

- Family

- 5 kids (3 adult, 2 at home). All have participated in the Benicia church plant to some degree. All doing well.
- One daughter is married
- One son is in the Marines
- 22-year-old daughter is in Paris, France for a year beginning in September, working as a nanny.
- Senior in High School
- 8th grader.
- Ryan is working part time as president of Cornerstone Bible College and Seminary, part time as an engineer for T. Y. Lin Engineering, and part time as pastor of Trinity Bible Church in Benicia.

- Ministry

- Trinity Church of Benicia just hired a church planting resident (or intern), Jason Hunt, to begin November 1. He is halfway through his studies at Cornerstone. He is married to Christin with 3 kids. He is being assessed with Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) just like Ryan was. The goal is to have him with Ryan at Trinity for 2 years until he finishes Cornerstone, and then send him to plant a new church or replant a local SBC church (there are 65 SBC churches in the north bay region, most of whom are very small and elderly, e.g., 1st Baptist of Calistoga is down to 2 people – the pastor and a 90-year-old lady).
- Jason will lead music at Trinity. He has a bachelor's degree in music. Jake Swartz, the missionary to Russia who was in the U.S. because of the Russia/Ukraine war and led music at Trinity for Ryan, went back to Russia the beginning of August.
- Jason can also take on some of the outreach activities that Ryan has envisioned but hasn't had time to implement (e.g., participate in Benicia's First/Main Street events encouraging pedestrians visiting downtown).
- No regular newsletter. No social media presence.
- It will be a little stretch for the church budget to absorb Jake's salary, so Ryan may need to recruit additional support for the church plant. The church budget was doing well and almost ready to take on Ryan full time, but instead decided to bring Jason on to help Ryan.
- Church attendance averages 50 to 60 people. October will add 3 new members, making a total of 23 members for the church. There is the good problem of potentially outgrowing the space at the current meeting place in about 6 months, so there may be a need to find a larger place. They have started to look for other places now.
- Ryan is continuing to meet with other pastors in the area. Looking for ways to partner with other local churches in ministries of mercy.
- June began a mid-week gathering of the whole church at Ryan's house on Wednesday evenings. The gathering focuses on teaching the church's distinctives, laying the foundation for unity as the church grows.
- No adult Sunday School classes.
- Children's ministry for all ages.
- Men's breakfast 2nd Saturday of each month.
- Women are meeting for a study on Fridays.
- Ryan is promoting informal hospitality in peoples own homes as an important ministry of and for the church, to the church and to neighbors. He is pleased that there are a lot of those informal meetings taking place, although actually measuring that activity is difficult.
- There are a lot of teenagers in the church, but currently leveraging Community Bible Church's youth group. Something may get started next year and there is a man in the church who has a burden for high school and college age ministry. There will at least be occasional events for this age group.
- Jason will probably become an elder early next year. Ryan has challenged the man interested in youth to consider the path to eldership.
- Ryan's dad is the only deacon so far (he was a deacon at Community Bible Church, Vallejo, for 40 years. He has been tasked to find additional deacons.
- Jason will be the guinea pig for leadership development. Ryan sees a constant flow of Cornerstone interns coming through Trinity on their way to pastor churches in the north bay SBC region.
- 4pm meeting is a challenge for growing the church.

- Financial picture for Rippee's is good. His engineering job pays well. Long term plan is to be "full-time" at Cornerstone along with also pastoring the church, leaving the engineering job behind, using the extra funds to support the ongoing internship program.
- If Benicia grows to 100 people within the next year, they might be self-supporting then. There were 8 churches supporting Rippee's this year. Next year expecting only 4 of those to support him. There is likely a new church that will commit to \$1,000/month next year, and there is a possibility of a \$30,000/year grant for 5 years starting next year.
- Ryan is getting active in the local Baptist association. He is speaking at their annual meeting in October. Ryan is considering getting on the association's board. It may be possible to funnel Cornerstone graduates into revitalizing these 65 small and elderly churches over time.
- Cornerstone Seminary is going well. There are new students. The current quarter is going well. There is good partnership with the churches that support the seminary.
- Prayer Items
 - Pray for Jason and Christin Hunt, that they would quickly build great relationships within the congregation, that Jason would have wisdom in encouraging and leading ministries with the church, and that the plan to equip him and then send him to a new church in two years would work well and establish a good pattern for Trinity Bible Church to become a sending church.
 - Potential meeting space for when Trinity Bible Church grows. Ryan would like to avoid multiple services, as well as multiple locations (i.e., satellite campuses). He would also like to avoid setup and teardown weekly activities. So ideally, there will be a larger space found.
 - For the church congregation to be an effective witness and outreach in the community. 4pm on a Sunday is a challenge for gathering non-Christians to visit the church.
 - For Rippee family
 - For growing leadership in the church.
 - For someone to manage a social media presence for the church.