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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."

A CHARLIE AND VODDIE AFTERGLOW

In Mid-October I attended in Dallas the funeral of Voddie Baucham. The first familiar face I saw in the lobby was Jeffrey Johnson's of Conway, Arkansas. We talked about the "Now, what do we do?" Here's a post from Jeff.

"What can I do? The life and death of Charlie Kirk and Voddie Baucham have inspired me. I have benefited from their ministries. With their passing, I see just how short life is. I have been inspired not to waste my remaining time. But what am I to do?

"If this is you, do not feel alone. God, in His good providence, gifts the church with great men such as Charlie and Voddie. We are to thank God for such men and pray for God to raise others for the present and future needs of our day. Yet, this does not mean we are to sit on the sidelines and wait for God to draft others into the ministry. What are we to do? We are to go to work while it is still daylight. We all have a role to play. We all can do something to build the kingdom of God, chiefly with humility in the shadows.

"What are we to do? We are not called to seek attention and praise of men, but instead humbly serve the people around us. The greatest in the kingdom are the servants who are happy to minister in their prayer closet. The greatest in the kingdom may be those we have never heard of by name. The greatest are those who wait on tables when no one is looking.

"The kingdom grows one soul at a time. We all want revival. We would all like to throw our nets into the water and catch hundreds of fish all at once. Yet, most of the time, we are called to fish all day. What can we do? We can serve our local church. We can visit the sick. We can pray. We can love our spouse and disciple our children. We can share our faith with a loved one who is lost. We can open our mouths with the gospel when we are scared of being rejected. We can devote more of our time and allocate more of our financial resources to ministry needs.

"What are we to do? There is a lot we can do. May the inspiration we have received from the life and death of Charlie and Voddie push all of us, like an army of workers, to greatness in the sphere and ministry God has set before us all." ☺

— Mark Chanski, RBNet Coordinator

MISSION THOUGHTS

GLORY AWAITS

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, ..." (2 Thessalonians 2:1 ESV).

There is a grand and glorious day that awaits us! O, what a day that will be when we all see Jesus face to face along with the countless multitudes who are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. And many of these won to the Savior by faithful missionaries who have followed the example of the Apostle Paul by preaching the gospel to those who are in spiritual darkness.

Being gathered together to Him is one of the fundamental reasons for missions. Although any single missionary's work may be small, yet that work is part of the much greater sovereign plan of our gracious God. It is to see, in the words of John, "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'" (Rev. 7:9, 10 ESV).

In the words J. C. Ryle, "This mighty, wonderful gathering together is the gathering that ought to be often in men's thoughts. It deserves consideration. It demands our attention" (*Our Great Redeemer, 365 Days with J. C. Ryle*, July 16).

It is one of the great motivations for missions! What joy missionaries will have to see the ones who believed by the power of the Holy Spirit under their ministry crying out with the loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God . . ."

"The sands of time are sinking,
"The dawn of heaven breaks,
"The summer morn I've sighed for,
"The Fair sweet morn awakes;
"Dark, dark hath been the midnight,
"But day-spring is at hand
"And glory, glory dwelleth
"In Emmanuel's land"

—Anne R. Cousin, 1857

Based upon Samuel Rutherford, 1660-1661

— Gordon Taylor, RBNet Support

CHURCH UPDATES

Grace Reformed Bible Baptist Church,
San Diego, CA

Steve Robinson, Pastor

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

We give thanks to the Lord for His steadfast love and sustaining grace. After walking through a challenging season in the life of our church over the past couple of years, we are seeing fresh signs of encouragement and renewal. We are deeply grateful for the wise and compassionate care extended to us by brothers Mark Chanski and Gordon Taylor during that season.

By God's mercy, we have recently welcomed new members, celebrated several baptisms, and witnessed the joyful growth of families within our congregation. Several Spanish-speaking families—who have been faithfully attending despite a language barrier—are now completing our membership process. In response, we've launched a translation ministry to serve them better. Their commitment is a beautiful reminder of the unifying power of the gospel.

We also rejoice in the Lord's provision of a new deacon, Isaac Cordero, who has shown himself to be faithful and diligent in serving our church. We are grateful for his heart for ministry and the blessing he is to our congregation.

As a church, we are concluding two encouraging teaching series. On Sunday mornings, we have been walking through 1 Thessalonians, where the Lord has reminded us of the mutual obligations we share as members of Christ's body. This series has deeply encouraged our congregation and strengthened our sense of brotherly love and accountability. In Sunday School, we are finishing a study on the Apostles' Creed, which has helped to solidify our theological foundations.

Though recent financial constraints have required difficult budget decisions, the Lord continues to meet our needs. Please pray with us for wisdom and provision as we steward our resources and plan for future ministry.

Specific prayer requests:

- Planning and provision for our 20th Anniversary celebration in 2026
- Outreach efforts for Christmas on the Block, our neighborhood evangelism initiative
- Wisdom, discernment, and supply for a developing vision for a mobile ministry in South Asia
- The raising up of additional deacons to help shepherd and serve our church

Thank you for remembering us in your prayers. We count it a privilege to labor alongside you all for the glory of Christ and the good of His Church. ☺

CHURCH UPDATES

Bethlehem Baptist Church
Jupiter, FL

Grant Costanzo, Pastor

Greetings to all our sister churches in the Reformed Baptist Network.

It is an honor and a privilege to finally be a member of this wonderful church family. All the saints of Bethlehem Baptist Church send warm salutations to you all!

We give praise to our great God and Savior for how he has blessed us this past year. Even though we have just begun this church plant (2 years ago), we have already seen some fruit from God's hand.

First and foremost, we have seen the fruit of God's love and unity in our congregation. In these past two years, God has formed in us an intimate bond with one another. Through the ups and downs of church life, God has continued to strengthen us and sanctify us as a church body.

Secondly, the Lord has not only blessed us spiritually but numerically. This past year we have added three new members to our congregation plus our first baptism! He has also given us the opportunity to worship at the FAU Jupiter Campus, where we have been able to witness to the college students who attend there.

With that in mind, please be praying that God would preserve the unity and fellowship of our church.

Pray that the Lord in his kindness would continue to add to our number and that He would send more Christian families with children, which is a great need for our church.

Pray that the Lord would bless our evangelism endeavors and that the Lord would give us the boldness to share the gospel in our community and through it many souls would be saved.

Lastly, pray that we would continue to glorify our great God and Savior—The Lord Jesus Christ—in everything that we do!

Blessings to you all! 🌿

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Redeemer Baptist Church,
Rincon, GA

Sam Barber, Pastor

Dear Churches,

Greetings to you who are beloved by the Lord! We storm the throne of grace for you weekly and thank God for our fellowship with you in the gospel for the sake of the nations.

Would you kindly remember us before the Lord regarding the following?

1. The Lord seems willing to continue to give us steady growth by way of conversions, membership transfers, and births. Please pray for continued unity in the church body.
2. We have begun an exciting project to renovate aspects of our facilities that have endured some significant deferred maintenance. We also hope to beautify our campus and increase its functionality in later phases of this project. Please pray for wisdom and resources.
3. In July, we hosted our 9th annual summer conference (Abide) and were blessed to have Jon Hueni preach for us. Would you join us in giving thanks for this time together as a church family?
4. One of our elders, whom many of you know, Olumide Olumide, spent much of the month of July in Nigeria on behalf of RBC and Lux in Tenebris. Please pray for continued fruit to be borne from the work there.
5. Lastly, one of our members, my mother, Meliss Barber, went to be with the Lord at the end of June after a long battle with multiple health problems. Would you join us in giving thanks that she finished her race and her sufferings are over, and in asking that God would draw ever nearer to us who remain as we mourn our loss. 🌿

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Mountain View Baptist Church
Roswell, NM

Sean Lewis

Editor's Note: Below is a short update from Mountain View Baptist in Roswell, NM, which became an RBNet full member church in 2023 under the leadership of Pastor Andrew Heath. Pastor Heath was called to a new ministry earlier this year, and the church has been without elders since. Sean Lewis, a layman in the church, has given us these themes of how we can pray for the church.

I am a layman in the church. Other men and I have been sharing the load of preaching until, by God's grace, we find another elder and hopefully more.

With this being said, our major need as a church is a qualified elder. We are searching with little success. Since Andrew has left, our congregation has become very small. We would ask for prayer in the Lord, raising an elder, and a desire in Roswell for people to hunger for God's Word. We would love to see our local body grow. Continued prayers for our faithful member who constantly pours into our local community. Lastly, hunger for the lost. That our congregations would be faithfully evangelizing day in and day out. May our feet be blessed by the Spirit. 🌿



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and cooperation
in fulfilling the Great Commission
to the ends of the earth.

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