

# RBNNet 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."

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## FROM THE COORDINATOR

### COMING SOON... RBNNet's 2022 GENERAL ASSEMBLY!

Our Sept 19-23 General Assembly is now less than 5 months away, and will be in our windshields before we know it. This year we'll be meeting in the Midwest, at Grace Fellowship Church, (Pr John Hueni) in Bremen, Indiana, near South Bend (Notre Dame).

Our main speakers this year will be David Campbell (Lancashire, UK), and Paul Washer (HeartCry Ministries). We're looking forward to a robust attendance. Our Conference [web page](https://reformedbaptistnetwork.com/conference-2022/) (https://reformedbaptistnetwork.com/conference-2022/) is ready to go. I encourage you sign up soon.

I also encourage you to invite as many pastors of like-minded churches as you are able. The catalyst to my joining up with RBNNet was simple. Someone invited me to! And in retrospect, I'm so thankful he did! Be the catalyst to adding like-minded mighty men and churches by extending that invitation. Send those texts, and make those calls. There's a great appetite out there for 1689 kindred spirit fellowship and cooperation in 2022. The time is ripe.

We're also expecting a sizeable number of individual and church additions to the Network at the GA. To all interested in joining, please pull the trigger to start the application process NOW, by filling out the RBNNet web page [application](https://reformedbaptistnetwork.com/membership/) (https://reformedbaptistnetwork.com/membership/), so we can avoid a bottle-neck of paperwork this summer. If you have any questions, call me at 616-566-3915.

We're hoping our GA docket will be cluttered with the work of welcoming in many new faces and churches, but remember, "Where no oxen are, the manger is clean; but much increase comes by the strength of the ox" (Pr 14:4). There's so much plowing and planting to do for our King, who is worthy! 🙏

– Mark Chanski, RBNNet Coordinator

## MISSION THOUGHTS

### GOD THE FATHER'S SELF-REVELATION & MISSIONS

“God is love” (1 John 4:8). Much of what I write is based on and gleaned from John Owen's “Communion With God” (Part one). As I read and reflected on Owen's essay I saw how this truth is foundational for missions.

All three persons of the Trinity are always involved in our communion with God. What is true of each person of the Trinity is true for the whole Trinity. Or to put it as Owen does, “To have communion with one Person of the Trinity is not to exclude the other persons.” Yet, each person is distinct in His communion with the believer. How does the Father primarily reveal Himself to the believer? The foremost attribute that the Father displays to the believer is love. As Owen says, “Love is what the Holy Spirit peculiarly assigns to the Father” (2 Cor. 13:14; John 3:16; 16:26, 27; Romans 5:5; Eph. 1:4, 5; 2 Thessalonians 2:13).

The missionary is convinced of this truth so he labors on even if men reject him and he faces overwhelming trials. A knowledge of God's love for him is what motivates the missionary to persevere.

Adoniram Judson is a good example. After the death of his beloved Ann, the only daughter Maria, and other missionary deaths, Adoniram experienced a very dark period. So dark that for a brief period he dug a grave and stared into it for days. What brought him out of this darkness so he could resume with vigor missionary service? In a letter to Ann's mother he said,

“What remains for me but to hold myself in readiness to follow the dear departed to that blessed world,

“Where my best friends, my kindred, dwell,  
Where God my savior reigns”

(*To the Golden Shore* p. 381).

A knowledge of God's love is the key to persevering in service. “O God of love...let me love thee with all my heart” (*Valley of Vision* “Scriptural Convictions”). 🙏

– Gordon Taylor, RBNNet Support

## CHURCH UPDATES

### Faith Reformed Baptist Church, Media, PA

Matt Foreman Pastor

Greetings from Philadelphia. We are thankful for the prayers of our sister churches, and we pray regularly for all of you.

For several years, we have been praying for two major needs: for our facilities needs and for a second staff pastor. In God's goodness, we have seen God answering these prayers in the last few months. First, the church called one of our elders, Tom Wisneski, to begin serving full-time starting in June. Then, at the beginning of March, we received word that one of the properties next to the church was coming up for sale. Lord willing, we hope to close on the property at the end of April. This purchase will provide much needed parking and allow us to begin planning to expand our buildings. We have funds on hand for the first part of this project, but will need to fund-raise to complete it.

We also praise God for continued unity and growth he has given, both numerically and spiritually. In particular, we have seen a continued spiritual interest and awakening in our young people, many of whom have professed faith and have been baptized or are seeking baptism. We regularly have close to 50 attending our youth group meetings. They are holding bible studies together on their own, and several families have been drawn to the church because their kids are being impacted. Several families are in the process of becoming members, and several others have expressed interest.

Please pray that these signs of grace would continue and come to full harvest, that God would continue to give power to the preaching of the Word. Pray, as the church transitions to a second staff pastor, that God would bless Pastor Wisneski's ministry among us. And pray for God to give wisdom as we plan for future facilities expansion, as well as financial provision for the project. 🙏



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### Grace Baptist Church, Taylors, SC

*Pastor Mark Hatfield, for the elders*

Greetings in the name that is above every name! The Lord has been especially kind to us over these many months. The temptation is to lay out the “numbers” on our church family in a way that can reflect pride, but we understand that some of that is helpful to know how others can pray for us and how we are living out the gospel here in the upstate of South Carolina.

**Word Ministry:** Pastor Jamie Howell continues his study through the Book of Revelation; I am preaching through the book of Exodus. We now have two adult Sunday school classes: “Your Work Matters to God,” and “Biblical Theology II” based on *According to Plan: The Unfolding Revelation of God in the Bible* by Graeme Goldsworthy. This summer we will try something different for us: a ladies-only Sunday class designed to promote Titus 2 women-to-women discipleship.

**New Faces:** In the last year, we have received a number of new families from out of state who have provided a fresh source of joy, energy, ideas, and service. We are learning from them, and they are contributing to the advance of the gospel in significant ways. We just baptized a Chinese BJU student and are about to receive another into membership.

**Happenings:** In April, Pastor Jamie traveled to Riverside, CA to deliver six (6) lectures as part of an RBS Pastoral Theology class. In June (3rd-5th) we will have Pastor Jim and Nancy Adams with us from Mesa, Arizona for our 2022 missions conference: *Missions & Revival in Christ's Church Today*. We have an excellent team organizing the conference and are promoting it within the NC/SC/GA to fellow RB churches. In May, we anticipate receiving a pastoral intern and his family here for a three-month internship from Augusta, GA. During February and March, elder Rich Sevilla took approx. 8-9 youth through David Michael's book on discerning and affirming a young person's faith. Our ladies are looking forward to a retreat with Dianne Chanski on October 7-8 of this year. Pastor Jamie heads to Nepal/India in November to teach national pastors.

**Prayer:** Pray for our unity, clarity of gospel-centered purpose, and effectiveness at reaching our community. Though this is a “Bible belt area” there is no doubt ours is an area with many who need the saving grace of God. “Brothers, pray for us!” (1 Thess. 5:25). 🙏

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### Redeeming Grace Church, West Palm Beach, FL

*Jarvis Singleton, Pastor*

We have been meeting regularly at Renewal Church in Jupiter, FL since last July. Jupiter is about 30 minutes north of where we were in Greenacres before the pandemic.

Our desire to regather (we were on Zoom for 15 months) and the unavailability of sufficient rental space in the Greenacres area prompted our move. Knowing this, my friend and the Pastor of Renewal Church, Paul Whitfield, offered us space in their Church free of charge. And after voting on this, we decided to regather and, as I mentioned before, we have done so since last July.

Since we have regathered, we have been blessed to have 3 baptisms, one being my own son, Jaden. The joy of seeing new believers—especially young believers—has really been heartwarming to me. In our struggle to set a good foundation for the church, this gift has excited me. To think of the discipleship these new believers will receive both inside of the church, along with their families outside of the church, is so amazing. I look forward to seeing what the LORD does in these individual situations.

In addition to these highlights, here are a few others and some prayer requests:

Recently we co-hosted a concert with Renewal Church, featuring Kenny and Claire Hilliard, who have a ministry creating new hymns, singing well known hymns, and bringing to light older and unsung hymns from the past. The turnout for this concert was really good, and it was such a blessing to have them minister to us so graciously in song (also, we were able to add a few more hymns to our musical catalog....lol).

In May, we are scheduled to have our Pastoral Assistant, Dean Wuellner, enroll in the Marrow Program at RBS. Dean feels called to ministry, and we are excited to see where the LORD takes him in this journey. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he begins his studies. Being the sole provider in his household, he will need to balance his studies with his job and his duties at home with his family.

Please pray for me as I participate in the Reformed Believer's Conference at Kingdom Life Church in Nassau/New Providence, Bahamas, June 2-4, and

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preach at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Kirk on Sunday June 5th. Pray for my travels (as well as the travels of Pastor Ken Jones of Glendale Baptist Church in Miami, who will be speaking with me). Also, pray that a Reformation will continue to grow on that island through the work of Pastor Cedric Moss, who is the Pastor of Kingdom Life and is spearheading this project along with a few others.

Finally, pray for our church in these upcoming months, as I have been contacted by a few people who are moving into the area and expressed interest in joining our congregation. In addition, we have had a few people come to visit us and participate in our Monday Night Bible Studies. They could possibly join our congregation, as well. If these situations work out, it could open up doors for our church to branch out into new areas of ministry, with one being the creation of an actual musical team.

May God's graces and mercies be upon all of you. 🙏

### Grace Fellowship Church, Hazelton, PA

*Chad Bennett, Pastor*

Greetings to the churches of RBNet. We greatly appreciate your prayers for us and continue to lift you up each week.

We are praising God for the growth of our Spanish ministry. Easter Sunday we received another member by baptism and had 90 in our Spanish service with about 20 of those being English speakers who stayed for the service. Almost every week we are seeing new visitors to this work and many who are taking the New Member's class. Please continue to pray for this work. We have three lay elders who share in the preaching and teaching for this work. Pray that in time, the Lord would provide a Spanish-speaking (preferably Dominican) vocational pastor.

Our English ministry has not seen the same growth and is still hurting from decline during Covid. Please pray for numerical and spiritual growth as we implement new discipleship work in the body.

Pastor Chad and one of our elders have a year left in their doctorate program at SBT's. Pray for them as they finish their work and implement it in the church. 🙏

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