

JOINING THE HARVEST: PRAYER NEWSLETTER FOR PMA RHM

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"Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all." (2 Thess. 3:16)



Eastern Shore, VA- Bible Study and Outreach: Please continue to pray for our brethren on the Eastern Shore (Exmore, VA area, see pic below) as we continue to explore planting an OPC congregation there. Pray for the 5 families who are weekly attending our Bible study on Ephesians, our vigorous outreach attempts, evangelism, and connecting with those interested in this area. Praise God for our prayer and devotional meeting together last Labor Day weekend (see pic to left). Please join us in continuing to pray to our faithful God for wisdom and direction as we consider this wonderful opportunity.

Pray for spiritual success in the invitations, radio spots (the "Farmer Theologian Broadcast"), generous hospitality, and outreach efforts of Paul Gebel, Will Sloan and the group (see us planning together in pic at right). Pray for Pastor William Sloan who is being cared for and mentored by the PMA who hopes to be licensed next Summer 2023 as a church planter in the OPC. **Any Contacts?** If you know of anyone near the Melfa/Exmore area (Zip Code 23410) who might be interested, please contact me with their information.



PRAISE AND PRAYERS- Mission Works of the Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic



Acacia Reformed, Manassas, VA [www.arcopc.org]: Please pray that our Lord would continue to use the faithful ministry of Word and Sacrament to build up and mature this thriving congregation (see partial group pic at left). Pray for encouragement and edification from the [Philippians sermon series](#). Pray for church planter John Paul Holloway and his young family. Thanks be to God for the many visitors, the generous giving, and for the faithful men who are going through elder training. In God's good time, may this congregation move closer to particularization.

Word of Life,

Howard County, MD- Dr. Peter Lee

[www.wordoflifemd.com]: Praise God that Word of Life celebrated its one-year anniversary on September 18th. Pray for encouragement and edification from the sermon series on [Five Books of Moses](#). Pray that our God would grant His blessing of continued unity,



growth in grace and

numbers, wisdom for provisional session, and rejoice that members have been received recently. Pray that our God would grant encouragement to Pastor Peter and his family, and wisdom to our overseeing session in shepherding this beloved young congregation (Pastor Peter Lee, Elder Bob Trombadore, and RHM Charles Biggs, see pic at left).

RHM-RECENT & UPCOMING MINISTRY: Since January 2022, we are grateful to have visited most of all our congregations in the Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic to minister God's word and to encourage doing and supporting home missions, especially through faithful, personal, purposeful evangelism. Pray for the many folks we have been able to evangelize, pray for, and make contacts with



over the past few months. Pray for an evangelism conference we are planning for April 2023 (**April 22, 2023- Save the Date!**). I'm thankful that my beloved Margaret and I celebrated 31 years of marriage in Christ and our God's faithfulness to us and our family! Pray Romans 15:29 as "Biggs Team RHM" continue to visit congregations with the "fullness of the blessing of Christ"! Pray for upcoming opportunities to minister God's Word, to evangelize, to welcome, to present RHM work to our congregations in PMA. Pray for Holy Spirit wrought zeal for congregations and individuals in the Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic to have eyes to see compassionately the lost as "helpless and harassed" without a shepherd, that we would pray earnestly for the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers (us!), and that we would go obediently and joyfully in our Master's love and power (Matt. 9:35ff; 28:18-20).



Recent and Upcoming RHM Scheduled Events: Ministry of Word/Teaching/Evangelism/Outreach

- Word of Life Mission Work- 5/1/22; 7/3/22; 8/28/22 (see pic pg. 1)
- Acacia Reformed Mission Work- 5/15, 22; 7/24/22; 11/27/22 (see group pic, pg. 1)
- Eastern Shore, VA- Exploratory Informational/Devotional Church Plant Meetings- 7/1/22; 9/2/22; 10/19-20/22; 11/29-12/1/22 (see pics, pg.1)
- Short Pump Mission Work, Richmond VA- 6/19/22; 7/10/22; 8/14/22; 8/21/22; 9/11/22; 9/18/22; 10/9/22; 10/16/22; 11/13/22; 11/20/22; 12/11/22 (see pics below)
- Grace & Peace OPC, California, MD- 7/31/22
- Knox OPC, Silver Spring, MD- 8/7/22 (AM Service)
- Grace OPC, Vienna, VA- 8/7/22 (PM Service)
- Presbytery of Mid Atlantic Meeting- 9/17/22- RHM Report
- Ketocin Covenant OPC, Purcellville, VA- 9/18/22
- Staunton OPC, Staunton, VA- 9/25/22
- Living Hope, Clarksville, MD- 9/23/22; 10/2/22
- Inglesia Bautista Templo, Herndon, VA- Reformation Day Preaching- 10/30/22
- CHEX Conference (Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension Conference), Orlando, FL-11/1-11/5/22
- Presbytery of Mid Atlantic Meeting- 12/3/22- RHM Report
- December 15-31- RHM Study Leave and Biggs Team RHM Vacation



Short Pump OPC Mission (West Richmond, VA area): Our bible study in Short Pump is now a mission work and we plan to begin worship services this October (west Richmond, VA; see group pic with visitors to left)! This congregation is a gospel partnership with the Presbytery of the Southeast, and by God's grace, it continues to thrive. I am grateful to serve on Knox OPC's overseeing commission (Mechanicsville, VA). Give thanks for unity, joy, and gracious hospitality! Give thanks for our church building to meet and pray. **PRAY:** Pray

that our God would continue to knit the hearts of the saints together through the Word of God and fellowship, to grow in grace and numbers, and to be a welcoming, hospitable place for those in this area who are looking for a faithful Reformed congregation, and for sinners seeking a Savior. Pray for wisdom for a good church name for this area.



Thank you for your faithful praying!! Promise: *Our Father who sees in secret will reward you* (Matt. 6:6; Phil. 1:9-11; Romans 15:29; 1 Thess. 5:17). ***ASK*: Ask, Seek, Knock...We run on prayers and promises as God's servants!**

Our Vision: *Prayerfully and passionately joining the harvest through a Christ-saturated, Spirit filled ministry of serving, declaring, orienting, and encouraging God's people to do, as well as to support home missions in the PMA of the OPC for the glory of God and the extension of Christ's kingdom.*