

# BOZEMAN

## Reformed Baptist Church



Greetings to you in the name of Christ. We are a new church plant which began this past fall and is being planted from Sycamore Reformed Baptist Church in East Moline, IL. We give thanks to God for how he has blessed the ordinary means of grace and given the growth. We started with six adults meeting in our home for bible study and now have around 32 meeting on the Lord's Day for worship. The gospel is bearing fruit among us and in us.

The Lord has gathered a good core group of families from various backgrounds and traditions who have recently come to Reformed convictions. We have some families from dispensational backgrounds and others who recently came out of evangelicalism. We also have a few couples who came from Sovereign Grace churches who are wrestling with the continuation/cessation of the revelatory gifts of the Spirit. It is exciting to see people continue to be reformed by the Word, but it also brings with it various challenges necessitating wisdom in how to rightly administer the Word of God. We also have



seen a steady number of visitors amongst us, but we pray that the Lord would continue to add to our number. A few families who have attended recently are traveling a fair distance away, but we pray that their conviction for Reformed Baptist theology and worship would override the desire for convenience.

We are currently renting a library in a private Christian school but are limited to meeting in the afternoons. This has been a good fit for the beginning of the church plant, but we are almost at capacity. We also desire to meet for morning and evening worship to better keep the Lord's Day but in order to do this we need a new place to meet. It has been challenging finding a place where we can afford, as Bozeman is an expensive area. We trust the Lord will provide all that we need, but we need wisdom to find the right place for us and are still dependent on outside giving.

I have been teaching through the 2<sup>nd</sup> London Baptist Confession of Faith during our Sunday school hour, while also utilizing the Baptist Catechism to help teach our young families how they can utilize it in family worship. We thank God that this has been received well. We are working slowly through the confession and are currently in chapter 6. I hope to begin a

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series on Ecclesiology in July to help our core group better understand the nature of the church and what it means “to willingly consent to walk together according to the appointment of Christ.” We hope to constitute later this year, but in order to do so our people need to have a better understanding of the seriousness of our covenant membership. My preaching through Colossians has sought to demonstrate this as well as it focuses on the supremacy of Christ over all things, but particularly over his church. Jesus Christ is the sufficient mediator of our salvation and therefore has sufficiently given to us everything we need as a church. Please continue to pray for the Lord’s blessing upon the means of grace so that we might be knitted together in peace and love as an independent congregation.



Historically in Montana church attendance is low during the summer. Our winters are long, and summers are short, which means that many people try to take advantage of all that the beautiful outdoors of Montana has to offer in the summer, often absenting themselves from the church. As our people continue to learn the importance of the church, corporate worship, and living under the headship of Christ, please pray that we will learn what it means to be good churchman who willingly obey our duties of church membership and enjoy the sweet privileges of it.



Please pray for our men. We have a few men who could be potential officers in the church. While I am being patient in these matters, we want to recognize the gifts Christ gives to the church and to disciple these men in their gifts

and graces. Our men are meeting together to study various books as we recently read John Colquhoun’s *A Treatise of Law and the Gospel* and will begin reading Sam Renihan’s *Mystery of Christ, His Covenant and His Kingdom*. Please pray for the ascended Lord Jesus Christ to give gifts to his church and for faithful men to be raised up as officers amongst us.

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel and your faithfulness in prayer. Please consider partnering with us in the gospel, through your financial support. 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](mailto:sycamorereformedBCsound@outlook.org).

*Soli Deo Gloria,*

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