

# RBNet 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."

## PEACEMAKING MEDICINE FOR OUR LOW GRADE FEVER THAT TENDS TOWARD CONTROVERSY

On the second night of our GA in McKinney, Dr. Joel Beeke provided us with 10 biblical considerations for coping with criticism. If we'd just take a deep dose of these every few weeks, with the help of the Spirit, we could keep cool in our relationships to the glory of Christ.

**1. Consider criticism inevitable**—Expect opposition without becoming cynical, defensive, or discouraged.

**2. Consider the motive and source**—Discern who is speaking and why, without presuming to know another person's heart.

**3. Consider the content**—Separate what is true and useful from what is mistaken, exaggerated, or unfair.

**4. Consider the context, timing, and prayer**—Attend to the circumstances, avoid impulsive reactions, and seek the Lord's wisdom.

**5. Consider yourself**—Examine your own heart, invite honest accountability, and resist both self-justification and self-condemnation.

**6. Consider Scripture**—Let God's Word, rather than human approval or disapproval, govern your conscience and conduct.

**7. Consider Christ**—Look to the suffering Savior, who endured unjust treatment without surrendering himself to bitterness or retaliation.

**8. Consider your duty to love**—Continue to love those who criticize you; do not allow your wounds to dictate your treatment of them.

**9. Consider eternity**—Remember the final judgment, the Lord's vindication of his people, and the coming end of all criticism.

**10. Walk positively by faith through the valley of criticism**—Keep serving, trusting God's providence, and looking to Christ rather than becoming paralyzed by opposition.

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## MISSION THOUGHTS

### FRIENDSHIP

The missionary, the pastor, and the saints in the church make friends as a result of preaching and promoting the gospel. Romans 16 makes these friendships abundantly clear. Paul had many friends whom he knew by name and greeted. Furthermore, Paul was anxious that friendship be so close that all the saints greet one another with a "holy kiss."

The missionary is theologically astute and has a true experiential fellowship with our Lord Jesus Christ. The missionary also needs to love the sheep not in just in a general way, but in such a particular way that he knows them by name. Paul is a good example which we see in Romans 16.

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Rom. 16:8 Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord.

Rom. 16:9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys.

Rom. 16:10 Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus.

Rom. 16:13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well.

Rom. 16:14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them.

Who were these people whose names are in the Holy Spirit inspired Scripture? We will know more when we meet them in heaven. What can we learn from this list? At the very least we learn that Paul loved all kinds people, again, I say he knew them by name.

Paul loved people, not just corporately but individually. The gospel laborer likewise must do the same. I have heard of "cold theologically correct preachers." They may attract the intellectually elite who may also be cold and theologically correct, but what about the common man and woman and the children? Are these loved enough to include them in the preachers mind? I believe that our gospel laborers do and for that I thank the Lord. Let us all learn that the gospel wrapped in love for individuals is part of what brings success to this only message that can save souls. ☺

— Gordon Taylor, RBNet Support

## CHURCH UPDATES

Our Church Updates this month feature four of our new member churches that were added to the membership at our 2026 General Assembly.

Bethany Baptist Church  
Stockton, CA

Brandon Renfro, Pastor

To The Churches of the Reformed Baptist Network.

It is a joy to write to you for the first time as a member church. We thank God for bringing us into membership with so many congregations who love Christ and His church, and we look forward to cooperation and fellowship in the years to come.

The Lord has been kind to us. He has provided faithfully through the generosity of His people, and over the past few years He has grown us, both in number and, we trust, in grace. This year we received six new members, and visitors continue to come through our doors nearly every Lord's Day. We have also watched Him sustain His people through hard providences, including illness and the loss of loved ones, and we have seen again that the Great Shepherd does not leave His sheep. Whatever good we see is His doing.

We would be grateful for your prayers. One of our deacons and his wife are walking through serious health trials, and we ask that God would uphold them in body and spirit. Several of our families are expecting; please pray for these mothers and their little ones.

The Lord has blessed us with many children, and our great desire is that He would grant them faith and make them an inheritance for Himself.

Pray for us as elders, that we would shepherd the flock of God faithfully and be examples to them. Pray, too, that the Lord would keep us united in love, so that the world may know we are His disciples, and that He would bless our efforts to reach the people of Stockton with the gospel.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership. ☺

The vision of Reformed Baptist Network  
is to glorify God through fellowship  
and cooperation  
in fulfilling the Great Commission  
to the ends of the earth.

### Cooling Quotations:

"A minister becomes more known in a congregation for his reactions than for his actions."

"Your own wounds will heal more rapidly when you keep on loving."

"Lord, I've needed every single criticism I've ever received to be what thou hast made me to be to enter into glory."

"Deliver us from the poison of self-pity and the even deeper poison of pride that answers criticism with contempt." ☹️

— Mark Chanski, RBNNet Coordinator

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### Sovereign Grace Fellowship

Orangeville, PA

Arnold Hinojosa, Pastor

Dear friends in the Reformed Baptist Network,

We begin this update by giving thanks to God for the opportunity to partner with you in the gospel. Thank you for voting our church into membership at the recent GA in Texas. The entire experience was joy-filled and a wonderful refreshment to my spirit. We look forward to laboring together in the ministry.

As of October 2026, it has been my privilege to serve as pastor of SGF for 10 years. During that time, the church has grown both spiritually and numerically. Over the past two years, large families with several young children have joined us. I am currently preaching through the book of Judges, and our Sunday morning class is studying Ephesians. On Wednesday night, I'm teaching through Sam Waldron's *A Man As Priest In His Home*.

Building relationships with other local gospel churches has been a blessing to our church. Because our building does not have a baptistry, we have held our baptismal services at a nearby church. We also revised our missions vision to support 1689 missions efforts. It has been a great pleasure to partner with Raul Torres, RBNNet national pastor in Mexico. In 2025, I had the joy of traveling to meet him and minister at the church in Ciudad Juarez.

Please also pray that our church would be bolder and more effective in displaying the glory of Christ in our community. Many of our congregants are elderly and in declining health. We also need more men to become spiritual leaders in their homes and, in turn, to serve our local body. Generational differences have introduced a new dynamic that challenges the unity of our body. Pray that we would live out the love of Christ toward one another. ☹️

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### Sovereign Grace Church

Jackson, GA

Scott Chewning, Pastor

Greetings from Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in Jackson, GA,

We are grateful to the members of RBNNet for voting Sovereign Grace Baptist Church into membership at this past General Assembly. It was a great joy to meet so many of you and to fellowship with both new and old friends. We are thankful for the Lord's gracious hand upon our church and for the many ways He continues to bless and sustain us.

We currently have one couple beginning the membership process, and several regular attenders appear interested in becoming members of the church. On the Lord's Day, I am preaching through the book of Exodus, while Pastor Eric Oldfield is working through 1 Peter. On Wednesday evenings, we gather for prayer and are working through a series on other religions. Shortly, we will start working through the Baptist Catechism. We also conduct a weekly Bible study at our local Pregnancy Resource Center. The greatest need of those who are abortion-minded, as well as those simply seeking help, is not a change in circumstances but a heart made alive by the grace of God. Since regeneration is the work of God alone, we are thankful for the opportunity to open the Scriptures and faithfully proclaim Christ.

Would you pray that the Lord would continue to help us as elders to be God-honoring husbands and to shepherd His people faithfully and in a manner pleasing to Christ? Pray that our love for the Lord and His people will increase, and that this would be true for the membership as well. Several of our members have recently undergone surgeries. Please pray for their continued recovery, peace, and contentment. Finally, please pray for the Bible study mentioned earlier. We are hopeful that the Lord will use His Word to bring many to saving faith in Christ.

Thank you, and may God continue to bless you all. ☹️



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(Psalm 116:12)

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### Covenant Reformed Baptist Church

Durants, Barbados

Jonathan Alleyne, Pastor

Dear Saints of the Reformed Baptist Network,  
God is to be praised for establishing our church in 2017. Since constituting we have had several "golden years" with the Lord showering us with His grace through saving acts in our midst and by means of sanctification. Our journey, though, has been full of joys mingled with sorrows, as some of our members have begun to receive their eternal reward while others have departed from the faith entirely.

Our church's weekly calendar is purposely simple due to the limited capacity of the officership. Currently we meet only for Sunday morning worship and midweek prayer. Please pray for more officers to be gifted to the church and particularly that we may have the resources to dedicate such men to full-time work. In the Lord's goodness we have enjoyed renting a church building for several years (an answer to prayer). We had hoped to purchase the land where we currently rent, but in the Lord's providence this has not materialized despite our efforts. More recently, we have faced challenges with the ongoing use of the building, so please pray that the Lord would grant us a permanent place of worship and in the interim stability in our current meeting arrangements.

Though we are the only confessional church on the island (at this point!), we enjoy sweet fellowship with two churches close to us in doctrine and practice. Our meetings allow officers to be sharpened and to partner with each other on island-wide efforts.

Until now the Lord has been our help and not one of His promises has failed. Pray that the rich deposit and foundation we received through the faithful ministry of Jon Ryttersgaard would, by God's help, bear much more fruit in due season.

Love you all, especially Chris P., the Vaughns, the Selphs, Mark C., Gordon T., and Steve G. who are great encouragements to me. ☹️



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