

# *Semper Reformanda*

## What's New:

**Reformation Academy, Inc.** has been officially established as a Florida non-profit corporation.

We've obtained our EIN from the IRS for tax purposes and opened a checking account.

### **ReformationAcademy.com**

& .net & .org are reserved but not yet online.

We have a Facebook Page.

We made application to the IRS for 501(c)(3) status in December. This provides for full tax deductibility of contributions to Reformation Academy, Inc.

## Leadership Team:

Reformation Academy is directed by our Board of Directors as a non-profit corporation without stockholders. We have 3 Corporate Officers who are also our 3 Directors:

President: Jimmy Norman

Secretary: Ron Brightwell

Treasurer: Matt Ferro

## What is Reformation Academy?

We are a not-for-profit para-church entity designed to compliment the local church by offering something 'between Sunday School and seminary.'

God has revealed Himself through nature, conscience & especially in Scripture so that we may know God as He would have us to know Him and that we may know who we are relative to God. This wholistic understanding of systematic theology from logic, philosophy and especially from Scripture is sadly lacking in much of the visible church of today in America. We hope to provide resources that will allow those of us who may choose to humbly seek the true God of creation and redemption to gain knowledge of God and peace with God.

## Our Motto:

*Semper Reformanda*

Meaning: Always Reforming

Semper Reformanda (Latin) was a motto of the Reformation of the 1500s which intended to reform the church back to to Biblical truth especially as revealed by Jesus Christ and outlined by the Apostle Paul. This is necessary now, as then, because individuals and institutions often err and need to reform back to foundational truth.

## Reformation Concept: The 5 Solas

**Sola Scriptura** - - Scripture alone is the highest authority.

**Solus Christus** - - Salvation is by Jesus Christ alone.

**Sola Gratia** - - Salvation is by grace alone, a gift from God.

**Sola Fide** - - Salvation is by faith (given from God) alone.

**Soli Deo Gloria** - - Salvation is to the glory of God alone.

## Residential Programs

Our core mission is to facilitate self-directed Biblical learning and the application of spiritual truth.

Residential stays are in 1 week increments with communal meals as a means of true Christian fellowship.

As part of the registration process we will attempt to find each guest's specific need or interest so we can provide customized recommendations for study and follow-up discussions. For those with no known specific need or interest, a general theme will be given for each week.

## Outline of one of our 19 weeks of study:

### Essential Christian Doctrines

#### Monday

What are the key doctrines that are critical to the Christian faith?  
What are the doctrines that we can agree to disagree on?

#### Tuesday

Creation, Sin & Guilt

#### Wednesday

Christ as one's only hope of fixing the sin & guilt problem

#### Thursday

Life after death

#### Friday

Review of what is essential and what is desired but not essential.  
Heresy vs Error, Gray area,  
Understanding terms

## Volunteers Needed!

We currently need volunteer help with:

Fundraising  
Library cataloging  
Social Media  
Website development  
Real Estate Acquisition  
Publicity  
Public Speaking  
Administration  
Planning  
& More

Once we acquire a facility we'll also need help with:

Hospitality  
Instruction  
Maintenance & Repairs

Please let us know how you would like to be a part of this ministry.

Contact:

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## Library Update

We have about:

\_\_\_\_\_ Bibles,  
\_\_\_\_\_ hardback books,  
\_\_\_\_\_ paperback books &  
\_\_\_\_\_ booklets.

We have about:

\_\_\_\_\_ DVDs:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Movies,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Documentaries,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Biographies &  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lecture sets consisting of  
\_\_\_\_\_ DVDs that include  
\_\_\_\_\_ individual lectures.

## One of the reasons Reformation Academy was created:

I was for decades an immature Christian seeking comfort in the fire insurance policy I thought I purchased with my faith. Testing my beliefs was stressful so I didn't. Stumbling into an understanding of reformed theology amazed me. The questions were stressful, but the revelations of truth gave me a freedom and peace where previously I had only a degree of presumptive certainty. The truth of God, beyond a shallow understanding of Christ's redemptive work, progressively gave me more than I thought possible in this life. I want to see Brothers & Sisters in Christ learning, sharing & applying truth with each other for our mutual benefit and ultimately for the glory of God, our redeemer. - Jimmy Norman

## Our Theology

The Bible is our complete authority! Truth (even beyond the essentials of the Gospel) should be universally sought after, agreed upon and applied. We share, teach, discuss & compare various doctrines. We strive to aid in knowledge of and application of Scripture to areas of life in which Christians confront serious challenges from our culture: Education, Worship, Evolution, Politics, Church Government & Discipline, etc.

## Financial Update

We need help! Pray that we're able to sell some real estate to fund the purchase of a facility. We need help with short term liquidity as well with ongoing financial needs. We believe God will provide if we do our part.

## Our Mission Statement

We want to aid our guests in sanctification by encouraging humble submission to the one true God as revealed in His Scriptures.

## Nugget of the Month

God is God and He does as He pleases. See Ps. 115:3 & 135:6 & Dan. 4:34-35

## Truth Principles

There is only one truth.

Contradictory notions require that at least one of the notions is not true.

Truth is not dependent on belief.

Belief does not create truth.

## President's Corner:

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The purpose of the church is to worship God, spread the gospel and make disciples. Corporate worship and sharing the gospel come easier to many churches than discipleship. Making true disciples is not easy or automatic but we are called to do it.

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