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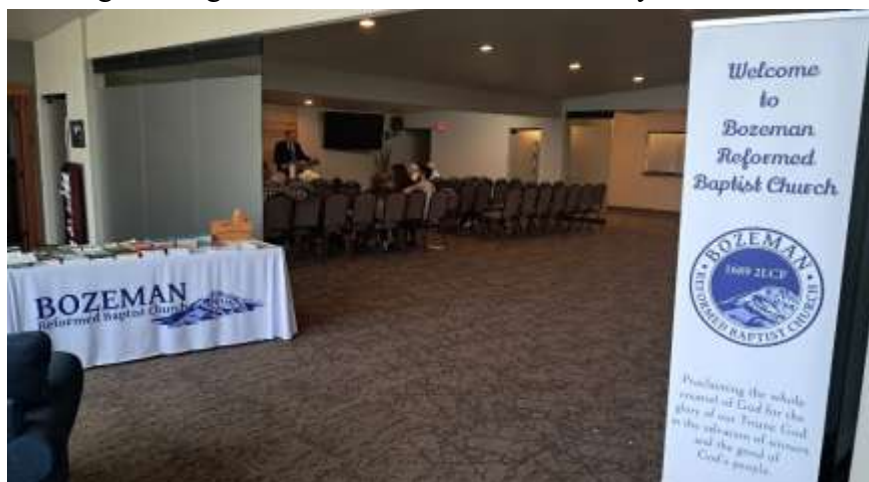


Dear friends and co-laborers of Christ,

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support of Bozeman Reformed Baptist Church. We are truly grateful for your partnership in the gospel. We give thanks to God for His provisions for our family, as we have now been in Bozeman for two years. The family is doing well as we continue homeschooling and are part of a good co-op, where my wife tutors. We have also been staying busy with soccer, with three of our oldest children all playing, taking us all over Montana to compete. The Lord has blessed us with good friends through these activities and has provided many opportunities for sharing the gospel.

Bozeman Reformed Baptist Church was constituted earlier this year with 18 members who covenanted together in the Lord. This year, we have grown together in a great love for one another and for the church. We rejoice in how the Lord has blessed the ordinary means of grace for the good of his people. Unfortunately, one young couple recently moved away to be closer to their parents due to the high cost of living in Bozeman. We are in the process of commending them to a like-minded church in Omaha. But the Lord has been kind to send us visitors whom we hope to bring into membership in the near future. One young couple was recently married and moved from Gilbert, Arizona, to be closer to where he grew up. They have been growing in their confessional convictions, and their presence has already proven a blessing to the church. Another young family, whom we also hope to add to membership, recently had their third baby. They were counselled to abort the baby due to his neurological discrepancies, but by the mercy of God, he was born with very few complications and is doing well in the Lord. It has been a blessing to see how the church has loved this family during this time. We have had two other couples recently attending who have expressed their thanks for the means of grace and the fellowship of the saints. We praise God for how he is adding to our number. Please pray that they might covenant with us and walk in obedience to Christ's rule.

In March, we moved out of the Christian school to begin meeting at a funeral home, which enabled us to move our services to the morning. While a funeral home is not ideal, the building is in a great location near town and easily accessible from the highway. It is also an



excellent space for our church. Our rent went up significantly from what we were paying at the Christian school, but it is still less than most spaces in Bozeman. We are on a



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month-to-month lease, which allows us to keep an eye out for a building we could use as our own space, to be more visible in the community.

I finished teaching on 1 Timothy a few months ago and taught a short series on how Christ promised to build his temple-people from Haggai. Many of our members come from dispensational backgrounds and are growing in their understanding of covenant theology. To help our people better understand the outworking of redemptive history and to learn to read the Scriptures from the apostles, I began teaching from Hebrews. I am also continuing our teaching through our confession of faith during Sunday school, currently teaching from chapter 18. I plan to take a break from the confession after chapter 20 to begin teaching an overview of the Old Testament, covering each book briefly.

We currently have 16 children, all under 9 years of age, amongst us. Therefore, I've started a 10-minute catechism class between Sunday school and the worship service to instruct some of our children and encourage our parents in their duties. I know the children have enjoyed it and profited from the catechism. Please pray for the salvation of our children and for our families as they learn to train our children to sit well in worship and to be active participants in hearing and responding to the Word of God. We also had our second Reformation Day party, with many kids from the church and our co-op attending. I taught on the Reformation and the five solas. It was a blessing for our church.



This past year, many of the men in our church have met bi-weekly to study different books. We read Sam Renihan's *The Mystery of Christ, With Reverence and Awe* by D.G. Hart, and are currently reading *Redemption Accomplished and Applied* by John Murray. We have a few men who are interested in ministry, whom I hope could be raised up as gifted brothers or elders in the future. We also have two potential deacons, whom I hope to put before the church at some point next year. Please pray that Christ would grant our church gifts so that we might be a well-ordered church.

We also thank God for other opportunities to preach the gospel in our community. Please pray for our outreach and for the Lord to open the door of the gospel in Bozeman. I preach once a month at a local rest home, where we have built strong relationships with the staff and residents. We were also just allowed to use a clubhouse at a local mobile home park to teach a



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children's Bible Study, which we also hope to do once a month, starting in December. On Wednesday nights, we meet at my house for a prayer meeting, where I just finished teaching on the Ten Commandments and am now looking at various texts related to the sermon text in Hebrews. Our prayer meeting remains a small gathering, as many of our young families are unable to attend. Still, I am thankful that we have remained faithful to pray together outside of corporate worship.

This last year, we joined two associations. We joined the *Confessional Baptist Association* at the General Assembly in April. We are thankful for the CBA's commitment to our confession of faith and to holding communion together in a meaningful way. We hope that our holding communion together with them will be mutually beneficial to our churches. In September 2024, a regional association of churches, the *Rocky Mountain Reformed Baptist Association of Churches*, was formed in Montana, and we held our first General Assembly this past August. This association has been such a blessing to our church plant, and I hope that our formal communion will only strengthen our confessionalism, cooperation in the gospel, and faithfulness in Christ's church.

Thank you for your faithful prayers for us and your generous giving to this work. By your generosity, I was fully supported this past year, which enabled me to give myself fully to the ministry of the word and prayer. Thank you also for your pledges for 2026. If you can contribute to this work or would like more information about the 2026 budget, please reach out to me. Bozeman Reformed Baptist Church has taken over all financial responsibilities from our sending church, Sycamore Reformed Baptist Church. We also have a new address: 3194 Oliver St., Bozeman, MT 59718. May the Lord be glorified in His Church.

Your fellow servant of Christ,

Brett Shaw

Pastor Bozeman Reformed Baptist Church

