



PRAYER NEWSLETTER FOR REGIONAL HOME MISSIONARY PRESBYTERY OF MID ATLANTIC

February 2023 “And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those sanctified” – Acts 20:32

Regional Home Missionary: www.joiningtheharvest.org : For 2023, please pray for open doors and new contacts for church planting. Pray for our upcoming **Evangelism and Church Planting Conference** that is planned for all the members of our congregations on **Saturday, April 22, 2023**- RSVP now at email or on Facebook: www.tinyurl.com/opcmisions ! Please continue to pray for the folks we have been able to evangelize, pray for, disciple, and to make contacts with over the past few months. Pray in the new year as Biggs Team RHM travel together that we would continue to be joyful, unified, safe, and come with the “fullness of the blessing of Christ” (Rom. 15:29).



Acacia Reformed, Manassas, VA: www.arcopc.org : Praise the Lord for His faithfulness and blessing for one full year of meeting for public worship! For 2023, please pray that the Lord would be pleased to grow and bless Acacia Reformed with unity, joy, and zeal in evangelism and that that He would be pleased to call at least two unbelievers to faith in Christ through our church.

Word of Life, Howard County, MD: www.wordoflifemd.com : For 2023, please join us in giving thanks for the steady hand of God at work among the saints of Word of Life. Pray for the congregation as we pray and fast for wisdom for our next stage of ministry-life. Please pray for wisdom for overseeing session as we continue to shepherd these maturing saints, and as Pastor Peter continues to faithfully minister Word and Sacrament as our stated supply of this work.



Eastern Shore, VA- Bible Study: www.joiningtheharvest.org/developing-fields : Praise God that our Eastern Shore Bible study is now formally a mission work of the OPC per the unanimous recognition of this work by the Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic. Praise the LORD that we have about 8-10 families committed to this work! Please pray for the families who are weekly attending our Bible study on Ephesians, and as we add a Sunday evening time of fellowship and devotion, and begin worship services at the end of February. Continue to pray for our vigorous outreach attempts, evangelism, and connecting with those interested in this area. For 2023, please pray for Will Sloan as he teaches and prepares for licensure exams in the PMA next Spring 2023 and for him to serve as a church planter, Lord

willing. Pray for wisdom for the overseeing session as we go forward to phase 2 of this work as a mission work of the OPC.

West Creek Presbyterian Church, Short Pump, VA:

www.westcreekopc.org : Praise God that our bible study that began in March 2022 is now a formal mission work and we have been enjoying worship together each Lord's Day. Praise God for our new website! Pray for the power and blessing of the Holy Spirit in the preaching and administering of the Lord's Supper. Pray for continued growth in unity, grace, and numbers. Pray for Elder John Waddill and the overseeing session of this work, as well as Lacy Andrews (RHM, PSE) and Charles Biggs (RHM, PMA) as we minister God's Word and Sacrament to this growing group of saints.



A promotional poster for the "2023 EVANGELISM & CHURCH PLANTING CONFERENCE". The poster features the "Joining the HARVEST PRESENTS" logo at the top. Below the title, it lists several speakers and their topics: John Shaw - Evangelism & Its Importance in the OPC; Phil Proctor & John Paul Holloway - The Blessings of Daughtering Churches; Charles Biggs - Ten Principles of Evangelism to Memorize & Practice Daily; Steve Doe - Wisdom Learned from Personal Evangelism & Church Planting as an RHM; Andrew Miller - Evangelism & Church Planting; Ben Franks - Devotion. At the bottom, it states the date and location: "SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023, 9AM-1PM GRACE OPC, VIENNA, VA". A quote at the top reads: "There will be a time of fellowship & light finger food." The background of the poster shows a field of golden wheat.

PMA Home Missions Committee: Pray for ongoing faithful stewardship of existing mission works. For 2023, our hope for our PMA Home Missions is to see 1-2 church plants call church planters and 1 new mission work begin. Continue to pray with thanksgiving for our diligent committee chairman, Pastor Andrew Miller, and for the faithful members of our committee: Ken Barnes, Peter Lee, Jerry Malkus, Gerald Taylor, and Jim Van Dam. Pray for enduring grace and healing for Hikari Van Dam.

RHM GOALS FOR 2023: 1. To continue to support our primary PMA mission works and bible studies: Acacia Reformed, Word of Life, and the Eastern Shore. 2. To continue to minister the Gospel to saints at West Creek (Gospel partnership with PSE), Loudoun Classical School, and the Cottage School in my community. 3. To visit at least one congregation of the PMA once monthly to proclaim God's Word and to give an RHM presentation to stir up to prayer, evangelism, and to keep our congregations informed of what Jesus is doing in the larger church. 4. To attend many seminars, conferences, and General Assembly as RHM to serve, to teach, and to learn. 5. To come alongside congregations that would request help in evangelism training and outreach.



Thank you for your faithful praying for the Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic! Pray for encouragement and joy for our congregations, for the blessed power of the Spirit in the preaching of the Word, the administration of the Sacraments, in the prayers and sanctification of God's beloved people. Pray that we would have peace and be built up, walking in the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit, we would multiply! (Acts 9:31). May we have the joy and the zeal of the LORD as we evangelize and plant churches in this new year of 2023 (Zech. 4:6; 1 Cor. 2:4-5; Eph. 3:20-21, 6:18-20; 1 Thess. 1:5; Acts 1:8, 10:31)!

RHM 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 church planting and evangelism in the PMA of the OPC for the glory of God and the extension of Christ's kingdom.