

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."

SPURGEON ON THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAN IN EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS

“If God would have painted a yellow stripe on the backs of the elect, I would go around lifting shirts. But since He didn't, I must preach ‘whosoever will’; and when ‘whosoever’ believes, I know he is one of the elect.”

“I believe that God will save his own elect. And I also believe that if I do not preach the gospel, the blood of men will be laid at my door.”

“That God predestines, and that man is responsible, are two things that few can see. They are believed to be inconsistent and contradictory; but they are not. It is just the fault of our weak judgment. Two truths cannot be contradictory to each other. If, then, I find taught in one place that everything is fore-ordained, that is true; and if I find in another place that man is responsible for all his actions, that is true; and it is my folly that leads me to imagine that two truths can ever contradict each other. These two truths, I do not believe, can ever be welded into one upon any human anvil, but one they shall be in eternity: they are two lines that are so nearly parallel, that the mind that shall pursue them farthest, will never discover that they converge; but they do converge, and they will meet somewhere in eternity, close to the throne of God, whence all truth doth spring.”

“Oh, my brothers and sisters in Christ, if sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies; and if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay, and not madly to destroy themselves. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for.” ☺

– Mark Chanski, RBNet Coordinator

MISSION THOUGHTS

NO OTHER NAME

“This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:11, 12)

To be saved everyone must believe in Jesus, for there is no other name that saves. Period. No other name given to men anywhere that brings salvation. Period. No other name under heaven that saves. Period.

But some argue that the example of Cornelius proves otherwise.

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Yes, Cornelius was a devout man and one who feared God (Acts 10:2a). Yes, he prayed and his prayers were answered, “Your prayers have come up as a memorial before God” (Acts 10:4b). So, was Cornelius saved before Peter

preached to him. NO. Why must we say that?

As Peter preached the Holy Spirit fell on these Gentiles when he said, “To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” (Acts 10:43) It was preaching the Name of Jesus which Cornelius believed that brought salvation.

But if some still question this truth the reading of the entire historical account makes it abundantly plain that Cornelius had to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ in order to be saved. These two verses prove this point:

“And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’” (Acts 11:13, 14)

The angel said to Cornelius send for Peter to hear a message “by which YOU WILL BE SAVED.” Cornelius was not yet saved. He had to hear the message about Jesus Christ. So missionaries understand this and it is why they are burdened to tell unreached people, who may be quite religious about Jesus. Let us pray that the Lord will give them much fruit. ☺

– Gordon Taylor, RBNet Support

CHURCH UPDATES

Grace Reformed Baptist Church
Terrell, TX

Dustin Battles, Pastor

News and thanksgiving – Since we last updated in December 2024, much has changed, and we give thanks to God.

GRBC Terrell is 3 years old this fall!

- Run 80-100 on Sundays for worship
- Lost several members - 2 to excommunication due to unrepentance
- Added several new members
- Get visitors nearly every week, thanks to being in a growing area and meeting in a outlet mall
- Starting another new members class at the end of August
- Adding more babies to families!

Officers:

- One elder stepped away, and they voted/hired me to be the full-time teaching elder/pastor as of last summer
- Our 5 elders are unified and work well together, thank the Lord
- 3 deacons stepped down and left the church, but laid hands on 3 new deacons in June

Missions/evangelism:

- Added our first missionaries: the Emadis in Ireland
- Held a few evangelistic events along the sidewalk of our building

Preaching and teaching:

- Added children's Sunday school for the first time, in lieu of “children's church” during the service; children now worship with their parents
- Added adult Sunday school - *What Is a Reformed Baptist* (Hicks)
- Held 2 VBSes in 2025 and 2026, which our children loved!
- I finished preaching through 1 Timothy in August. Starting Esther soon.
- Discussed marriage in a Sunday afternoon study
- Nearing the end of teaching through the Baptist Catechism questions on Wednesday night (all 114, one week at a time!)

Worship:

- Purchased Sing! Hymnals to bolster and expand our church music
- Adding more musicians on rotation, since elder Aaron has been leading/overseeing solo for years

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Prayers of Petition

- Conversions and baptisms - especially in response to the word preached
- **A long term facility:**
 - Would love to purchase, but funding is a concern
 - Currently leasing a theater, which is large, but inflexible; constant maintenance issues distract
- Community in Bible studies, with their new schedules - Men in fall, Women in spring
- Stability and faithfulness - being a young church means frequent changes. 🌐

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The Valley Remnant Church
Whitsett, PA

Phil Pagliari, Pastor

Dear Reformed Baptist Network friends,
I want to thank you all for your continual prayers. This past year has been a blessing. We have added multiple new members and had multiple new baptisms. There is continual church growth and maturity taking place within the congregation. We appointed a deacon recently too. We have a desire to find more leadership. We are interested in people desiring to come to the Mon Valley area to help with the church plant and share in the preaching, teaching, and evangelism efforts.

Also, we are facing a significant challenge. Since July fourth, our building has been flooded with considerable damage. We have been without a home since then. We are hoping to return after renovations are made. We are still renting the building even though we are not able to utilize it, and renovations are underway, but additional costs are an issue. Please pray for us as we seek support to get the building back in good shape. It is our hope to purchase a rundown church building, or something in existence, down the road.

Pray also for the need to be in full-time ministry to help meet the needs of the congregation. Because of our size and development, we are not able to do that yet. We much appreciate your prayer support and any assistance. 🌐



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Grace Family Church
Pearland, TX

Brian Jensen, Pastor

Greetings in the strong name of Jesus Christ,
We give praise to God for his glorious grace—grace that has been at work in our congregation both in salvation and sanctification. We are thankful for his kindness toward us in granting a sweet spirit of unity and preserving us through testing and trials of various kinds. Our congregation is looking forward to celebrating another baptism in just a couple weeks. Lord-willing we will also be receiving several families into covenant membership, for which we are very thankful. We continue to be blessed with many new and expecting parents. At the time of this update, five ladies are expecting, some of which were told they would not be able to conceive.

After several years of hard work, we have been enjoying singing out of a new psalter/hymnal our church recently produced, which includes at least one setting of every psalm. It is a joy to have a church that loves to sing the Lord's praises.

Of course, we always contend with the world, the flesh, and the devil. This year has kept us clinging to the Lord in prayer as we've sought him for strength and unity through pressures and trials. For the first time in our church's history (20 years this year), we've faced numerous deaths in the last number of months. We would covet your prayers as we continue to search for permanent facilities that we can call home. Also, pray for church officers, both elders and deacons. Thank you! It's a joy to labor together in the Lord's vineyards. 🌐

Location: McKinney, Texas | Speaker: Joel Beeke
Faithful Perseverance in Ministry • Sept. 21-23

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First Baptist Church
South Pittsburg, TN

Brad Bridgman, Pastor

Dear Reformed Baptist Network Family,
We are grateful to share that First Baptist Church of South Pittsburg is doing well, and we continue to see the Lord's kindness and faithfulness among us. One of the visible signs of His provision is that our fellowship hall is now almost finished. This has been a very long project, and we are thankful for the patience, prayers, giving, and labor that have brought us to this point.

We are also encouraged by the way the Lord is adding to our church family. As new members join us, we seek not only to welcome them well but also to faithfully disciple those who are already part of the body. Our desire is to grow together in Christ, to strengthen one another in the Word, and to serve the Lord with humility and joy.

At this time, we are gathering for our morning worship service and for Wednesday night Bible study. These times together have been a blessing as we worship, study Scripture, pray, and encourage one another in the faith.

As the Lord continues to grow the church, we are praying for wisdom and direction regarding more discipleship and outreach opportunities. We desire to be faithful with the people and opportunities God has entrusted to us, and we are grateful to be laboring alongside churches and brothers and sisters who share the same commitment to the gospel, the local church, and the work of making disciples. Please continue to pray with us as we seek to make Christ known in South Pittsburg and beyond. 🌐

Please Note: Due to the demands of the GA schedule, there will be no October issue of the RBN Net Monthly. We'll return in November.

Thank you for your understanding. 🌐

—The RBN Net Staff