

Armenian Reformed Bible Church



One of the best ways of summarizing ARBC's mission and vision is to answer the question, "**Who Are We?**" And the answer is found in our name.

We are Armenian – Outside of Armenia itself, the 30 mile radius we are in here in Glendale-Burbank consists of the largest population of Armenians in the entire world.

Thus our mission of worshiping God, preaching and proclaiming the Word and edifying the body of believers, and taking the Gospel of Christ to a lost world, has a special focus on the local Armenian community, and of course Armenians worldwide, through internet, TV and various outreach ministries.

We are Reformed – We embrace the system of theology known as the "doctrines of grace." We believe that the greatest fidelity to the Scriptures is found in the Reformation perspective, recovered during the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century, sovereignly orchestrated by God.

Reformed theology is God honoring and God-centered theology, displaying the unfathomable grace of God in the salvation of sinners deserving His wrath. God's glory alone is the goal and purpose of all.

We give thanks to the Lord for this honor and privilege of possibly being the first Reformed Armenian church.

We are a Bible believing church – As with the 16th century reformers, and those throughout the history of the church of Christ, we hold that the church gets its authority from the Bible. The Bible alone, being infallible and inerrant, is sufficient in all matters of faith and practice, and carries with it the ultimate and intrinsic authority of God.

The birth of ARBC stemmed from the illuminating work of the Holy Spirit, as the church leadership was systematically exposed to the biblical doctrines of grace, eventually grasping and joyfully embracing these teachings – especially the decree and providence of God, His absolute sovereignty in all things, including the election and regeneration of spiritually dead people, and all according to His good pleasure and for the manifestation of His glory.

And by God's wonderful plan and providence, on October 31st 2010, that is, Reformation Sunday (certainly not something we had scheduled), the Lord gathered us and began a new ministry - the Armenian Reformed Bible Church, here in Burbank, CA.

And that is why we place such a great premium on the serious study, teaching and preaching of the Bible, where in addition to the weekly sermons, doctrines of the Bible are studied in the weekly Systematic Theology classes, from our adult class all the way to our elementary classes.

So what is the outcome of taking such a stance?

Persecution – It was the reformer Martin Luther who said, “Anytime the gospel is clearly and boldly proclaimed, it will bring about conflict.” We praise God even in our momentary afflictions, for Christ’s name is being proclaimed even more stridently. Christ Himself said, “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven ... rejoice and be glad.”

Blessings – An incomparably much greater outcome has been the abundant blessings of the Lord. As we have been worshiping the Lord in spirit and in truth, the congregation has been growing leaps and bounds, with a more accurate understanding of who their God is – His attributes, what He has promised and done; and who they were, and the darkness and corruption from which they were graciously saved; and the life they are now called to live in His Spirit, who has sealed them for glory.

The result is nothing short of joy, peace and a true hunger for deeper and more serious study of the

Word, individually and corporately. Praise God, it is a beautiful sight to behold.

Ministries – When God’s Word is faithfully and uncompromisingly proclaimed, God revives and reforms His church, and displays His majestic glory. God has lavishly blessed us with an abundance of ministries within our church; with dedicated and tireless brothers and sisters serving Him and His people, lovingly and selflessly. We have witnessed the unmistakable goodness, providence and leading of our Lord in all these ministries.

What’s our Vision, or Desire? As God has always called His people back to Him and His truth, so we desire, by the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, to continually reform ourselves, returning to His Word – individually, in our families, in our church, and in our communities.

As always, there is a tremendous need to reach the lost with the Gospel in the greater Armenian community and beyond; but also right now, in the midst of a hodge-podge of beliefs within the evangelical community, there is an urgent need for a new reformation within Armenian protestant churches, a returning to the great foundational doctrines of Christianity. And it’s our privilege and desire to play a part in that reformation, preserving and proclaiming the truth for our and future generations.

If we had to sum up what is going on at ARBC in one sentence, we would be accurate in saying that, “We have been blessed by God beyond our wildest imagination.”

Invitation – We extend a warm welcome to all who are looking for a place where God is worshiped in spirit and in truth; where the Word of God is honored and studied seriously; where the family of God is built up, serving one another joyfully, and reaching people in the world with the life giving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

“For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen” – Romans 11:36.

Soli Deo Gloria