

# RBN Net Monthly

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Praying for each other more specifically,  
encouraging one another  
with what the LORD is doing,  
"Rejoicing with those who rejoice,  
weeping with those who weep."

## FROM THE COORDINATOR

### "DON'T PROCRASTINATE! REGISTER NOW!"

Last week, while driving back to Michigan, after a visit to Grace Baptist Church, pastored by Trace Foote and Bill Beever, I was cruising along in the furthest left lane somewhere in Missouri, and glanced at a sign that read: "Left lane ends in 2 miles." Subconsciously, I thought: "Plenty of time." Plenty of time to pass that Honda, that Cadillac, and that semi. But before I knew it, the pavement narrowed, and those 18 wheels to the right of my Impala were rumbling a scold, shouting that I'd miscalculated how close the deadline was!

"The prudent sees the evil and hides himself, but the naïve go on, and are punished for it" (Prov 22:3). "A prudent man sees evil and hides himself, the naïve proceed and pay the penalty" (Prov 27:12). These are my procrastination verses.

Brothers and sisters, "The Brandon, Mississippi GA is only about two months away!" Plenty of time, right?

So much to do! Chiefly, I encourage you to take the time NOW to personally invite to the GA those pastors of 1689 Churches you've been thinking would be strategic additions to RBN Net. Make that call. Send that correspondence. It was a simple personal invitation years ago that hooked me to the Network. The [RBN Net Website](#) is locked and loaded for registrations. Early Bird Registration ends August 1. The beautiful suburbs of Jackson, MS will be a delightful venue for a profitable kingdom getaway.

Other "To Do List" priorities are: Committee Chairmen, send in your yearly reports. RBN Net Missionaries, send in your updates. Let's get ready for the GA! 🌍

— Mark Chanski, RBN Net Coordinator

## MISSION THOUGHTS

### CHINA...AGAIN

I say, "again" because in these articles I spoke of China in March and April of 2019. However, today more than ever China needs our prayers. From a source I quote (privately I can give you my source, but not in this public post).

"Christianity's explosive growth in China—both in the size and the rate of growth of the Church—is of great concern to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). The underground house church movement, which operates outside the control of the government, continues to see large numbers of people coming to Christ in spite of opposition. Dr. Yang of Purdue University has stated that if current trends continue 'by 2030 there will be more Christians in China than any other country in the world.'

"To reduce the threat of Christianity, President Xi Jinping has begun a process of "Sinicization" of Christianity. Laws passed since 2018 extend the reach of the government into churches, the selection of leaders, and the Bible, to make them conform to the political goals of the Community Party. As a result, pastors have been arrested and imprisoned. Please pray for strength and grace for pastors such as A S, who was arrested in Henan Province in 2014. Since then, he has been subjected to torture and meager rations, and Pastor Z still has five years remaining on his prison sentence.

"And continue to pray for Pastor W Y, who was the courageous pastor of an underground church for many years. He was arrested in late 2018 and has at least seven more years to serve in prison. Also remember to pray for their families who are enduring the lengthy separation from their husbands and dads. Though the persecution of believers has intensified, Jesus still keeps His unstoppable promise to build His Church in China, and it is still growing in unprecedented ways!"

Yes we need to pray for the progress of the gospel in China. Among the thousands of house churches there are many Reformed Baptist congregations. Pray for them as well. 🌍

— Gordon Taylor, RBN Net Support

## CHURCH UPDATES

### Grace Baptist Church at Castlewoods, Brandon, MS

Thomas Winn, Pastor

Our first 6 months this year have been very encouraging in our new location. God was pleased to bring one young adult man to Christ recently, and we have had the many new members. We have visitors almost every Sunday, some are looking for a Reformed Baptist Church and have joined. We just finished our V.B.S. with our largest attendance ever. We registered 66 children and had 53 in attendance. At least five families do not have a church home. Three of them visited with us the Sunday after V.B.S. Pray for us as we seek to reach out to these families.

Last week we allowed Jackson Public School's Stringed Instrument Camp to meet in our facilities. They had their concert Saturday morning. Hal, our pastoral assistant, gave a welcome and prayer. The building was full and they were so appreciative for us allowing them to use our facilities.

We have decided to postpone the renovation to our building, there have been numerous delays that were beyond our control. We didn't want it to interfere with the RBN Net General Assembly in September.

Pastor Winn recently finished preaching through the gospel of Mark, and is now preaching some evangelistic sermons. Pray for those who sit in the worship services each Sunday and are unconverted. Hal Pritchard is continuing to preach through Ezekiel on Sunday evenings.

Tiago Oliveira continues his studies and work at Capital Hills Baptist Church in D.C. He is raising finances for his return to Portugal this December. We thank the churches who have helped financially, as well as for those who pray for his future work. He will be at the G.A. and will be presented as our missionary. Pray for him as he continues to travel and share his future plans of ministry. If your church desires for him to come and share, please contact us.

Finally, pray for us as we seek to prepare for the General Assembly. This will be our first time to host an event this large. We are definitely looking forward to a blessed time together with each of you here in the deep South. I pray that God might be pleased to meet with us in an powerful way. 🌍

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### Grace Chapel of Sanford, Sanford, FL

*Mark Bigenho, Pastor*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,  
We extend our love, grounded in the truth, to you from Sanford, FL at Grace Chapel. We pray, as John prayed for Gaius, that “all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.” We praise God for our partnership with you in propagating the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. May you continue to find clear paths to spread the name of Christ in your community, city, and to the nations.

As a local body of believers, we continue to see the work of God’s sovereign hand among us. We have been delighted to have some visitors become regular attenders, and we ask that you would pray—if the Lord wills—that they would join the membership. In the mix of the new folks at Grace Chapel is a brother who was a pastor in Canada and Montana, and is currently a missionary to Kenya. The missionary organization provides solid biblical classes for native pastors to be equipped as they handle the Word of God in their churches. We are excited at what the Lord is doing in this ministry and desire to be a co-laborer in the truth by supporting this missionary prayerfully and financially. Please partner with us in praying for this work. Also, the Lord has continued to provide for us beyond what we could have imagined. A generous gift was given to Grace Chapel that put us in position to continue to provide for our pastors, support foreign missions, reach out to our community, and start conversations about budgeting for a building. Praise be to God!

Lastly, Grace Chapel has experienced a few turbulent years with leadership changes, Covid challenges, and member desertion. Therefore, we have placed a particular emphasis on providing the flock with opportunities to fellowship after services and during the week. Consequently, we feel that the body is growing more and more in unity and love toward each other. We are trusting the Lord to continue to bear the fruit of love, righteousness, and genuine faith among us. We are praying that our eyes might continually be set on the splendor and majesty of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. “Peace be to you, the friends at Grace Chapel greet you.” ☺

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### Covenant Reformed Baptist Church, Woodstock, IL

*Ben Boeshaar, Pastor*

Dear RBNNet,  
I appreciate the chance to update you all on what has been happening in at our church over the past 6 months or so. We began 2021 in a very unsure position. Covid really took its toll on our small church and there was a very real possibility that we were going to have to close our church building and disband the church. We were down to about 20 people in attendance on Sunday morning and had \$500 in the bank. We begged God for wisdom on what to do, and we believe God gave us the wisdom that we needed. Our decision was to keep the church open at all costs. Praise the Lord, to date, not only have we been able to keep the doors open, but we have doubled in size and we have seen our savings rebuilt in a major way. As of this past Sunday, we have averaged 45 people on Sunday mornings, and our last congregational meeting showed about \$7,500 in our savings. To God be the Glory!

We remain encouraged by what the Lord is doing. There continue to be trials and attacks by the enemy. We still remain in a very unsure place, and we continue to ask the Lord for wisdom and grace as we progress month by month. We hope and trust that this is the beginning of our church being rebuilt.

We would covet your prayers as we continue to ask the Lord for His blessing and for continued growth in the following ways:

- Members added to our congregation
- Music/worship ministry help
- Please pray that I can return to my full part-time salary.

We love and appreciate all of you in our network. We trust that this update finds you well and in midst of God’s blessing in your ministries. Thank you for your prayers. It means more than you can imagine to us during this time. I look forward to seeing many of you at the GA in September the Lord willing. Until then, may our good and gracious God bless each of you! ☺

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### Sovereign Grace Bible Church, Worland, WY

*Paul Thomas, Pastor*

Fellow Servants of our Lord and Savior:.

Thank you for your prayers on our behalf and partnership in the gospel. We count it a great privilege to labor with you and pray with and for one another.

This past year has been a year of watching the Lord work among us, and we are incredibly thankful for His kindness. God’s sanctifying hand has been evident among His people here, and it is a great privilege to see their love and knowledge of Him increasing before our eyes. They love the Word and are eager to respond to it.

Recently a charismatic church in town started the painful process of imploding, and from that implosion God has graciously added 4 new families to our church. Although they do not yet understand and agree with all of our doctrine, they love the word and seem hungry to be taught and fed. We believe they have left for Biblical reasons, and we welcome them and are excited for how God might grow them and use them in His service.

We have also been growing by several families who have moved in from out of state. By the end of summer, we are expecting four new families—who own a family business—to also relocate to the area.

God has graciously added 12 new members to the church this year, and we also had a number of young people who came to faith in Christ and were baptized.

While things have been exciting in the ministry, it reveals our need for a co-elder. Please be praying that God would raise up a man to labor with us in the ministry. We are not presently in a position to pay a second elder full time but could pay a part time salary to someone who was bi-vocational or retired.

Thanks again for your prayers! ☺

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