

BOZEMAN

Reformed Baptist Church



We give thanks to the Lord that He is gathering his people in Bozeman for the purpose of establishing a confessional reformed Baptist church. The harvest is indeed plentiful, and by the Spirit of God we are seeing the gospel bear fruit. God's wisdom, power and grace are being displayed amongst us, even in the heavenly realms, as Paul said in Ephesians 3:10, *that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord.*"

We began our first services in January. As of right now we are meeting in the afternoons at a local Christian school, but we hope to move to a morning and evening service at some point later this year. Unfortunately, we are unable to do so at this present facility. We



are currently looking for a more suitable place for us long term. I began teaching through the 2nd London Baptist Confession of Faith during our Sunday school hour. We have spent a good amount of time in chapter 2 contemplating the doctrine of God, which has proven to be an excellent prelude to our worship. I have also been preaching through Colossians in our service considering the supremacy of Christ over all things and his sufficiency for us as our mediator, and thus for us as a church plant. Recently, we have been exhorted to persevere in Christ and in the faith taught to us in Holy Scripture, in which the creeds and confessions help us unto this end. It has been a great delight to gather for worship and to start to see the Lord build his

church. Our people have expressed their thankfulness for reformed worship, a rich gospel centered liturgy, and the singing of sound hymns and psalms. The Lord is using the ordinary means of grace to build us up in Christ and to stir in us love for God and for one another in God. The Lord has slowly added to our number, as there are currently thirteen people attending, including eight children. We have also seen a few other visitors amongst us each week, which we hope will be added to us. Please continue to pray that the Lord would bless His word so that we may constitute as a biblical church built upon a solid foundation.

As spring approaches, and the weather hopefully warms up, we will start to look for ways evangelize our community. We have used social media, google ads, and our website to promote the church plant, and hope to use mass mailing to invite people to our services. We are also in contact with a senior home to hopefully provide a bible study for them. As we seek to reach our community, we also desire to build a loving covenant community. We also started to gather midweek for prayer in my home, and our men meet biweekly for a book study, reading John Colquhoun's *A Treatise on the Law and Gospel*. We also have a few events planned in the

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next couple of months, such as a fellowship meal, and a Puritan night where we plan on watching lectures and enjoy good food together. Please pray that our hearts would be knit together in love and that this love would overflow to others through the gospel.

We give thanks to God for the gracious provisions for the church plant. I am now fully funded through the generous giving of our sending church, and many other churches and individuals who have pledged to financially support for 2024. We are also thankful for the financial support of the 3535 Foundation as they fund confessional Reformed Baptist church plants in the North and Northwest. This financial support has enabled me to stop working part-time at Costco and to give myself full-time to the work of the ministry. May your generosity abound in thanksgiving and praise to our gracious God.

By the grace of God, our family has settled well into life in Bozeman. We have continued to home educate our children utilizing Classical Conversations and the Lord has provided good friends through it. Our children have enjoyed the winter building snow men, and have even started to learn how to ski. We are still trying to learn to balance family life, ministry and home schooling.

Shelly recently accepted a part-time nursing position at the local hospital working two nights a week on the surgical floor, which has been a great blessing but also proven to be quite challenging. We hope that she will be able to once again be at home full-time at some point this year. Although it has been a busy season for us, the Lord's grace has proven sufficient for us once again.



We continue to drive up to Helena to attend the Reformed Baptist Church of Helena in the mornings, although the snowy Montana winters have kept us from being able to travel every Sunday. Their faithful ministry and fellowship have been a great blessing to our family. A few of their families have attended our services to help us in congregational singing, and to even play the piano on occasions. We are thankful for the communion we share with them and hope that we might formally hold communion with them in the near future. Thank you again for your support, prayers, and partnership in the gospel. If you are able to give to this work, or desire more information on the budget, please reach out to me or contact our sending church, Sycamore Reformed Baptist Church:

sycamorereformedBCsound@outlook.org.

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” Ephesians 3:20

Soli Deo Gloria,

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