

# ROBERTSVILLE BIBLE CHURCH

## October 31, 2021 - Reformation Day

Thank you for being a part of our service today. We trust that you will receive a blessing from being with us and hearing a message from the Word of God. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

### MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE (Please use this time to quietly prepare your heart for worship)

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #410 Standing on the Promises

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:41-47

#### OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #401 The Church's One Foundation

HYMN #343 Amazing Grace  
(Children - ages 9 to 12 - will be dismissed to Junior Church.)

HYMN #727 Faith Is the Victory

BIBLE MESSAGE Pastor Ernie Brodie, Jr.

HYMN #151 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

#### CLOSING PRAYER

The following programs are available during the Morning Worship Service:

*Nursery - Newborns to Age 2*  
*Children's Church - Ages 3 to 8*  
*Junior Church - Ages 9 to 12*

### Announcements

**Nominations for 2022** are for the following positions: Deacon, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Annual Delegate. Nomination forms are on the table in the foyer. All written nominations are due **today** and should be given to a member of the Nominating Committee.

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### Announcements (Continued)

**Christmas Gift for Our Missionaries** - We will be sending a special Christmas gift to our missionaries. If you have been saving your change, the cans need to be turned in by **Sunday, November 14**. Dollar bills and checks should be placed in an offering envelope, designated: "Missionaries' Christmas Gift," and placed in the offering plate by **November 14**.

**Prayer Meeting** - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

### **The Reformation** **Rev. Dr. Ernest Brodie, Jr.**

Here is a summation of the Reformation on the anniversary of Martin Luther's nailing of The Ninety-five Theses (October 31, 1517) to the church door at Wittenberg, Germany. The Reformation profoundly changed history and yet few are aware of its impact. It was a 16th century movement in Christendom that purged the church of abuses and doctrinal errors and returned to the teachings of the Bible.

All of the early reformers were educated in the Catholic Church and served as priests. All of the reformers were transformed by reading the Word of God. The availability of Bibles was scarce before the Reformation. The average person could not read. Bibles were copied by hand. The process often took up to seven years to complete one Bible. Only the cathedrals were able to afford a copy of the Bible, which would be chained in place. Furthermore, these copies were often written in Latin or Greek, and few could read these languages.

Men emerged who spoke out against the ills of the church, even though this may mean death. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his grievances, The Ninety-five Theses, to a church door. As Luther read the scriptures, he came under conviction that all were lost in sin (Romans 3:23). He knew that the punishment for sin was eternity in hell (Romans 6:23). He also came to the conclusion, that no matter how hard he worked to please God on his own by doing good or suffering to rid himself of sin, he failed. Luther realized that salvation was a work of God's grace, not man's ability (Galatians 3:11).

### **Doctrinal Unity of the Reformers:**

**Scripture Alone** (Sola Scriptura) - The Reformers all agreed that the Bible would be their sole source for faith and practice. They believed the Bible was God's revelation to mankind, was inspired by God, and was authoritative.

**Christ Alone** (Solo Christo) - The Reformers clearly understood that salvation came through Christ and Christ alone (Acts 4:12).

**Grace Alone** (Solo Gratia) - The Reformers came to the realization that salvation was based on God's grace or unmerited favor (Ephesians 2:8-9).

**Faith Alone** (Solo Fide) - The Reformers believed that salvation was appropriated by faith alone.

**Glorify to God Alone** (Soli Deo Gloria) - The foundational truth that these Reformers believed in was that all related to the glory of God.