

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND MISSIONARY FERVOR

In 1541 Geneva, Switzerland had a population of 12,000, about 600 more than the 2010 census for Mebane. By popular demand, John Calvin was returning to the city after three years' absence. In years to follow, people from all over the world would take up residence there to study the principles of the Reformation. Geneva Academy was an institution that eventually grew to 12,000 itself, not counting the 300 in the seminary program. The sterling reputation of this training center was still high enough in 1795 that Thomas Jefferson made an effort to raise money to purchase it and bring it to America. When the project did not materialize, he established the University of Virginia. Geneva was much more than an educational center; it was a missionary sending point. England, France, Germany, Hungary, The

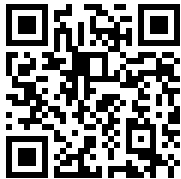
Netherlands, and Scotland all felt the impact of Geneva's passion for truth. Missionaries were also sent as far as Brazil. Not so well known is the work of God in France. Between 1555 and 1560 more than 100 underground churches were planted in France. By 1562 the number had increased to 2,150. Some of these outlawed churches had memberships in the thousands. In all, 1300 Geneva-trained men went to serve Christ in France. The French Huguenot Church came close to overcoming the Catholic Counter-Reformation in France. Let us pray and labor for the two-edged sword of academic excellence and missionary fervor in our reforming efforts in this 500th year since the Reformation.

(Source- John Calvin: A Heart for Devotion, Doctrine, Doxology. Chapter 5, by Harry L. Reeder.)

Events

2/20-21 Here We Stand
Conference 7 PM
2/21 Ladies' Bible Study
10 AM
3/4 Men's Prayer for
Revival 7:30 AM
3/4 Ladies' Missionary
Society 9:00 AM

Give



Upcoming Events



GRACE
REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

Service Times

- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm



**Loving God, one another, and the world
through the gospel of Jesus Christ**

February 19, 2017

**Tenemos
disponible
traducción al
español
durante los
servicios de la
mañana y de la
tarde**



Pastors

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Morning Worship

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn
(sing 2x)

Nick Gaines
Majesty

Majesty, worship his majesty;
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flow from his throne unto his own, his anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

(repeat with few singing "descant")

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Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:1-23, page 818

Pastoral Prayer
Offertory

#15 Come Let Us Sing
Unto the Lord

Preparatory

I Boast No More

No more my God, I boast no more of all the duties I have done
I quit the hopes I held before to trust the merits of Thy Son.

(Chorus) No more my God, no more my God, no more my God, I boast no more.

Now, for the loss I bear His name, what was my gain I count my loss;
My former pride I call my shame, and nail my glory to His cross. **(Chorus)**

Yes, and I must and will esteem all things but loss for Jesus' sake;
O may my soul be found in Him, and of His righteousness partake! **(Chorus)**

The best obedience of my hands dares not appear before Thy throne;
But faith can answer Thy demands, by pleading what my Lord has done.

(Chorus)
(repeat chorus)

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Sermon

Pastor Andy Dunkerton

Evening Worship

Call to Worship

Michael Lopes

Opening Hymn

#87 Holy, Holy, Holy

Scripture Reading

Romans 3:9-26, page 940

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Glorify Thy Name

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You, glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore You, glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You, glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

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Preparatory

Amazing Grace,
My Chains are Gone

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

(Chorus) My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me,

and like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me,

and like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me,

and like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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Sermon

Pastor Nathan Finn