURCH

A COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR THE CITY

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Rev. Brian Gault—October 13, 2024
"The Origin of Redemption"
—Genesis 3:20-24

**Welcome and Announcements** 

Rev. Brian Gault

Assistant Pastor of Shepherding and Discipleship

**Time of Greeting** 

\* Call to Worship

Hebrews 10:19-22

Rev. Wilson Jamison Assistant Pastor of Youth Ministry

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience

and our bodies washed with pure water.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession of Sin

Rev. Wilson Jamison

Assurance of Pardon

Jeremiah 31:34

Rev. Wilson Jamison

'for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

\* Song of Preparation

"Let It Rise"

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us, Let the glory of the Lord rise among us

Let the praises of the King rise among us -- Let it rise

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us, Let the songs of the Lord rise among us

Let the joy of the King, rise among us -- Let it rise. Ohh, ohh, Let it rise

\* 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

Chorus: Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God Yes I am In my Father's house There's a place for me 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)

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 Matthew 27:45-51

Rev. Wilson Jamison

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

Dr. Andy Sauerwein, Ruling Elder

#### Worship in Giving

Dr. Andy Sauerwein

\*\*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** 

"I Can Be Glad for My Hope is in The Lord"

Redeemer Choir

Chorus: I can be glad for my hope is in the Lord
'Cause He gives a confidence that this world doesn't know
He's the Lord of all creation and whatever the situation
I'm glad for my hope is in the Lord.

Oh, right from the beginning God made me for His own
So He replaced my weak foundation and made Himself the cornerstone
When all was ready and in order He promised every day and hour
He'd be faithful to sustain me by His mighty power (Chorus)

If I land in prison for calling on God's name
He would cause the walls to crumble under the fervor of my praise
For the cause of Christ I've chosen to suffer death to prove my stand
I'll be ushered into Glory led by God's own hand (Chorus)

I'm glad! For my hope is in the Lord.

**Prayer of Illumination** 

Rev. Brian Gault

Sermon Text

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Sermon Title

The Origin of Redemption

\* Hymn of Faith

"His Mercy is More"

What love could remember no wrongs we have done Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more (Chorus)

\* Benediction

Rev. Brian Gault

\*Departing Song

"His Mercy is More"

What riches of kindness He lavished on us His blood was the payment, His life was the cost We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford Our sins they are many, His mercy is more! (Chorus)

**Prayer Intercessor Team** 

Dr. Andy Sauerwein/Mrs. Quita Sauerwein (8:00am) Dr. Andy Sauerwein/Mrs. Quita Sauerwein (11:00am)

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

#### SERMON QUESTIONS

- How is the Humpty Dumpty Nursery Rhyme an analogy of the brokenness of our world?
- The name 'Eve' (3:20) means 'life,' but in 2:23 man had already given her the name 'woman' to show her correspondence to man. Why this second name, and how is it connected to God's promise in Gen 3:15? Think about how often you use the name of someone significant in your life. How would the constant repetition of 'Eve' in their daily life shape their lives?
- In Gen 3:21 God clothed Adam and Eve with 'garments of skins' even though they had already covered themselves with 'loincloths' from fig leaves. What's the difference between these 'loincloths' and 'garments' and why this second covering?
- What was Adam supposed to guard in Gen 2:15 (remember 'keep' = 'guard' here) and how was he supposed to guard it? How did Adam fail to guard/keep the garden? Who guards it now and what 'tools' are used to guard it?
- Talk about your experience of being outside of God's presence and feeling like an exile longing for the promised land. What does that look like in the regular rhythms of your life?
- How do these three seconds (a second naming, covering, and guarding) work together to give us a picture of the origin of redemption, and how is the redemption story even more beautiful than the creation story?

# **SERMON NOTES**

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### More Information:

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



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

- Colin & Bliss Newell: As Colin recovers from emergency surgery. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for Take Them a Meal.
- Tu & Caroline Combs: As Caroline undergoes treatment for stage 4 breast cancer.
- Katie Trotter: Comfort, hope, and peace in Christ through breast and bone cancer .See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for Take Them a Meal.
- Lydia Abraham: Mito Disease, Stage 4 Liver Cirrhosis, pain management and wisdom for doctors in her treatment. For updates on Lydia and the Abraham's Take Them a Meal, please see QR Code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday.

#### \*\*\*SEEKING TO SERVE\*\*\*

#### Saturday Serve: Caring for Members, Oct 19

Join us from 9:00am-12:00pm as we tangibly serve two families in the Church who we regularly pray for. We'll be dispersing to various members' homes to assist with home organization, lawn care, and meal prepping. Let us know where you're able to serve and we'll reach out with details and the addresses. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday to sign up for a location.

#### Community Garden Workday, Oct 22

We will be harvesting veggies, pulling weeds, and performing routine maintenance in the garden. This event is open to all ages and levels of experience. Join us as we continue to cultivate and beautify our neighborhood garden as a way of loving our neighbors. The garden is located at the corner of Londonderry and Robinhood behind the church, and we'll gather from 5:30-7:30pm. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information and to sign up.

#### Food Drive, Oct 1-Oct 31

Join us this month as Redeemer Church partners with The Redeemer's School for a 31-day food drive, embodying our commitment to service, love, and generosity. You can drop canned goods (canned goods only) in the Narthex on Sunday mornings during October.

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

#### RYA Hangout at the Belhaven Town Center, Oct 17

Redeemer Young Adults, join us for a come-and-go fellowship event at the Belhaven Town Center from 6:30-8:00pm. Whether you want to come say hi or grab an ice cream and stay the whole time, we'd love to see you there! Email David Greer at greer3david@gmail.com for more information and to join the RYA GroupMe.

#### RYA Hospitality Discussion, Nov 7

Redeemer Young Adults, come join us as we wrap up our Hospitality series with a discussion on Hebrews 13:1-3 and Luke 14:12-14! Please bring a finger food or dessert to share. We'll gather at the Gault's home (address in GroupMe) from 6:30-8:30pm. Text Markese Lee at 601.397.7585 for more information.

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

#### Welcome New Intern, Joshua Coleman

Joshua was born in Clinton, MS and became a Christian at five years old. At six, his family moved to Bryan-College Station, TX, and he eventually attended Texas A&M majoring in Business Management. At Texas A&M, Joshua was involved in Reformed University Fellowship where he continued to grow in his faith, felt a growing call to ministry, and met his wonderful wife, Sarah. After graduation, Joshua worked for two years as an RUF intern at Rice University and then for three years as an RUF International intern at



Texas A&M. As an RUFI intern, he also started his Master of Divinity degree through RTS Houston. In 2024, after Sarah completed her Doctorate of Veterinarian Medicine, Joshua and Sarah moved to Jackson, MS for Joshua to complete both the MDIV and MAC degrees at RTS Jackson in preparation for pastoral ministry. Joshua loves soccer, swimming, and reading, and is very interested in apologetics and evangelism.

#### **Redeemer Officer Update**

At our October 7 Session meeting, Paul Rankin resigned from the office of Ruling Elder. With deep sadness, the Session of Redeemer accepted his resignation. Paul's creativity, integrity, love for the Scriptures, walk with Jesus, thoughtfulness about the rhythm of life, faithfulness, and commitment to the church will be missed in a leadership capacity. Please continue praying for him and his family during the coming days for refreshment, freedom, and joy in the Lord.



#### Officer On Sabbatical

On Oct 7, the Session approved a Sabbatical for Levi Gill. Levi is the Program Director for Hope Exchange, a ministry initiative of Jackson Leadership Foundation, has led the Saturday Serve Team, and is active on the missions committee at Redeemer. Levi's gifts of hospitality, service, organization, empathy, and relational wisdom will remain active as he focuses more time deepening the reach of Hope Exchange in Jackson. Please pray for deep rest and margin for Levi on his Sabbatical from the Diaconate.



#### 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 Nov 15. Know someone who might be interested? See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information.

# \*\*\* Redeemer Kids \*\*\* K4-5th Grade

#### Children's Church, Oct 20

Intro to the Lord's Prayer: "But deliver us from evil." 8:00am service only, ages 4 -5.

#### Children & Youth Sunday and Donuts with Deacons, Oct 27

Children and Youth Sunday offers the chance for us to love our children and to enfold them into our worshipping community.

Donuts with Deacons will occur during the Sunday school hour. This provides an opportunity for our K4-5th grade children to interface with the leaders of our church. They'll visit classrooms and talk about what it means to be a deacon and empower our children to work alongside them. And, they'll bring donuts! Questions? Contact Jajuan McNeil at mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com.

#### Upside Down (K4-5th), Wednesdays 6:00-7:30pm

Elementary students are invited to join us at Upside Down, our weekly time of fun, fellowship, and studying God's word! We meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday Evenings, Aug 21-Nov 6 (not Sept 25, Oct 2) from 6:00-7:00pm. Contact Jajuan McNeil at mrmcneil@redeemerjackson.com for more information.

# \*\*\* Redeemer Youth \*\*\* 6th-12th Grade

#### High School Fall Retreat, Nov 15-16

Registration is open for our High School Fall Retreat! At the retreat, we will get to hear teaching from God's Word by Jermaine Van Buren, Jr., play games, and enjoy time outside with new and old friends. We hope you'll join us! Registration closes Oct 31. See QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for more information and to register.

#### Crossroads (6th-8th), Wednesdays 6:00-7:30pm

Join us for Crossroads, our weekly Youth Group gathering for Middle Schoolers. We play games, eat pizza, and get to study God's Word together! We meet on Wednesday's, Aug 21-Nov 6 (not Sept 25, Oct 2) from 6:00-7:30pm in the Youth Room. For more information contact Wilson Jamison at wjamison@redeem -erjackson.com.

#### Rooted (9th-12th), Sundays 5:30-7:00pm

High Schoolers, we would love for you to join us for Rooted this semester. At Rooted, we get to unpack God's Word and enjoy fellowship together with some laughter (and food) along the way. We meet Sunday evenings, Aug 18-Nov 3 (not Sept 22, Sept 29) from 5:30-7:00pm in the Youth Room. For more information contact Wilson Jamison at wijamison@redeemerjackson.com.

# Fall Sunday School Begins Sept 8 9:45-10:35am

2024 Fall Adult Sunday School, Block 1 began on Sept 8 and conclude on Oct 20.

# The Book of Ruth Teacher: Brian Gault Location: Fellowship Hall

The book of Ruth, set in the time of the Judges, revolves around a 'woman of worth (or strength, excellence)' (3:11) who is better to Naomi than 7 sons (4:15).

The story is one of heartache and loss with a famine that drives the family to a foreign land and with three funerals that leave Naomi and Ruth unprotected in a place that is not their home. We'll explore remarkable providences, unusual customs, and the thread of redemption—all of which show God at work in the midst of our grief.

In the Hebrew Bible, Ruth is found in the Writings, the section of the Old Testament devoted to 'covenant life.' The theme for this book is 'how to survive personal difficulties.' Join us as we learn from this woman of excellence.

#### 7 Biblical Theologies

**Teachers:** Zack Owens, Jermaine Van Buren Jr., Andy Sauerwein, Wilson Jamison, Marculis Mosby,

**Location:** Sanctuary

Biblical Theology investigates the development of themes over the narrative arc of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, uniting and connecting the Old and New Testament.

In this class, we will look at 7 topics across 7 weeks: (1) biblical theology, (2) the temple of God, (3) music, (4) covenant, (5) exodus, (6) curses, and (7) the people of God.

Consider the temple. Biblical theology will consider how the Garden of Eden was the first sanctuary as we walked with God in the cool of the day, how the tabernacle and temple were special fulfillments of the promise of God's presence, how Jesus is the temple, how the church becomes the temple, and the fact that there is no temple in the New Heavens and New Earth in Rev 21.

Join us as we explore the depth of the Bible in the story of redemption.

#### Redeemer Explored

Teachers: Elbert McGowan, Barry McCay
Location: Room 109

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 (Oct 27).

# Fall Youth Sunday School Begins Sept 8

2024 Fall Children & Youth Sunday School began on Sept 8 and conclude Dec 8.

## **New City Catechism**

Location: Youth Room

HS Teachers: Corrie Keplinger, Rob Vickery, Cadden Christie,

Stephanie Greer, Wilson Jamison

MS Teachers: Wilson Jamison, Stephanie Greer, Corrie Keplinger, Hermes Tomas

Catechisms are a time-tested tool of discipleship. They are interactive by design, easy to memorize, rooted in the Bible, and theologically rich.

#### Catechisms were written:

- 1. To explain the gospel comprehensively. Catechisms sharpen our understanding of the gospel by building out biblical doctrines and investigating the Apostles' Creed, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer.
- 2. To counteract false beliefs. Catechisms lay out biblical doctrine to address contemporary cultural questions, errors, and false beliefs.
- 3. To cultivate communal holiness. Catechisms create a shared language of belief to cultivate a community that corporately reflects the character of Christ.

Written in 2017, the New City Catechism stands on the rich theological tradition of the Heidelberg Catechism (1563) and Westminster Shorter Catechism (1648) but uses modern language shaped to address contemporary questions.

# Fall Children's Sunday School

# **Investigating God's Word**

This fall, RedeemerKids will be transitioning to a new Sunday school material entitled "Investigating God's Word." All classes K4-5th Grade will be working chapter by chapter through Genesis 1-24.

K4-K5: Room 209/211 Teachers:

Morgan Barber, Sarah Love Crawford, Rachel Habarger

> 1st Grade: Room 210 Teachers:

Claire Graves, Krisan Parish, Khambile Perry

2nd Grade: Room 207 Teachers:

3rd Grade: Room 205/206 Teachers:

Andrea Burks, Page Callen, Christa Williams

4th Grade: Room 204 Teachers:

Samuel Bolen, Gabriel Garcia, Jake Garner, Angela Simpkins

> 5th Grade: Room 202 Teachers:

Liz Callen, Gene Everitt, Amanda McGuffey

Haley Arndt, Tyler Espinoza, Kristen Owens

# Fall Growth Groups SUNDAY GROWTH GROUPS



OZIER/PEARCE 5:00pm Place: Pearce Home, Madison



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



LEWIS/MORGAN/ SMITH/SMITH 5:00pm Childcare provided (call ahead) Place: Lewis Home, Belhaven



EVANS/McGUFFEY LANCASTER/ TRAMEL 5:00pm Childcare provided (call ahead) Place: Evans Home,

Belhaven



KING/McNEIL 5:30pm Place: Redeemer Church



OWENS/DOWELL/ DENLEY/DRAKE 5:00pm Childcare can be arranged (call ahead) Place: Owens Home, Jackson



GAULT/TAYLOR 5:00pm No Childcare Place: Gault Home, Jackson



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

#### WEDNESDAY GROWTH GROUPS



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



GARNER/WALLACE 6:30pm Place: Garner Home, Brandon

## 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.

To visit a Growth Group to see if it's a fit for you, visit the QR code or redeemerjackson.com/this-Sunday for each group's contact info. THIS WEEK

Deacon on Call Week of Oct 13

John Hooker 601,209,4446

Sunday, Oct 13

8:00am Worship Service

Livestream Available

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

5:30pm Rooted

Monday, Oct 14

Church Office Closed

12:00pm Men's Gathering

Tuesday, Oct 15

7:00am Women's Bible Study

6:00pm GriefShare 7:00pm Choir Practice

7:30pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Oct 16

9:00am Moms Bible Study

6:00pm Upside Down 6:00pm Crossroads

6:00pm Women's Bible Study

6:00pm Hope Exchange 6:00pm Officer Training

Thursday, Oct 17

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

Study

6:30pm RYA Hangout at Belhaven

Town Center

Friday, Oct 18

Saturday, Oct 19

8:30am Men's Basketball

Sunday, Oct 20

**Baptism** 

8:00am Worship Service

Livestream Available

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

5:30pm Rooted

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Various Sunday Growth Groups

#### **STAFF**

Elbert McGowan, Jr., Senior Pastor

Brian Gault, Asst Pastor of Shepherding & Discipleship Zack Owens, Asst Pastor of Congregational Care

Wilson Jamison, Asst Pastor of Youth Ministry

Stephanie Greer, Assistant Youth Director Jajuan McNeil, Director of Children's Ministry Joya McNeil, Children's Ministry Assistant

Jerome Douglas, Dir Neighborhood Outreach & Missions

Velma Warner, Nursery Coordinator

Corrie Keplinger, Communications & Events Coordinator

Tina Collier, Administrative Assistant

Josh Anderson, Intern Joshua Coleman, Intern Ian Deffenbaugh, Intern Chael Williams, Intern

Interim Music Ministry Team:

Joyce Hamme, Arthur Phillips, Kateri Gill, Akida Mosby

Haley Arndt, Women's Committee Chair

**RULING ELDERS** 

Grant Callen Tu Combs Gene Dent

Scott Marshall
Barry McCay

Kelle Menogan, Sr. Marculis Mosby Herb Sanders

Andy Sauerwein William Stackler

Trey Watkins

**DEACONS** 

Karl Arndt Grafton Bragg Philip Carter Davidson Forester

Davidson Forest Jon Fults David Garner Jake Garner Levi Gill Reid Haygood John Hooker

John Hooker
Detrick Johnson
Baskin Jones
Guin Kendrick
Blaise King
Greg Ross
Jeremy Smith
Ellis Tucker
Johnston Walker

Johnston Walker Thomas Wallace Tamarco White

COMING UP:

Oct 22: Community Garden Workday

Oct 27: Children & Youth Sunday

Nov 4: Session Meeting

Nov 7: RYA Hospitality Discussion Nov 9: Community Garden Workday

Nov 11: Diaconate Meeting

Nov 13: Youth Friendsgiving Potluck

Nov 13: Summer Camp Interest Meeting

Nov 15-16: High School Fall Retreat

Nov 21: RYA Bowling Night Nov 28-29: Church Office Closed-Thanksgiving

Dec 2: Session & Diaconate Meetings



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