

## **Brothers, Sisters, and Friends,**

I pray you are all in good health, physically and spiritually. **God is so very good** to sustain us despite the coldness of our affections toward Him and in light of our sporadic interest in His glory. May He be glorified more and more in each of us, in our families, and at RCRC.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped in so many ways last Saturday for our **beach outreach**. I was delighted to see the steady line at the tent. I praise God for those who manned the tent all day. I was thanking God all day as I continued to observe Jenny, David, and Steve diligently communicating the love of God in Christ. Shon and I had a good day of engaging a variety of people. It is interesting to note that often one is disinterested while another person, at the same time, may show definite attention. We must pray for discernment and faithfulness and holy boldness in these matters. Thanks also to our young men who literally shouldered a great deal of the work of set up and break down.

Our next beach reach is scheduled for the last **Saturday in August, the 30th**. That will be Labor Day weekend. Please make this a priority for your family.

Many of these people are surely checking out our **terrific web site** as they review our literature. I urge you to click on the link below to see for yourself the continued excellence Shon has shown in our media communications. Shon has made a movie (like a **movie trailer**) for visitors to see when they first visit. It is genuinely outstanding! It includes some sermon clips with great graphics that I believe will pull people further into the site. Kudos to Shon for his faithful stewardship of some great gifts and talents.

Check out the new intro video here:

[http://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=river+city+reformed&search\\_type=&aq=f](http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=river+city+reformed&search_type=&aq=f)

Please pray for **Ben Bowman** as he heads off to Campbell University tomorrow!! I am praying for the godliest companion on campus for his new best friend; will you join me? Pray for mom and dad also as another fledgling from the clan McBowman takes flight.

We praise God for our regular visitors as well. **Jim and Charlene Smith** have been out of town for their son's wedding! and **Fred and Layne Kuiper with their daughter Ruth Ann** have been a wonderful addition as well. Layne suffers from some ongoing health issues; please pray for her personal devotions and for her attendance at worship as often as possible.

A pastor friend of mine called me this week and asked how he might **pray for me**. I sincerely you invite to join him in praying for my personal walk with God- that I would love Him, desire Him, delight in Him and His ways, and that I would endeavor to walk with Him in ALL the ways of new obedience. Please pray that He would call forth in me pastoral gifts and graces to His glory and your benefit. *I want to love and serve you dear brothers, sisters, friends, and family with all my heart.* I want to improve significantly in preaching, praying, growing, shepherding, and enjoying God.

**A Favorite Piper quote:**

"I love this high calling and weighty work of 'rightly handling the word of truth'. Pray for me." (from an email December 23, 1998)

Please pray for me for this Lord's Day; I will be preaching on the **tower of Babel**. I love to see God's power and sovereignty and incomprehensible wisdom displayed in the Word and in our lives. Pray for your families and for visitors as well. Sunday evening we will be taking up **Colossians**; read and plead with our heavenly Father for a breakthrough in your understanding and love and obedience.

I praised God last Lord's day morning when I heard you all **singing so beautifully** in the morning worship; I regretted not being able to sing with you. I am praying that our good God will supply many gifted musicians for our covenant community as we seek to "make His praise glorious".

I love you all! Please **get to bed** at a reasonable time Saturday night so that you might be rested and eager and able for worship.

I am praying for each of you, daily. PLEASE let me know of any individual requests.

*O give thanks to the God of gods, for His steadfast love endures forever,*

Bob