

**Membership Class**  
 Session 1: History and Framing Beliefs

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**A Brief History of RBC Nashville**

- Desires for a RB church - 4 original families
- First Lord's Day at the Inn at Opryland (August 2nd, 1998)
  - A rough but sweet start
  - Gambill's relocation Summer of 1999
- Constitution of RBCN - April 22, 2000
- Courtyard Marriott (1998-2000)
  - The Ear Foundation (2000-2002)
    - PCA house on Edmondson (2002-2004)
      - The Embassy Center (2004-2018)
        - JECA (2018-?)

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**Framing Beliefs - Evangelical/Orthodox**

- **Essential** biblical and historical teachings of the Christian Church through the ages.
  - Includes the Trinity, deity of Christ, incarnation, substitutionary atonement, the historical bodily resurrection of Jesus from the dead, the 2nd coming of Jesus, the inspiration and authority of Scripture, etc. (Apostles' Creed)
- Desire to discern, appreciate, and learn from our brothers and sisters of **other church traditions**

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### Framing Beliefs - Missional

- Equipping **every believer** as a prophet, priest, and king in their particular callings and communities to reach our world with the Gospel of Christ
- Taking the unchanging principles of **God's word** and manifesting them within **cultural** particularities that are not in conflict with the Scriptures
- Lived out in **community**, not in isolation.
- All full-time missionaries in the Kingdom with gifts of the Spirit to serve.
- No **secular/sacred divide**, but "every square inch" and "Your Kingdom come."

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### Framing Beliefs - Reformed

- The **Protestant Reformation** begun in 1500's. Streams of Lutheranism and Reformed church influenced by Calvin.
- 5 Solas** - Scripture alone, grace alone, faith alone, Christ alone, to God's glory alone.
- The "**doctrines of grace**" or 5 Points of Calvinism
- Reformed Theology** - two streams with particular emphasis on soteriology (Scottish) and as worldview (Dutch). Strengths and weaknesses of each (pioneering and culture building).
- Reformed** (in the historical sense) and **always reforming** (in more accurate knowledge and application of the Word of God towards personal transformation)

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### Framing Beliefs - Baptist(ic)

- A believing and repenting church membership.
- Looking for the knowledge and fruit of the Gospel, whether seedling or oak tree.
- Not paedo-Baptist (in contrast to other Reformed churches); our allowance for membership of those with such convictions.

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