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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."

TITANIC

In 1912, the unsinkable luxury cruise ship *Titanic* went down in the icy waters of the North Atlantic. The unthinkable sinking took place in mere minutes. Headlines the next day read: *The Great Titanic Sunk*. The whole incident sounds eerily like the prophetic account of the world's end depicted in Revelation 18, where the anti-God civilization of man, likened to a carnival-luxury cruise ship, unexpectedly goes down to destruction.

A mighty angel cries: "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! . . . Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come. . . And every shipmaster and every passenger and sailor. . . were crying. . . And a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, 'Thus will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and will not be found any longer'" (Revelation 18:2, 10, 17, 18, 21).

It's all going down, this anti-God Babylon, Titanic ship-of-a-world. In 1912, many didn't believe the warnings to abandon ship. They thought it was all a joke. You? Do you believe it's all doomed? Or do you shrug it off as a joke, and go back to your drinking at the bar, dancing in the ball room, gambling at the table, romancing in the cabin, not wanting to be bothered? It's all going down, and we've got to tear ourselves away from our worldly obsessions by repenting of our sins and fleeing from the destruction to come.

There's only one lifeboat. Like in the days of Noah, there's only one place of safety. It was built by a carpenter from Nazareth. He completed salvation on a Cross on which he cried with his last breath, "It is finished." Now sinners have a leak-proof ark to which they can flee. What about you? Are you so obsessed with the glittery, sensual, financial, immoral preoccupations of this world that you know that your heart is not on the ark, but in the ball room? Wake up! Repent and believe. Abandon ship! Get your soul into the lifeboat. There's still room. ☺

– Mark Chanski, RBNet Coordinator

MISSION THOUGHTS

REVIVAL

Some have a longing for revival in the church. In a recent Ministers Conference sponsored by Banner of Truth Trust in Pennsylvania the title was simply "Revival." Two Reformed Baptist pastors, who we know well, were among the speakers, Jon Hueni and David Campbell.

In 1959 Martyn Lloyd-Jones preached a series of 24 sermons on the subject Revival and these sermons were published by Crossway in 1987. The "Doctor" had hoped that these sermons would remind the church of the revivals from 1857–1859 and be used to stir a deep desire for another outpouring of the Spirit. He was disappointed.

What we must do is pray earnestly for a fresh enduement of the Spirit to come on missionaries, preachers, and all the people of God.

The revivals of 1857–59 ushered in half a million people into the churches and these were carefully examined. (p. 107 *Revival*)

What are some of the signs that revival is needed? Lloyd-Jones says, "You will find that the Church in every period of declension becomes much more formal in her services, she adopts forms of service and she tends to liturgy, and to ritual." (p. 76) But also revival is needed when the church substitutes emotionalism as a sign of revival. As the Doctor argued there is emotion when revival comes but emotionalism has no place in true revival. And it seems to me that some, if not much, of "worship music" is designed to attack the emotions directly and so tends to produce emotionalism.

What is revival? As J. I. Packer points out in the forward, "Revival for 'the Doctor' meant more than evangelism that brings in converts . . . What he was after was the new quality of spiritual life that comes through knowing the greatness and nearness of our holy, gracious Creator—something that in former days would have been called 'enlargement of heart,' and heart usually starts with a deepened sense of the power and authority of God in the preaching of the Biblical message."

An urgent need exists for revival in our day. True, we cannot bring it about through human means, but what we must do is pray earnestly for a fresh enduement of the Spirit to come on missionaries, preachers, and all the people of God. ☺

– Gordon Taylor, RBNet Support

CHURCH UPDATES

Bible Baptist Church of Galway
Galway, NY

Joseph Ferritto, Pastor

Hello brothers and sisters in Christ,
The saints at Bible Baptist Church of Galway rejoice in God's goodness and sustaining grace to us. Over the past several months, we have been encouraged by steady participation in worship, fellowship, and teaching ministries. One particular blessing was the baptism of a professing believer last fall who is now in the process of becoming a member.

Our current preaching series is through the Sermon on the Mount, where we have been considering the character of Christ's kingdom and the call to faithful discipleship. In our Sunday school hour, we recently began a new series examining various worldviews and religions through a biblical lens, beginning with discussions on different "isms" and how Christians can thoughtfully and lovingly engage the culture around them with truth.

Please pray for a newer ministry we are beginning called "The Pastor's Table." This ministry is intended to foster fellowship, spiritual discussion, hospitality, and evangelistic outreach within our local community. One Sunday a month, I host a dinner with church members and ask them to invite others who do not yet know Jesus for dinner and then a Bible talk. Pray that it would open doors for fruitful conversations and opportunities to share the gospel with those outside the church.

We would also appreciate prayer for several outreach efforts planned for the coming months. Our town's Memorial Day parade, local festivals, and community gatherings provide opportunities for us to meet our neighbors and make the church more visible locally. Pray that the Lord would bless these efforts and draw people to Himself.

Finally, please pray that the Lord would bring newer and younger families and individuals into the life of the church, while continuing to strengthen and encourage our existing congregation. We also ask prayer that God would provide a qualified second elder to help shepherd and care for the flock as the ministry continues forward. ☺



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Reformed Baptist Church of
No. Colorado, Boulder, CO Doug VanDorn, Pastor

Dear RB NET family,
As some of you may remember, our church in Boulder was able to host the exploratory meeting to see if there even would be what would become the Reformed Baptist Network. Last Thanksgiving, after fifteen years of renting from what was my church growing up, we were told very unexpectedly that the nine remaining members had voted to give the church to a church in their own denomination, which means that we must be out. We were told that we have 50 days to find another place. Thankfully, we were able to extend that deadline to this June 1.

The process of finding another building in Colorado has proven extremely difficult. All the Seventh-Day churches already have someone in them. Schools are outrageously expensive, and there are basically no church buildings anywhere in the state in the first place that ever go up for sale. We were looking at everything from ranch properties to build on, to buildings way down in Denver to buy, including a couple of churches and mostly just office space. Everything is mind-blowingly expensive—renting, buying, leasing.

Someone suggested in a kind of last ditch effort that there might be a church fairly close to where we presently rent that is in the same situation as we just left, only a handful of people remaining and they might be open to having us rent from them. So we put a note on their door (they have no real website to speak of).

They got in touch with us and three months later we have signed a one year lease. This is a major praise to the Lord. We did not know what we were going to do. We would ask you to pray with us that perhaps, if God is putting us nearer to Boulder, that he might open the door for us to purchase this building. It is a bit small and needs some work to make it able to work well for us and the church plant that will also be moving in come September. It is hard to justify putting that kind of money into a building that we are simply leasing.

Other than that, church goes well. The people are hungry for the word. The spirit is wonderful among the brethren. We look forward to seeing you all at the GA in September. 🙏

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Grace Reformed Baptist Church
Mebane, NC Stu Johnston, Pastor

Dear brothers & sisters,
For almost four years now, Jones Ndzi, of Cameroon, has been our primary preaching pastor, and we have been richly blessed by his leadership and ministry, publicly and privately. During the school year, Pastor Jones teaches an online course every Thursday morning for the Cameroon Extension Site of Bethlehem College & Seminary.

Last summer, we sent out one of our pastors, Michael Lopes, to take up primary leadership in a young, struggling church, Jesus our Redeemer, in the city of Baltimore. Please pray that the Lord would add some older, more mature saints to this assembly which is composed primarily of saints in their 20's and 30's.

In June, we anticipate the constituting service of Redeemer Baptist Church, in Asheboro, NC, almost an hour's drive to the west and south of us. A dear man, Blake Whitley, and his family have been driving over from Asheboro for the last four years. Blake has been leading a Sunday evening gathering in Asheboro over the last two years. Please pray for this church plant in Randolph County.

We currently have three sharp young men in our Pastoral Apprentice program, a two-year training program led by two of our pastors. All three of the young men aspire to the ministry; one in particular has an interest in foreign missions. Dillan Gomez plans to spend six weeks this summer in Muslim North Africa, working with a local church through a program led by Reaching & Teaching International Ministries. Please pray that the Lord might use this short-term experience in a long-term way.

Nathan Allen, from an earlier cohort in the Apprentice program, is becoming our third staff pastor this summer, DV. Please pray for his transition from lay elder to staff pastor. Nathan is a precious gift to our church.

We hope to begin construction in June on an expansion of our sanctuary. May God fill it. 🙏

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is to glorify God through fellowship
and cooperation
in fulfilling the Great Commission
to the ends of the earth.

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Redeeming Grace Baptist Church
Gloucester, VA Marvin Jones, Elder

We have a sensitive pastoral issue which has turned into division within a family and our church body. May the Lord give the congregation much wisdom and grace.

Good News. We are growing and have repeat visitors and individuals who are pursuing the membership process. In three weeks, we will be voting on the membership of six individuals and conducting two baptisms shortly thereafter.

We have identified and are working with a candidate for eldership. We are praying that the Lord would also make it clear what other men the Lord would have us ordain to be elders and deacons among us.

We have small groups meeting on Sundays after worship for the purpose of fellowship, sharing of a meal, and to discuss the message brought by the elder/pastor. Our small groups also serve the edifying purpose of identifying potential pastoral issues that can helpfully be brought to the attention of the elders.

Youth. Our youth program is blossoming with youth who are serious about the study of Scripture and praying for the church body and each other. We have been blessed with adult leaders who are dedicated to the instruction, teaching, and mentoring of our youth.

Growth. We are out growing our current building, however, with the earlier mentioned division challenges, we've chosen to pause building expansion plans to wait on the Lord for His timely provision. We've already enjoyed some encouraging stabilizing and peacemaking.

Big Challenges. We have big challenges, but we have a big God. Christ owns the church and all we need to do is stand out of the way and let Him do the work.

Pray. Pray for a successful resolution to the sensitive pastoral situation. Pray for our health, stewardship of our time, godly wisdom from above, and direction from Him. Pray for the growth of our church and wisdom as we pursue direction for our new building. 🙏

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