

**A HISTORY OF  
REDEEMER CHURCH  
THE FIRST DECADE (2010–2020)**



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## PASTOR'S PREFACE

We at Redeemer Church celebrated our tenth anniversary.

Those words carry great meaning for me. Our congregation is ten years old. Our Lord has sustained and blessed Redeemer for ten years. We are hopeful for our second decade. This is all so, so good.

I love Redeemer Church. I love being the pastor of Redeemer Church. It is a humbling joy that God allows me to serve Him here among these great people. There is much to look back and celebrate. There is much hope for looking forward.

I am thankful that Stephen Carlson has compiled and recorded some elements of our church's first decade. This document will serve us well for years to come. The pages of this history tell the story of Redeemer from the outside looking in. It is true and it is accurate.

Before you start reading our history, let me briefly share with you another side of the story—the one from the inside looking out. I want to admit something. The starting of Redeemer Church was really, really hard. Being the core team that starts a new congregation is hard work physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

In 2010, seven families chose the harder path. Staying at Grace Community Church would have been easier, but we chose something new. We chose to start Redeemer Church.

We chose this path because we believed that Jesus loves the local church and because we believed that new and healthy local churches are good for the kingdom of God and good for local communities. We believed that a new church with the convictions and practices of Redeemer

would be good for Hendersonville. So we ventured out to start something new that would honor Jesus. We endured hard days, but we endured them together. We pressed forward in faith that God was at work.

Because it is hard to quantify true success in ministry, it is certainly hard to find convincing proof of success in church planting. How do you measure repentance? How do you count discipleship? How do you share about lives transformed and relationships healed without violating confidences? There were many days that I wondered how God was using us. I wondered if we made the right decision to start Redeemer. I wondered if we were going to make it.

My mentor and dear friend, Scott Patty, would always say, “If you have a place to meet, money for the electricity, and someone showing up, then you keep going.” We kept going. God kept sustaining us. Here we are, and we have a story to tell.

Here is the amazing news. God chose to bless us. He chose to build Redeemer Church in Hendersonville, Tennessee. He chose to let us see the hard work of those seeds planted in 2010 flower and bear fruit. It is so amazing what God has done.

As we celebrate ten years of ministry, I am thankful. I am thankful that God sent me on this path. I am thankful that God sent my family on this path. I am thankful that six other families joined us on the journey. I am thankful for Redeemer.

To my wife Suzanne and our sons John, William, and Joseph: I love you. I love the life we share. I am so glad that our family journey includes Redeemer. Thank you for pouring your lives into Redeemer. Thank you for supporting the harder path over the last ten years.

To the Seavers, the other Seaver, the Bettertons, the Carlsons, the Fentresses, and the Halls: Thank you for choosing the harder path. Thank you for trusting me to be your pastor. Thank you for pouring your lives into Redeemer.

Look at what God has done. Look at how He did it through our amazing band of misfits trusting Him while putting one foot in front of another. Let's be filled with awe.

Pressing Toward What Lies Ahead (Philippians 3:13-14),

Jamie Mosley, Pastor  
June 2021



## AUTHOR'S PREFACE

In November of 2009, Roberta and I began looking for a church that we could join and where we could serve the Lord. The first one we visited was Grace Community Church in Brentwood, Tennessee, and we never visited anywhere else. We joined just two months later. But after that first visit, which had already come close to convincing us that this church was where we should be, I called the church office and asked to get a copy of the church's bylaws. The person who answered the phone, and eventually mailed a hard copy to me, was Jamie Mosley, who was in his fifth year serving as Director of Church Ministries. Just two months after we joined Grace Community Church, the elders announced that a new church plant in Hendersonville had been approved. But my first brief conversation on the phone with Jamie gave us no hint that he and I would be meeting a few months later to discuss the bylaws for the new church in Hendersonville.

Ten years can go by in a flash. It's hard for me to believe it was that long ago that Redeemer Church began since it sometimes seems that it has been just a matter of months—but at other times it seems much longer than ten years. As we at Redeemer approached our tenth anniversary, it seemed to me that a document detailing the origin and growth of Redeemer Church would be desirable so that we will not forget all those moments, large and small, that made us the church we are today. The church where Roberta and I got married in 1982 had its fiftieth anniversary in 1984. Someone wrote a history of those fifty years, and I recall how much I enjoyed reading it and seeing how the Lord had directed that congregation to become what it was a half century later. That history has stayed with me all these decades later, which made me

want to write a history of Redeemer Church. In November of 2009, just two months after Redeemer Church's ninth anniversary and thus early in its tenth year, I mentioned this to the elders, and they unanimously gave me approval to write *A History of Redeemer Church*. But this history, despite having my name on it as author, was not a one-man job. I would like to thank Jamie Mosley, Bill Seaver, Austin Shaver, and LJ James for their input and corrections, especially in areas where my memory was fuzzy or about details in which I was not directly involved. A special word of thanks goes to Shirley Newton, on whom I depended greatly for details about Grace Christian Church and the transfer of property to Redeemer Church that occurred in 2017. She tracked down documents and called people for me to make that part of this history as accurate as possible.

I dedicate this little booklet to our great Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ, and all of his redeemed people at Redeemer Church as we remember what he has done for us in the past and as we anticipate the many ways he will use us to expand his kingdom in the years to come.

Stephen W. Carlson  
June 2021

## INTRODUCTION

Redeemer Church of Hendersonville began as a church plant by Grace Community Church in Brentwood, Tennessee. Grace Community Church had about 700 members at that time, and Community Groups were scattered all over the Nashville area. These Community Groups met once a week, normally on Wednesday nights, though some met on other nights as well. During these meetings, those attending would discuss a passage of Scripture (often the message from the previous Sunday morning), share prayer requests, and pray together. One of these Community Groups met in Hendersonville on Wednesday nights. The Hendersonville community group had 15 members (with 16 children for a total of 31), but one of the couples chose to continue attending Grace Community Church when Redeemer Church began holding services in September 2010. The other 13 members formed the core group that helped launch Redeemer Church.<sup>1</sup>

At the YMCA in Hendersonville on Sunday September 19, 2010, over 100 people attended the first worship service held at Redeemer Church, though attendance over the next several weeks was in the 30 to 40 range. Ten years later, in September of 2020, Redeemer Church had 194 members with an additional 135 children for a total of 329. As we celebrate this

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<sup>1</sup> The thirteen members of the core group were Mike & Duffy Betterton, Stephen & Roberta Carlson, Jacob & Brandi Fentress, Scott & Julie Hall, Bill & Melanie Seaver, Lucy Seaver, and Jason & Ashley Smith. Jamie & Suzanne Mosley joined with this core group to start Redeemer Church. As of the tenth anniversary, thirteen of these original fifteen were still members of Redeemer Church.



milestone anniversary, let us give thanks to God for His faithfulness to us and for His many provisions for us over the past decade as we have proclaimed the gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and as we have grown together in His name.

## **PART 1: CONCEPTION THROUGH PRE-LAUNCH**

### **November 2009 to September 2010**

Two men believed there was a need for a church like Grace Community Church in Hendersonville. In the fall of 2008, Bill Seaver and Jason Smith began discussing the need for such a church in Hendersonville, a suburb northeast of Nashville with a population of about 50,000 at the time. Bill and Jason engaged the Grace Community Church elders in some loose conversations about this possibility shortly afterward. These initial conversations were not very promising. Statements like, “We haven’t planted a church before,” and “We don’t have the means or a plan to do that right now,” were common responses. This brought any serious pursuit of a church plant in Hendersonville to a halt, but that was providential since the Hendersonville Community Group, which Bill and Jason attended, was not ready to consider something so big at that time.

The Hendersonville Community Group began to get more serious and interested in the idea during the spring of 2009. Serious conversations with Scott Patty about the church plant occurred throughout that summer, in addition to meetings with other families in Hendersonville. Bill and Jason first met formally with the Grace Community Church elders on September 3, 2009.

By the time that Bill and Jason met with the elders, they were not so concerned about a location as much as finding the right pastor. That was the overwhelming issue. Jamie Mosley was not quite on their radar at that time but would be soon thereafter. In October of 2009, Bill

and Jason had their initial meeting with Jamie to discuss his involvement. Jamie Mosley graduated from Union University (Bachelor of Science in 2001) in Jackson, Tennessee, and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity in 2005) in Louisville, Kentucky. Jamie married Suzanne Frost in 2002, and they had three sons at this time (John Martin, William, and Joseph). When Bill and Jason first approached Jamie about being the pastor of the church plant, Jamie was on staff at Grace Community Church as Director of Church Ministries, a position he had held for five years.

On November 6, the Seavers, the Smiths, and the Mosleys met for dinner for further serious discussions about the church plant with Jamie as pastor. The Mosleys considered the opportunity through November and December and committed to move forward by late December. Bill, Jason, and Jamie talked further with Scott Patty in January and then went to the Grace Community Church elders on February 4, 2010. During that meeting, the elders gave their approval to move forward with the church plant. Jamie, Bill, and Jason formed the leadership team for the church plant, and this team provided leadership for the church until its first elder selections were made.

Once Jamie committed to being pastor of the new church, the leadership team decided that it would be profitable to hold regular interest meetings for several months before the launch itself occurred. Bill's father was the college roommate of Richard Jennings, who was pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church in Goodlettsville. Bill had contacted him a few years earlier with the thought of planting a church in Hendersonville, and Jennings was willing and interested in supporting the church plant when Bill contacted him again at the time the church plant was close to being launched. Pastor Jennings offered to provide the church's facility as a place for the church plant to meet on Sunday evenings since Faith Presbyterian Church did not meet during

that time. On March 19 of 2010, the church plant held its first interest meeting at Faith Presbyterian Church. These interest meetings were designed to answer questions for those interested in the church and to have a time of Bible study and prayer. These meetings continued for six months until the launch the following September. Jamie, Suzanne, and the thirteen members of the Hendersonville community group attended these meetings regularly as opportunities to get to know each other better and to help the leadership team think through various issues that had to be decided before the launch, and many others attended these meetings as well.

During the months of planning and holding interest meetings, the bylaws of Redeemer Church were finished, largely adopted from the bylaws of Grace Community Church. Three other major decisions were made during these six months. First, the name Redeemer Church of Hendersonville was chosen for the new church. Second, the leadership team secured the YMCA in Hendersonville as a place for Sunday School and worship services on Sunday morning. For almost seven years, Redeemer Church paid less than \$800 a month for rent to hold services at the YMCA. Third, Redeemer Church bought a trailer that Mike and Duffy Betterton kept at their home and hauled to the YMCA each Sunday morning. The trailer contained all the equipment that the church would need to hold services, such as banners and sound equipment. The YMCA provided a storage room where the church could keep the chairs needed for worship services.

During Grace Community Church's morning worship service on September 12, 2010, Scott Patty called two groups of people to the front, not only for prayer but also to say goodbye. Running parallel to the launching of Redeemer Church was the launching of Trinity Church, a plant near downtown Nashville with Matt McCullough as pastor. Scott prayed over the 15

members of Redeemer Church and the 30 members of Trinity Church, asking God to bless both churches as each one proclaimed the gospel and helped believers grow in the faith.

## **PART 2: THE YMCA YEARS**

### **September 2010 to June 2017**

On September 19, 2010, Redeemer Church held its first worship service at the YMCA with Sunday School for all ages available beforehand. Jamie began a series on the book of Titus. The church also set up two Community Groups that met on Wednesday evenings with a total of 20 participants. Ten years later, Redeemer Church had 13 community groups with 159 adult participants.

Financing for Jamie's salary and other aspects of the church's operations came from three sources: offerings from Redeemer Church, a gift of \$25,000 from Grace Community Church, and the Tennessee Baptist Convention which gave \$50,000 over a three-year period. After three years, Redeemer Church would be on its own.

One of the challenges of meeting at the YMCA was having to prepare the facility each Sunday morning. The stage had to be put together, the sound equipment had to be set up, and chairs had to be arranged. A volunteer team had to arrive early to transfer all of this equipment from the trailer and the chairs from storage into the gymnasium where they would be assembled and arranged for worship. After the worship service ended, everything had to be done in reverse in time for the YMCA to open at 1:00 p.m. The people of Redeemer Church did this every Sunday for almost seven years.

In its first year, Redeemer Church established a pattern of having a Christmas Eve service and a Passover Seder service the day before Good Friday. A Good Friday service began in 2012. This pattern has continued with only a few exceptions.

During the YMCA years, Redeemer Church held annual overnight retreats that allowed members to get away for a time of preaching, praying, food, and fun—including the famous talent show led by Bryant and Lindsey Jo Coker. On two occasions, the church had a guest speaker on the retreat: Scott Patty (2012) and John Kramp (2014).

In the spring of 2011, Jason Smith announced that he and his wife Ashley were leaving Redeemer Church because Jason had accepted a staff position at First Baptist Church of Hendersonville. Since the church's bylaws required the leadership team to have three members until the church held its first elder selections, Jamie and Bill asked Mike Betterton to replace Jason on the leadership team.

The new church had several men who served briefly to lead the music during the worship services. In January of 2012, Dan Wilson was hired as worship leader, a part-time staff position. (Dan provided a special connection to Grace Community Church when he married Hannah Patty, Scott's daughter, on January 12, 2013.) In February of 2012, Emmie Seals began working as a staff assistant on a part-time basis. Also, in the spring of 2012, Redeemer Church began the process of selecting its first elders, after which the leadership team would disband. The church's bylaws state that the pastor is a permanent elder, so the men selected to be elders would join Jamie on the elder team. Nominations and interviews of candidates occurred in the late spring and early summer of 2012, and on July 15 the congregation selected three men to be the first elders of Redeemer Church (see Appendix 1).

From its inception, Redeemer Church experienced slow but steady growth in attendance and membership. The church established a website and an email newsletter for announcements about coming events and prayer needs. In June of 2014, the church hired Andy Dukes in a part-time staff position as Director of Communication to streamline all the various needs of the church in these areas.

By early 2016, the size of the church, especially in the number of children from high school down, had increased significantly. The elders began discussions about hiring a full-time staff member to provide leadership for this age group. Ben and Beth Morrow and their children had attended Redeemer Church a few times before Ben accepted the position at Grace Church in Hendersonville as Student Pastor responsible for ministry to children and youth. Ben was also teaching Bible at Hendersonville Christian Academy. Ben expressed interest in the staff position at Redeemer Church, so the elders interviewed Ben and recommended him to the congregation. Ben was approved in a vote by the congregation and began his work as Family Ministry Pastor in June of 2016, a position he held through December 2017.

Neither the elders nor the members of Redeemer Church wanted to stay at the YMCA indefinitely, so the elders investigated every lead that came their way for possible facilities to buy or land to purchase for a building project. Many such opportunities came to the elders' attention, but they were either impractical or they were not financially feasible. A major drawback of being at the YMCA was that it was not available for the church's use except on Sunday mornings. This meant that the space for every special service (such as Christmas Eve, Seder, Good Friday, some Community Groups, some youth meetings) had to be rented elsewhere. However, in the spring of 2016, a very significant development occurred. During a lunch that Jamie had with Michael Davenport, the pastor of Grace Christian Church on Bonita



Parkway in Hendersonville, Michael told Jamie that his church might be willing to rent Redeemer Church office space and meeting space since Grace Christian Church met only on Sunday mornings. The two churches reached an agreement about this several weeks later, and in April of 2016 Redeemer Church began renting office space for the staff and holding meetings other than Sunday mornings at this facility.

First Christian Church was organized in 1969 and the facility on Bonita Parkway was built in 1975. The church itself was affiliated with the Disciples of Christ originally, but the church broke from that denomination in 1997 and became independent, changing its name to Grace Christian Church. Leaving the denomination caused some losses in membership, but the church experienced numerical growth over the next ten years. However, the church saw steady decline over the next several years, and by the time Redeemer Church began renting space from them, Grace Christian Church was down to 12 active members with only about 10 to 15 attending each Sunday morning for worship. Since membership had remained low for so long, Grace Christian Church had reached a point where the members were no longer able to pay their bills, despite the fact that the church had owned their facility outright for many years. Then, on February 11, 2017, Michael Davenport submitted his resignation as pastor, his last Sunday being April 29. The members of Grace Christian Church realized that they could not get a pastor quickly enough to hold the church together, and they could not continue to operate financially the way they had without being in danger of falling into bankruptcy—which would cause the property to transfer to the State of Tennessee. The members wanted to make sure that whoever owned that facility after them would continue to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Consequently, on March 12, 2017, the members of Grace Christian Church voted unanimously to give their

assets and property at 177 Bonita Parkway to Redeemer Church,<sup>2</sup> and the members of the church were notified the next day. Not surprisingly, the members of Redeemer Church voted unanimously to accept it. After the state's requirement of 45 days had passed so that the Attorney General could review the transfer and approve it, Redeemer Church became owners of that facility on May 31, 2017.

Redeemer Church held its last service at the YMCA on Jun 25, 2017, and it was not without incident. Jamie was about halfway through his sermon when the fire alarm went off, and everyone had to vacate the building. The fire began in one of the storage areas causing lots of smoke, and the fire marshal said that returning to the gymnasium to finish the service was not an option. After the gymnasium was declared safe enough, several people worked rapidly to pack up all the stage materials and sound equipment and load them in the trailer one last time. Thus, Redeemer Church's six years and nine and a half months at the YMCA "went up in smoke."

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<sup>2</sup> At the time of the transfer, the property and building at 177 Bonita Parkway were valued at \$540,000, and \$6,000 in cash assets were transferred to Redeemer Church as well. The members who voted for the transfer were Charlcie Boyd, Ty & Joyce Frank, Marty & Kathy Gore, Rachel Jasper, Shirley Newton, Bill Quinn, Ken Ruys, and Frank Schafer. See Appendix 4 for a reproduction of the letter recommending the transfer of ownership.

## **PART 3: THE BONITA PARKWAY YEARS**

### **July 2017 to September 2020**

Redeemer Church had over 100 people attend the church's first service at the Bonita Parkway location on July 2, 2017. Jamie's sermon passage was 1 Peter 1:22–2:3, and the sermon was called "A Family."

The steady growth of Redeemer Church even before the move to Bonita Parkway indicated that the church needed more elders other than just the three who had served with Jamie for five years. Nominations from the congregation were held in March of 2017 and interviews and training of the nominees with the elders occurred that summer. Two more elders were added to the elder board in a congregational vote on October 15, 2017 (see Appendix 2).

Within the first six months that the church was in the new facility, Redeemer Church added two new staff positions. Meghan Dukes became the Director of Kids' Ministry (newborn to fifth grade) on November 19, 2017. Bryant and Lindsey Jo Coker had been working with the youth as volunteers for several years, and they became Directors of Youth Ministry (sixth to twelfth grades) on January 7, 2018—a position they held until May 31, 2020.

Redeemer Church experienced a significant increase in its rate of growth after moving into the Bonita Parkway facility, which gave rise to two immediate needs: having two services on Sunday morning and extra Sunday School space. It quickly became clear that the latter had to occur before the former. The elders recommended and the congregation approved the purchase of a modular building to be placed to the immediate east of the parking lot behind the church

building. This building was installed and ready for first use on October 28, 2018, which coincided with the church holding parallel Sunday School classes and worship services at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (rather than Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. and a worship service at 10:30).

Late in 2017 the elders approved a residency program that would emphasize preparation for pastoral service. On October 23, 2017, Marshall Gallagher was hired as a Church Planting Resident, a position he held for over a year. On January 2, 2019, Austin Shaver started serving Redeemer Church as Ministry Resident, a position that he held until August 31 of that same year. In the spring of 2019 the elders, seeking to alleviate many of the executive and pastoral pressures of a growing church from Jamie, approved the full-time staff position of Associate Pastor. Austin was interviewed by the elders and approved by the congregation that summer, and on August 17, 2019, he began serving in that capacity. Just a month later, Amy James began serving as Ministry Assistant, a part-time staff position.

Once again, the growing church required more elders to serve as leaders, so nominations from the congregation and training of candidates by the elders began in the spring of 2019 and continued throughout the summer. The congregation voted on September 29, 2019, and four more men were selected to serve as elders (see Appendix 1).

Space considerations had once again become a factor for Redeemer Church, especially for Sunday School and other meetings during the week. The elders began investigating possible venues to rent space at the strip mall on Bonita Parkway, diagonally across from the church. One retail store, Just Soccer, had recently vacated the strip mall, and management told the elders that it was available to the church with the added incentive of being able to do some construction work to fit the church's needs. Redeemer Church began holding adult Sunday School classes

there on December 8, 2019 and other meetings the following week. Restructuring of the new space began shortly thereafter.

By March of 2020, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) had become a worldwide pandemic. Millions of people were infected, stretching medical personnel and supplies to their limits, and thousands died. Practically every country on the globe was affected, particularly in the large urban areas. This rapidly spreading respiratory virus, which was much more contagious than influenza, required dramatic measures to keep it from spreading further. Individuals had to be responsible for protecting those at greatest risk—the elderly, the young, and those who already had serious medical conditions. “Social distancing” became the catchphrase during the time of this pandemic, which referred to staying at least six feet from other people at all times. People were also strongly encouraged to stay home as much as possible, to go to the store and other places only when necessary, and to wear gloves and masks when running errands, and when coming in contact with others may occur.

Churches, like businesses and other organizations, were greatly affected by this pandemic. Redeemer Church temporarily had to find new ways to do ministry. During an elders meeting on March 12, 2020, the elders voted unanimously to shut down all in-person church gatherings and meetings, including Sunday morning worship services and Sunday School. Jamie and some of the staff provided the church with a worship service that could be accessed online, and other meetings during the week—such as Community Groups, prayer gatherings, and elder meetings—were conducted through the application Zoom while others used Facebook. The elders began a practice of contacting all church members and regular attenders at least once a month to get updates on needs and prayer requests. The elders voted to create a benevolence fund that was put to immediate use after the congregation quickly gave over \$25,000 to the fund.

Redeemer Church experienced God's grace in great ways during these challenging times, two of which were that the church's financial situation remained strong, and the process of interviewing and confirming LJ James as Pastor of Youth and Missions moved forward.

Redeemer Church was able to open its doors for worship services and Sunday School once again on May 24, 2020. This was after ten straight Sundays of having online services only. Protocols were put into effect, such as masking and social distancing, to protect members during times of worship while allowing corporate meetings to continue.

## CONCLUSION

Two truths about what a New Testament church should be doing have been the driving forces behind Redeemer Church from the outset: proclaiming the gospel to the lost, and helping believers grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. With these two truths in mind, two verses of Scripture have been displayed on banners at the front of Redeemer Church for every worship service almost from the beginning: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19, ESV); and “Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ” (Colossians 1:28, ESV).

At the tenth anniversary celebration of Redeemer Church on September 20, 2020, Scott Patty (pastor of Grace Community in Brentwood) was the guest speaker. His message was from Hebrews 10:19-24 and entitled, “Remember and Remain.” There were 276 members, regular attenders, and guests who participated in worship that morning. A day earlier, the actual tenth anniversary date, the congregation enjoyed a great time of food and fellowship on the grounds.

## APPENDIX 1

### ELDERS OF REDEEMER CHURCH

(In Chronological Order)

<b>Elder</b>	<b>Dates of Service</b>
Jamie Mosley, Pastor	July 15, 2012 to present (Leadership Team: September 19, 2010 to July 14, 2012)
Stephen Carlson	July 15, 2012 to present
Ken Henley	July 15, 2012 to December 31, 2018
Bill Seaver	July 15, 2012 to present (Leadership Team: September 19, 2010 to July 14, 2012)
Scott Hall	November 5, 2017 to present
Jacky King	November 5, 2017 to present
Ben Morrow	September 29, 2019 to present
Dave Norwood	September 29, 2019 to present
Zane Seals	September 29, 2019 to present
Dustin Wood	September 29, 2019 to present



**APPENDIX 2**

**STAFF OF REDEEMER CHURCH**

**(In order of hiring as of September 2020)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Starting Date of Service</b>
Jamie Mosley	Pastor (full time)	September 19, 2010
Dan Wilson	Worship Leader (part time)	January 2, 2012
Emmie Seals	Ministry Assistant (part time)	February 6, 2012
Andy Dukes	Director of Communication (part time)	February 11, 2014
Meghan Dukes	Director of Children's Ministry (part time)	November 6, 2017
Austin Shaver	Associate Pastor (full time)	August 17, 2019
Amy James	Ministry Assistant (part time)	October 1, 2019
Lorne "LJ" James	Pastor of Youth and Missions (full time)	June 1, 2020

**APPENDIX 3**  
**DEACONS OF REDEEMER CHURCH**  
**(As of September 2020)**

<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Area of Responsibility</b>
Chris Benton	Building Care
Mike Betterton	Master Planning
Allen Bradley	Hospitality
Bryan Caldwell	Emergency Response
Jacob Fentress	Sound
Derek Ferrell	Ushers
Julie Hall	Welcome Team
Michael Lund	Transportation
Todd & Sheree Overby	Grounds Care
John Robus	Treasurer and Finance
Emmie Seals	Grief and Loss Care
Melanie Seaver	Birth, Adoption, Foster Care

**APPENDIX 4****REPRODUCTION OF THE LETTER  
RECOMMENDING TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP**

Below is a reproduction of the letter recommending the transfer of ownership of cash assets and the property at 117 Bonita Parkway from Grace Christian Church to Redeemer Church. The transfer was unanimously approved by the membership on March 18, 2017. This letter indicating the trustees' approval of the vote was signed by Ty Frank, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Grace Christian Church, later that same day.

GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
177 Bonita Parkway  
Hendersonville, TN 37075

**PROCLAMATION FOR DISPOSAL OF  
OWNERSHIP OF GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Whereas church membership has declined to levels of 10-14 on a Sunday morning and;

Whereas donation income has declined in like manner;

The Board of Grace Christian Church regrettably recommends that we close the operation of Grace Christian Church and transfer the deed and ownership of our property at 177 Bonita Parkway, to Redeemer Church, Hendersonville, TN., as soon as the required paperwork can be handled. This would be done with the understanding that any, or all, members of Grace Christian Church, who so desired could move their membership to Redeemer Church without taking any special classes or tests prior to acceptance by Redeemer Church.

This proclamation was agreed to and approved by the Grace Christian Church Board on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord 2017.

Ty Frank, Chairman