

### **Atlanta Fellowship**

Atlanta RPC has had an exciting year, being able to purchase its own building in a very strategic location. Average attendance in 2020 for public worship for the 45 weeks that the church met in person (services being suspended for seven weeks due to the Wuhan virus) was 23.56. For the first seven weeks of 2021, attendance has averaged 30.29. In 2020, there was a gain of eleven members and a loss of four members, resulting in a total membership of 17 (ten communicants and seven non-communicants). Among the new members, there were eight baptisms (three adults, five children). Finances were strong, with \$253,909.63 in donations and \$189,495.86 in liquid assets at the end of the year. At the same time, there is evident spiritual growth among the people. The pastor, Dr. Frank J. Smith, continues as a tentmaker, teaching full-time at Georgia Gwinnett College, and also serving as Chancellor of Tyndale International University, a Korean-language seminary in Los Angeles. The ministerial intern, Elder T.J. Pattillo, is hoping to finish his undergraduate degree in about a year and then start seminary.

### **Louisville RP Fellowship**

Weekly evening worship services continue, although as with most congregations Covid has posed major challenges. There were a few months where we were not allowed to use our rented church building, Tre' has had some Covid-related health struggles of his own, and of course there aren't as many visitors as normal. Gary McNamee accepting the call to Columbia, MO will greatly impact the ministry as now more of the load will fall on the shoulders of the other commissioners and Tre'. We are very thankful for Gary's role in getting this work off to a good start. The next 18 months will be very pivotal as we see if God will send more people to this ministry.

#### **From Gary McNamee:**

In May of 2017 we began meeting for weekly Bible study at the Louisville public library. We had on average 12-15 people from Louisville attending this study. ,

We started worship services in the evening on 9/2/2018.

We first met in a hotel conference room, then in June of 2018 we began meeting in an Assembly of God building at 1810 Appleton lane, Louisville, KY. We have 20-25 people attending the worship service.

Preaching is provided by Gary, Tre, and other members of the Louisville commission namely David Hanson and Phillip McCullum. After worship we meet for prayer and a time of food and fellowship. We also have had other Pastors from the RPCNA provide pulpit supply.

Outreach-We have conducted door to door outreach efforts. We have one lady from the effort who began visiting and is now a member of the Columbus Church. The Columbus church currently holds the membership of those attending in Louisville and want to be members of the church. We have 8 communicant and 2 baptized non communicant members of the church from Louisville.

We have also held other outreach events in different outdoor parks. We have held two outdoor Psalm sings and cook outs, where we had several visitors attend and heard Tre Cranford preach the gospel.

We also held a cookout with gospel conversations where we cooked food for people at a park and as we gave out the food, we talked to people about Christ and his church.

We are currently meeting for Wednesday night Bible study in the same building where Tre Cranford, student under care of presbytery is conducting the study. We have 10-12 people attending this Bible study. Of our original 4 core families, only one remains (Tre Cranford, wife and daughter). The other three families have moved out of state. We have a good state of fellowship amongst the people and the people are committed to planting an RPCNA church in Louisville.

Tre Cranford has played a huge role in this work. He lives in Louisville and ministers to many people on a daily basis. He is currently a student under care of the GLGP. He has passed his first four exams and is currently working on his "church history" paper for his next exam. Once this is done, he will be eligible to be licensed to preach.

Gary McNamee has served as the "Resident in Training" since June of 2019. He has been involved in shepherding, discipling, preaching and outreach. He has as of 11/6/2020 passed his ordination exams with the MWP. He has taken a call to the Grace Reformed Church, Columbia, MO.

**First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Durham**

The Durham congregation has made a request for RIT grant for Drew Poplin. Drew is a man who has attended the Durham church and is a graduate from Southeastern Baptist Seminary and has a MDiv. The plan is to take Drew under care in the spring meeting of 2021. Drew would have been taken under care already but due to the Covid-19 break out the schedules have been changed and this delayed the meetings in which that would have happened.

**RIT – [Request pending for First Reformed Presbyterian Church Durham, Drew Poplin]**

**Men for the Ministry:** Eligible for a call - Donald Cassell, Frank Schutz  
Students under care: Joe Smith, Allen Blackwood, Aaron Murray,  
Zachary Blackwood, Tre Cranford, Jon Sturm,  
Andrew Battiato

**Vacant Congregations:** Selma, AL; Christ's Church, Indianapolis, IN;  
Westminster, Chicago, IL

Respectfully Submitted,  
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