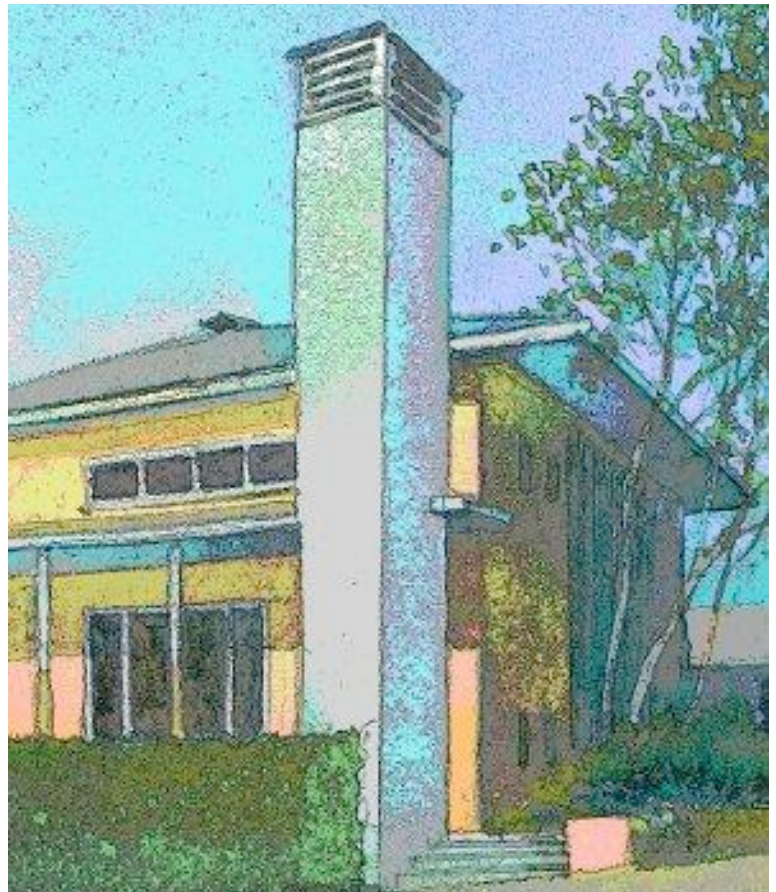




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What's Your Perspective? Is it God's?

Psalm singers should be very interested in world evangelization because the psalms are filled with the call for nations to praise God. Consider Psalm 67:5, "Let the peoples praise you O God; let all the nations praise you!" Or how about Psalm 117:1, "Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!" There are of course numerous other examples throughout the Psalter.

Here at the LA Church we have begun a course of study called, "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement" which teaches the biblical, historical, cultural, and practical aspects of doing missions. There are roughly 25 people from a

variety of church backgrounds that are meeting at the church building every Monday night for 16 weeks for lectures from missiologists, missionaries, and others involved in world evangelization.

What is exciting about this program is that covenant theology is taught and shown as the basis for God's global purpose. Authors such as John Stott, John Piper, and other Christian thinkers are incorporated into the course-work.

Many have described the Perspectives course as "dangerous" because working through this material will reveal God's heart for the nations as well as encourage those who are

participating to become a part of what we call "the Great Commission." It is the desire of the LA RPC to be involved in the training, equipping, and sending of saints into the vineyard, and Perspectives is one other way that greater vision is taking place in our congregation.

Heather Huizing is the LA RPC Perspectives co-ordinator and would be happy to share more about this program and how you could be a part of it in the future. Visit www.perspectives.org for a look at the national program. You can search for the LA course from that site.

LA RPC East

This month two of our families moved from Los Angeles to begin studies at The Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA.

Gil and Eva Garcia, along with their young children, Emiliano and Valentina, moved at the beginning of September just in time for Gil to begin classes at RPTS as an incoming

first year student. Gil has had some seminary training at Westminster Theological Seminary in Escondido, CA, before becoming members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Eva, a medical doctor by profession, will be seeking a residency in one of the many hospitals in the Pittsburgh area.

We ask that you pray for the Garcia family as this new chapter in their life begins. Gil is a student under care of the Pacific Coast Presbytery, and we look forward to seeing how God will use him in ministry (hopefully here on the West Coast). Gil has reported that studies are going well and that he

completing his August doctoral studies at RPTS!

Namsik is a student under care of the Pacific Coast Presbytery and has a heart for planting RP Churches in Korea upon completion of his studies. His wife Eun is a Master's of Theology student and is emphasizing biblical counseling in her studies. This will prove to be helpful as she comes along side her husband in pastoral work.

It has been many years since the LA Church has had students at the seminary. We would ask that you would remember these two families in prayer and support them through your love and supplication. This marks a new chapter in the life of our congregation and we look forward to seeing God prosper these families with Gospel blessings as they submit to the will of the Lord Jesus Christ.



is being challenged by the many great classes that he has this semester.

Namsik and Eun (Kim) Yang have also started classes at the seminary this semester. They drove across the US and stayed with many RP families on their journey, arriving just in time for Pastor Eshelman to welcome them as he was



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Family Visitations

Now that Fall is upon us the Session has begun a new round of family visitations. Family visitation is an important time in the life of a congregation as the “house to house” ministry is accomplished.

The Session believes that this is an important aspect of the ministry of the church because it gives the Session an opportunity, in a structured way, to come into the homes of our members and minister in the name of Jesus Christ.

Just as the days of doctors doing home visits is a thing of the past, the home visit from the elders is becoming a thing of the past in many churches in our land. We do not want to fall prey to the spirit of the age, but instead desire to be active in the lives of our members, friends, and adherents.

Out *Directory for Church Government* says that, “A particular responsibility of the Session is to care for the spiritual interest of the congregation and of each member... It shall be

responsible for the visitation of the people of the congregation.” (4.8) What should you expect from your family visitation? You should expect that two or more of the elders come to your home at a time that you arrange with Elder

situation, and pray with you. You can also expect questions concerning your spiritual health, your private and/or family worship, your relationship with others in your home and in the congregation, as well give other encouragements in your walk with Christ that may come up.

Please see Elder Pino on one of the coming Lord’s Days to set up your time for family visitation. The Session would like to complete all of the visits before winter and are making good progress towards getting those scheduled and accomplished.

Also, remember to lift up your elders in prayer as they minister from house to house. Ask that Jesus would strengthen them for work of ministry; give them the right words and texts to share with our families; and above all not to cease teaching and preaching Jesus Christ! This is truly our desire- to bring Christ into the homes and lives of each of our members.

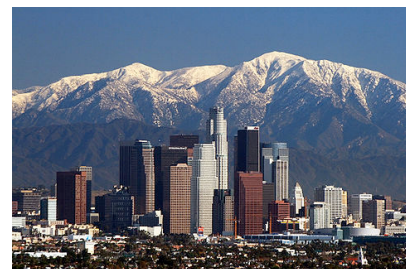
“ And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.”
Acts 5:42

Pino. The elders will read a passage of Scripture, explain how the text relates your particular

Home Fellowship

How can a congregation of under 100 members minister within a parish of 12 million people? Home Fellowships are an important aspect of that ministry. With the desire to be a “daughtering congregation” the Session has set up four home fellowships for prayer, praise, fellowship, and community. Currently we are meeting in: The Valley, Northeast LA, South LA, and Orange County. Our hope is that these home fellowships will be a way for members and friends to introduce their family and friends to the ministry of the LA Church. They are also an opportunity for “the communion of the saints” to be

realized. If you are not currently in a midweek home fellowship and would like to be, please talk to Pastor Eshelman or one of the elders. Imagine that if these home fellowships grow under the blessing of the Spirit, the LA congregation could begin daughtering within a few years. Now is the time to become a part of this cutting edge vision.





From the Study

A new series in the afternoon has begun on the **Doctrine of Christ or Christology**. This series is a look into the Confessions and Catechisms of our church concerning the person and work of Jesus Christ. Christology is central to the life of the Christian Church because it affects our worship and our understanding of salvation. Pastor Eshelman recently recommended a number of books on Christology that are among his favorites. Check out these titles (or order them through Ocean View Books, Etc.) if you would like to have them in your personal library. Pastor

Eshelman may lend you one if it interests you:

- John Owen, *Meditations and Discourses on the Glory of Christ*.
- R. J. K Law, *The Glory of Christ* (modernized Owen).
- James Durham, *Christ Crucified*.
- William Symington, *Messiah the Prince and The Atonement & Intercession of Jesus Christ*.
- Isaac Ambrose, *Looking Unto Jesus*.
- F. W. Krummacher, *The Suffering Saviour*.
- B.B. Warfield, *The Person and Work of Christ*.

Happy reading! Isn't it great that though dead, they still speak?

Looking Ahead...

There are many exciting ministry opportunities & events at the Los Angeles Reformed Presbyterian Church that we would like you to keep in prayer:

- John Chaney will begin leading a study on the Epistles of 1 and 2 Peter during the adult Sabbath School hour beginning in October.
- A woman's Bible Study on the Epistle of James is meeting between services on the 2nd and 4th Lord's Day of each month.
- Afternoon worship services are now being conducted weekly.
- Church work day on Nov. 5 followed by a chili cook-off and Fall fun at the church.
- The 2nd annual Pacific Coast Winter Youth Conference will be hosted here in late December.



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