red mountain church

SUNDAY WORSHIP

GATHERING EVERY SUNDAY AT 5 PM AVON THEATER

red mountain church

SUNDAY WORSHIP

THE ORDINARY YEAR

NOVEMBER 7, 2010

GATHERING

REFLECTION

The days will come, in which vines shall grow, each having ten thousand branches, and in each branch ten thousand twigs, and in each true twig ten thousand shoots, and in each one of the shoots ten thousand clusters, and on every one of the clusters ten thousand grapes, and every grape when pressed will give five and twenty metres of wine. And when any one of the saints shall lay hold of a cluster, another shall cry out, I am a better cluster, take me; bless the Lord through me.

— Irenaeus, 180 A.D.

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

We are gathered in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

To download sermons, read monthly newsletters, or sign up to receive weekly email announcements, visit REDMOUNTAINCHURCH.ORG.

Hymn lyrics reprinted with permission: CCLI 2321334

HYMN OF ADORATION

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

Words: Edward Perronet, 1779

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God,
Who from His alter call,
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The worm-wood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Go, spread your trophies at His feet,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Nursery
Ages: 8 weeks – 3 years

Children's Lessons
"Beulah Land"
Age: 3
Structured nursery time including free play, Bible story, "work" time (artwork), and snack.

"Godly Play"
Ages: 4 – 9
Children are welcome to accompany their parents in church until dismissed for their lesson. Contact Bobby Bardin.

Each community group is asked to recruit 4 volunteers to serve in the nursery. Volunteers should arrive at 4:45 p.m. If your group can't participate on the assigned date, swap with another group at least a week in advance. Contact Bobby Bardin.

Tonight's Nursery
Cordell/Williams CG

November 14 Nursery
Helms/Laughlin CG

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

JESUS' GRACIOUS HAND

Taken from the Gadsby Hymnal #673
Words: John Berridge
Music: Benj Pocta, Clint Wells & Brian T. Murphy, 2006

When Jesus' gracious hand
Has touched our eyes and ears
O what a dreary land
The wilderness appears
No healing balm springs from its dust
No cooling stream to quench the thirst

Yet long I vainly sought
A resting-place below
And that sweet land forgot
Where living waters flow
I hunger now for heavenly food
And my poor heart cries out for God

My sorrow Thou can see
For Thou dost read my heart
It pineth after Thee
And yet from Thee will start
Reclaim Thy roving child at last
And fix my heart and bind it fast

I would be near Thy feet
Or at Thy bleeding side
Feel how Thy heart does beat
And see its purple tide
Trace all the wonders of Thy death
And sing Thy love in every breath

REMEMBERING THE GOSPEL

CONFESSION OF SIN

FROM PSALM 25

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my many transgressions. Instead, remember me, according to your steadfast love. And for the sake of your dear son Jesus Christ, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

O Lord, my God, I am lonely and afflicted;

Turn to me and be gracious.

The troubles of my heart are enlarged;

Bring me out of my distress.

For the sake of your goodness, consider my affliction and my troubles;

Forgive all my sins.

(Private Confession of Sin)

WORDS OF GRACE

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.

In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

MARTHA ANN GRESHAM

BAPTISM HYMN

Words: Henriette L. Von Hayn, 1778

I am Jesus' little lamb
Ever glad at heart I am
For my Shepherd gently guides me
Knows my need and well provides me
Loves me every day the same
Even calls me by my name

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

HYMN OF GRACE

THE GOSPEL IS GOOD NEWS INDEED

Taken from the Gadsby Hymnal #528
Words: William Gadsby, 1773-1844
Music: Benj Pocta, 2005

The gospel is good news indeed,
To sinners deep in debt;
The man who has no works to plead,
Will thankful be for it.

To know that when he's nought to pay,
His debts area all discharged,
Will make him blooming look as May,
And set his soul at large.

No news can be compared with this,
To men oppressed with sin;
Who know what legal bondage is,
And labor but in vain.

Freedom from sin and Satan's chains,
And legal toil as well,
The gospel sweetly now proclaims;
Which tidings suit them well.

How gladly does the prisoner hear,
What gospel has to tell!
'Tis perfect love that casts out fear,
And brings him from his cell.

The man that feels his guilt abound,
And knows himself unclean,
Will find the gospel's joyful sound,
Is welcome news to him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

(Here the leader intercedes for the congregation, community, and world at large.)

The risen Christ is in our midst, so with Christ we pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CHILDREN DISMISSED

TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH (GODLY PLAY — PRE-K THRU 3RD)

DEVOTED TO THE SCRIPTURES

HEARING GOD'S WORD

JAMES 2:1-13 (NIV)

1My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord
Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. 2Suppose a man
comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine
clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes
in. 3If you show special attention to the man wearing fine
clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to
the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my
feet," 4have you not discriminated among yourselves and
become judges with evil thoughts?
5Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen
those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in
faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who
love him? 6But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the
rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are
dragging you into court? 7Are they not the ones who are
blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?
8If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love
your neighbor as yourself,"you are doing right. 9But if you
show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as
lawbreakers. 10For whoever keeps the whole law and yet
stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.
11For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also
said, "You shall not murder." If you do not commit adultery
but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.
12Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by
the law that gives freedom, 13because judgment without
mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful.
Mercy triumphs over judgment.

MESSAGE

LOVE, GLORY & SHOWING FAVORITISM

Grace, mercy and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH OFFERING

HYMN OF OFFERING

** Please remain seated for offering hymn (congregation sings in unison).*

THERE IS A LAND OF PURE DELIGHT

Taken from the Gadsby Hymnal #1022
Words: Issac Watts, 1707
Music: Benj Pocta & Brian T. Murphy, 2006

There is a land of pure delight
Where saints immortal reign
Infinite day excludes the night
And pleasures banish pain

There everlasting spring abides
And never-withering flow'rs
Death like a narrow sea divides
This heavenly land from ours

Could we but climb where Moses stood
And view the landscape over
Not Jordan's stream nor Death's cold flood
Should fright us from the shore

O could we make our doubts remove,
These gloomy doubts that rise
And see the Canaan that we love
With unbeclouded eyes

The Passing of the Peace, or Pax Domini, is an ancient part of Christian worship and was established as an element of communion liturgy. Here we observe it as preparation for approaching the Lord's Table. Not to be seen simply as a "grab and gab" time, it is a moment where we joyfully but reverently express our union and reconciliation with each other in Christ.

We welcome all followers of Jesus Christ to partake in this sacrament of communion: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live in deeper communion with Jesus. If you are not a Christian, or you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is of benefit to you as you reflect on your relationship with Christ and with his people, the church.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Greet one another with a sign of friendship such as: "The peace of Christ be with you" & "And also with you.")

PREPARING FOR THE TABLE

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to our Lord God!

It is good and right to do so!

Truly it is good and right that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting King. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven and all the Church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosannah!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosannah in the highest!

We break bread in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and proclaim the mystery of the faith.

Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

Therefore let us keep the feast.

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIANS

I know, O Lord, that you have risen. I feel the weakness and frailty of my flesh and my will. But I hope in the power of the gospel, the power of the resurrection. As I feast at your table, eating the bread and drinking the cup, fill me with life again. Sustain me by your grace that I might run in the path of your commands.

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH UNBELIEF

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

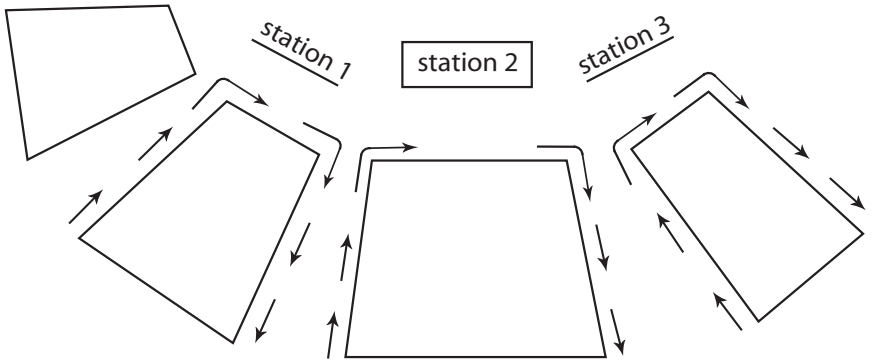
PRAYER FOR THOSE BEGINNING TO BELIEVE

God, I am beginning to see that I am more sinful and lost than I dared to believe, and yet in Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared to dream. I thank you for the work of Christ, his atoning death and his perfect life, which are credited to me when I turn from my sin and believe. Help me to embrace Christ as he is offered to me in the gospel, and in believing, help me live a new life.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIANS STRUGGLING WITH SIN

O Lord, my transgression is ever before me! It clings to me! Help me believe that the Gospel is bigger than my sin. Help me see that Jesus' work not only frees me from the penalty of sin, but also breaks sin's power. As I feast on the bread and wine, convince me that I am no longer struggling to be free from sin, but that in Christ I am now free to struggle with my sin.

FLOW OF COMMUNION LINES



We celebrate by coming forward to feast at the Lord's table. Please approach the table, break off a piece of the bread, and drink the wine from the common cup as it is offered to you. If you don't feel comfortable drinking the wine or are concerned for health reasons, there are smaller cups of juice available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New to Red Mountain Church? You'll get a chance to meet some folks during our worship services, but real relationships take time. Community groups are the best way to find your stride at RMC and to join in the life of the church. Groups meet in members' homes in neighborhoods across the city, and meeting formats vary. For more information about community groups or church membership, contact Adam Young.

Opportunity to Pray for RMC and Our City: Meet for prayer each Sunday before the worship service, 4:30 p.m. in the second-floor office suite. Contact David Chong, DAVEYPC@GMAIL.COM.

Announcements
To have an announcement added to the bulletin, email Stephanie Laughlin.

Lost & found
located in kitchen.

The Last Word
God always has the last word in our worship. Our tradition at Red Mountain Church is to extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

FOR CONTACT INFORMATION, SEE BACK PAGE.

CHURCH BUSINESS

Updating Directory: RMC is going to print an updated church directory in January. If you have any updates to your contact information or want to check our records, please contact Stephanie Laughlin.

Children's Advent Activities: Tuesdays, Nov 23, 30 & Dec 7, 14 from 4 – 5 p.m. at the Avon Theater. We will be using the Jesse Tree again this year to hear four stories in the promise of a Messiah. Each week we will gather for a snack, some singing, a story, and crafting an ornament for the Jesse Tree. Childcare for the little ones will be provided by a few of the attending parents.

Women's Retreat: January 14 – 15, 2011 at Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Cullman, AL. If you are interested in helping to plan this retreat, please contact Stephanie Laughlin.

MISSIONS & MERCY

Southtown Potluck Dinners: On the last Sunday of every month, join our neighbors for a potluck dinner at the Southtown Community Center, 6 – 8 p.m. For those interested, contact Marshall Pollard (MSPOLLAR@SAMFORD.EDU).

Leadership Southtown: A program for high-school students intended to provide opportunities for personal, professional and spiritual growth. Held at Baptist Church of the Covenant on the first and third Thursdays of the month, 5:45 – 7 p.m. Families and children welcome. Meals provided. For those interested, contact Marshall Pollard (MSPOLLAR@SAMFORD.EDU).

OUR COMMUNITY

Welcome Baby Hill! Mark Logan Hill was born on October 29, weighing 6 lbs., 15 oz. Mom and baby are doing well. If you would like to provide a meal for Mark and Cynthia, email Lauren Denton at LAURENKDENTON@HOTMAIL.COM.

BENEDICTION

RED MOUNTAIN CHURCH

POST OFFICE BOX 55825
BIRMINGHAM AL 35255
(205) 321-2510
REDMOUNTAINCHURCH.ORG

Tom Cannon *Pastor*
201-1810 TCANNON@REDMOUNTAINCHURCH.ORG

Adam Young *Assistant Pastor*
447-8647 AYOUNG@REDMOUNTAINCHURCH.ORG

Jeff Koonce *Chief Musician*
585-5228 JEFF@REDMOUNTAINCHURCH.ORG

Bobby Bardin *Children's Coordinator*
453-4361 BOBBY@REDMOUNTAINCHURCH.ORG

Sarah Allen *Financial Administrator*
994-4234 SARAH@REDMOUNTAINCHURCH.ORG

Stephanie Laughlin *Administrative Assistant*
529-0479 STEPHANIE@REDMOUNTAINCHURCH.ORG

ELDERS

Andrew Cordell 222-9335
ACORDELL@SOUTHERNCO.COM

Mark Gignilliat 726-4123
MSGIGNIL@SAMFORD.EDU

Miles Gresham 492-0318
MILESGRESHAM@MAC.COM

Cal Morris 542-6923

DEACONS

Bobby Bardin 453-4361
BOBBY@REDMOUNTAINCHURCH.ORG

Rodney Green 368-5286
LAWN-MOWWER@HOTMAIL.COM

Brooks Lumpkin 903-2352
BROOKSL@GMAIL.COM

John Williams 602-1100
JWILLIAMS@MAWINS.COM

CONNECTING WITH RED MOUNTAIN CHURCH

Tear off and place this in the offering basket to provide updated contact information, interest in membership, interest in serving or other important information for the pastors.

__ 1st-time visitor
__ Interested in more information about RMC
__ Prayer request

DATE _____

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

Other information (address, prayer request, interest in serving):

OUR PLACE

Within a few miles of Red Mountain lives all the diversity of Birmingham, Alabama. Throughout Southside, UAB, Highlands, Downtown, Lakeview, Avondale, Woodlawn, Crestwood and Homewood, the glory and the poverty of the city are mixed together. Red Mountain Church hopes to be deeply rooted in these few square miles. Stand in downtown Birmingham anytime day or night, and you will see "the friendless, the sorrowing, the rich, and the poor." This is our place!

OUR PURPOSE

To embrace and embody the gospel in the church and among all the people of Birmingham with the hope of seeing the joy and peace of Christ's kingdom come to our city.

OUR HOPES FOR BIRMINGHAM

That Christ will create, out of the diverse communities of our city, a new worshipping community, which will experience the grace, joy and freedom of the gospel. "Praise awaits you O God in Zion ... blessed are those you have chosen. We are filled with the good things of your house!" (Psalm 65)

That we will become a welcoming community, open to the skeptic, the seeker, the new convert and the struggling Christian. That we will meet needs (spiritual, physical, social), and share together in the life of Christ. "They broke bread in each other's homes with glad and sincere hearts, enjoying the favor of all the people. And God added to their number daily those who were being saved." (Acts 2)

That we will become a serving community that loves our city and which gives to, challenges and changes Birmingham through gospel ministries of word, justice and mercy. "They will be called Oaks of Righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor." (Isaiah 61)

That we will become a growing community that helps establish other churches around Birmingham, the nation and the world. "All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing." (Colossians 1)

WE BELIEVE...

WE BELIEVE that the gospel — as taught in Scripture and lived out through the church — changes everything