

# RBN Net 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."

## FROM THE COORDINATOR GIVING THANKS — RBN Net's 2022 GA

It's good to be a tenth leper who returns to give thanks to the Lord for kindnesses. Our recent GA in Bremen gives us truckload of material for thankfulness. Here's a selective sampling.

1. Though Paul Washer was unable to attend due to chest pains, our Lord Jesus showed up in a big way giving David Campbell a special anointing, that gripped, challenged, inspired, and drew us to worship.

2. Our three devotional speakers—Hoak on Noah, Ryttersgaard on Jairus, and Johnston on Laodicea—encouraged us to wait patiently aboard zoos, trust implicitly amidst tardy timing, and believe unthinkable in a Savior who woos the ugly.

3. The Lord drew to us approximately 260 registered attendees to Bremen (about 100 above Brandon). He added to RBN Net 11 new Full Member Churches, 1 new Associate Member Church, 8 new Associate Member Individuals, and 12 Brief Introductions of churches "spying out the land" who are considering membership in the future.

4. The footwashing servant brigade of Grace Fellowship Church in Bremen painted a selfless masterpiece in their planning, preparing, setting up, losing sleep, running, sweating, smiling, and cleaning up.

5. Chad Bennett chaired with skill, leadership, and discretion. Chris Bice orchestrated behind the scenes with wisdom, agility, and longsuffering. Derek Archer and Kendra Laidig enhanced with cyber-tech craftsmanship.

6. Three new RBN Net related Church Plant endeavors were announced in Jupiter, FL, in Janesville, WI, and in North Wilkesboro, NC.

7. Missionaries, Pastors, and Chaplains filled hours with reports of the kingdom advancing all over the globe.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His lovingkindness is everlasting" (Psalm 137) 🌍

— Mark Chanski, RBN Net Coordinator

## MISSION THOUGHTS

### ANDREW FULLER'S THEOLOGY AND MISSIONS

William Carey is the acknowledged "Father of Modern Missions." His stirring sermon "Attempt Great Things for God, Expect Great Things from God" was key in the movement. There was another man who played an important role in the modern missionary movement: Andrew Fuller. If Carey was the "spark-plug" for the movement then Fuller was the "theological backbone".

From his youth Fuller was taught what he called, "False Calvinism." This was not just High-Calvinism, but a Calvinism that went a step farther. This False Calvinism taught that one had no warrant to believe in Christ until one had some evidence of the new birth. This evidence could be a Scripture verse coming with "power" to the mind or some special providence that showed one was a "favorite" of heaven. Fuller thought he was a favorite of heaven when he "by faith" climbed high into a tree to catch a bird and the weak limb did not break. But, alas, he continued in sin. Another time the verse "Sin shall not have dominion over you" came with great power so he surmised he was born again, but again he continued in sin.

Once truly converted by simple faith in Jesus when he cast himself on Christ, he began, as a pastor, to question this "False Calvinism." The result was writing the book, "The Gospel Worthy of All Acceptation" in 1781. Only after his friends prevailed on him did he publish the book in 1785. The publication caused a great stir. Calvinists called him an Arminian, Arminians opposed him because of his strict Calvinism. But what the book did was to give a theological foundation for the free, well-meant offer of the gospel. It gave the theological framework for reaching the world with the gospel.

Whenever some form of hyper-calvinism raises its ugly head Fuller's book needs to be read. Reading it will ground the missionary, pastor, and missions minded laymen in a theology that will renew vigor for the spread of the gospel. 🌍

— Gordon Taylor, RBN Net Support



## CHURCH UPDATES

Rivertown Grace Fellowship  
Conway, SC

Kevin Lambert, Victor Crawford,  
Kent Griggs, Elders

Greetings brothers and sisters of RBN Net, We, at Rivertown Grace Fellowship, consider ourselves truly blessed to be part of this Network. We are grateful for the wise leadership and membership that we can lean on for support as we seek to further God's Kingdom here in Conway, SC. Our experience visiting the GA the last two years has served to encourage us in the work.

Rivertown Grace, being a young church, encounters challenges I'm sure many of you have faced. As the only Reformed Baptist church in our area, our desire is to respond in love and with the truth as we encounter those who disagree with the Doctrines of Grace. Please pray that God will grant us wisdom and discernment as we seek to make Rivertown Grace known in our city.

Another prayer need we have is that God will send numerical growth as well as spiritual growth. Two of our faithful members relocated to Kentucky to be near their family after 17 years in Conway. Also, one of younger members began his Freshman year at Bob Jones University. At the moment, the three ruling elders share in the preaching as we are not yet financially able to support a pastor/teaching elder. We pray God will send faithful believers, whether new or just new to us.

Rivertown Grace will be having a time of celebration on the 30th of October as we recognize both Reformation Day and the first anniversary of our constituting. We thank God for His faithfulness through the first year and for Grace Baptist of Taylors, SC, for their support during our development and first year. Also, we praise God for the help of Mark Chanski during this time.

Grace and peace. 🌍

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.

## CHURCH UPDATES

Cornerstone Reformed Baptist Church,  
Terrell, TX

Nick Esch, Pastor

Grace and Peace RBNet,

Over the last year God has seen fit to grow us in many ways, but with that growth has come growing pains. Please pray that we would steward God's blessings well as we seek to minister to those the Lord has brought to us. One need in that area is for help with our children's ministry. We need volunteers, and we're also praying about bringing someone on staff to help us minister to our children and young families. Lord willing, this person will help with children's ministry and with secretary type work. Please pray the Lord would provide the funds and the right person for the job.

For years we were primarily an older church, but most of our growth recently has been young families and singles in their twenties and thirties. Along with our children's ministry needs, this has led to a few needs as well. We need our new members to get ingrained and involved in the life of the church, which means getting our younger members and our older members involved in each other's lives. Another need goes along with this. Some of our younger married couples are struggling through hard times and feel as though they need counseling. And while some of them do, all of them would benefit greatly if they would spend time with our older members who have been married for years. Some of the best counsel they could get would come from our members who have been married twice as long as they've been alive. Pray that the Lord would build this culture of discipling amongst us.

Lastly, please pray that we would be faithful to all the Lord has called us to be and do. May we preach and teach faithfully, and be united in Christ, on mission for Christ, for the glory of Christ. ☺

## CHURCH UPDATES

Sovereign Grace Church of Middle TN,  
Greenbrier, TN

Marc Grimaldi &  
Kenny Hilliard, Pastors

Dear RBNet Brethren,  
Greetings from Sovereign Grace Church of Middle Tennessee.

We want you to know that we are thankful to God for having been voted into the membership of RBNet at the most recent GA in Bremen, Indiana. Having recently pulled out of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), we were glad to find a home that is more in keeping with our conviction and beliefs, and we look forward to serving along with you, unto the furtherance of the Gospel both nationally and internationally.

Although our church was planted around six years ago, we would still consider ourselves a young church plant, since there are no original members left from the time the church was planted. Over the course of the last year, we have reworked and set in place our church constitution and we have embraced the London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689 as our official church confession. We presently have two pastors, Marc Grimaldi and Kenny Hilliard, and two deacons, Jeremiah Sunshine (elder in training, as well) and Jon Parker. Our membership is in the 40+ range, and we have experienced a slow and steady growth over the last few years.

We have a regular weekly Bible Study, a monthly men's and women's breakfast fellowship, and we have been able to establish a Thursday night prayer meeting that is well attended. We are thankful to God for His incomprehensible grace toward us, and we look forward to serving Him, as a beacon of light here in Middle TN (just north of Nashville).

Thank you all again, for allowing us to be part of the great work that God is doing through RBNet. ☺

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Cornerstone Bible Church,  
Ridgecrest, CA

Lyn Whitcomb Pastor

We at Cornerstone Bible Church are encouraged by several new visitors and some long-time regular attenders who have made the commitment of becoming members.

Our church recently had a booth at the local Desert Empire Fair, where we had the opportunity to engaging our community with the gospel and invitations to our church. Please pray for fruit from this endeavor.

On November 4, our church will be hosting a fund-raising dessert event for our local Pregnancy Care Center—another opportunity to minister to the community in which the Lord has placed us.

In our worship services, after completing a series of sermons through Romans, I've recently started a new series on Christ in the Psalms. We also have several godly men in our congregation who have ably preached for us as well. Our people are enthusiastic for the Word of God, which is a great blessing!

Desiring to enhance our building and property, we are in the process of completing a playground and patio area building project.

### Please pray for:

- healthy, Christ-centered church growth
- me, as I continue to labor as a bi-vocational, sole elder
- additional elders. I'm currently working with one brother whom I believe the Lord is raising up, and I have my eye on at least one other man in the congregation as a potential elder candidate. ☺

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