



Joining the HARVEST

PRAYER NEWSLETTER FOR REGIONAL HOME MISSIONARY PRESBYTERY OF MID ATLANTIC – MARCH/APRIL 2023

“Be watchful. Stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love” -1 Cor. 16:13-14

Good Shepherd, Eastern Shore, VA: www.joiningtheharvest.org/developing-fields : Praise God that we enjoyed our first worship service and celebration of



the Lord’s Supper as an OP congregation on Lord’s Day, February 26! We are thankful to be receiving 4-5 new families into membership at our next worship service in April, and will have 3 baptisms, including an adult baptism of a new convert to Christ. Please pray for the families who are weekly attending our bible study and devotional service on Wednesdays and Sundays. Pray for Elder Dan Cooke and I as we have begun officer training for a few men at congregation. Pray for wisdom for our overseeing session as we continue to shepherd this flock, Andrew

Miller, Gerald Taylor, Daniel Cooke (PSE), and me. Continue to pray for our vigorous outreach attempts, evangelism, and connecting with those interested in this area. Please pray for Will Sloan as he teaches and prepares for licensure exams in the PMA soon in Spring 2023 and for him to serve as a church planter, Lord willing.

GOOD SHEPHERD

ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Acacia Reformed, Manassas, VA: www.arcopc.org : Please pray that the Lord would come in His power and mercy to this dear congregation and through them to Manassas, Virginia. *“Today is the Day of Salvation”* for Manassas, VA! (2 Cor. 6:2). Please continue to pray that the Lord would be pleased to grow and bless Acacia Reformed with unity, joy, and zeal in evangelism and that He would be pleased to call two unbelievers to faith in Christ through our church. Pray for the training of officers of this congregation.



Sunday SERVICE

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WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINS: 10:00AM

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Word of Life, Howard County, MD: www.wordoflifemd.com : Pray for the congregation as we



pray and fast for wisdom for our next stage of ministry-life. Pray specifically for these things: growth in numbers: pray for the Lord to add to our membership; growth in community: Pray for congregation to continue to be a loving community to each other as well as to others; growth in spiritual maturity: pray that we will continue to grow in our spiritual identity as disciples of Christ; pastoral leadership: pray for wisdom on how to move forward on our pastoral leadership situation (i.e. call a church planter? When?); future ministries: pray as we plan for future ministries of our church. 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.

West Creek Presbyterian Church, Short Pump, VA: www.westcreekopc.org : Praise God for the public reception of our two new members of congregation. 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.



PMA Home Missions Committee: Pray for ongoing faithful stewardship of existing mission works. Pray for us wisdom as we meet again in March, and as we begin to prepare to extend a call to Will Sloan as stated supply at Good Shepherd on Eastern Shore pending his completion of all licensure exams and approval by PMA. 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. Pray as we seek to make our Evangelism and Church Planting Conference the most useful it can be for our presbytery and others interested to the glory of God and for the good of His church! May the seeds planted at conference be watered, and cause our congregations to flourish in hope and joy and numbers.

Regional Home Missionary: www.joiningtheharvest.org : Please pray for continued favor in open doors and new contacts for church planting. Praise God for His kindness and faithfulness as we are in the process of welcoming and receiving New Covenant PCA in Abington, Maryland (<https://www.ncpres.org/>) as a new congregation of the OPC. 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 many folks we have been able to evangelize, pray for, and make contacts with over the past few months. Please continue to pray 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).



RHM Upcoming Ministry Opportunities: Regular Visits for Ministry at our Mission Works: Acacia Reformed, Word of Life, and Good Shepherd on the Eastern Shore; Regular Visits for Ministry in Congregations of the PMA; Regular Visits for Ministry at West Creek OPC (PSE); Regular Gospel Proclamation/Outreach at Cottage School-Berryville, VA; Evangelism and Church Planting Conference on April 22, 2023 (PMA); Grace OPC Youth Retreat- Camp Joy El, PA (*The Gospel as True Fairy Tale* - May 2023); General Assembly of the OPC- Palos Heights, IL (June 2023); Church Planters Conference (August 2023); Machen Retreat Family Camp- Machen Retreat and Conference Center, VA ([Learning to be a Church Planting and Evangelistic Family](#)

[Together in Christ](#) - September 2023); Regional Home Missionary and Church Planters Conference- Orlando, FL (November 2023).

RHM GOALS FOR 2023: Please pray that I will continue to fulfill my vision and specific goals for 2023. 1. To continue to support our primary PMA mission works and bible studies: Acacia Reformed, Word of Life, and Good Shepherd OPC. 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 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)! And remember the glorious news and hope we have in Christ: **While we glimpse God in His glory in the face of Jesus Christ now by faith through word and Spirit, we are going to see His full glory with glorified eyes of sight soon! Let us live to glorify and enjoy Him now in light of this glorious truth! Our Lord Jesus said: “Didn’t I tell you that you would see the glory of God if you just believed?!” Hallelujah!!** -John 1:18, 11:40, 17:24; 2 Cor. 3:18, 4:6.

Our 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.