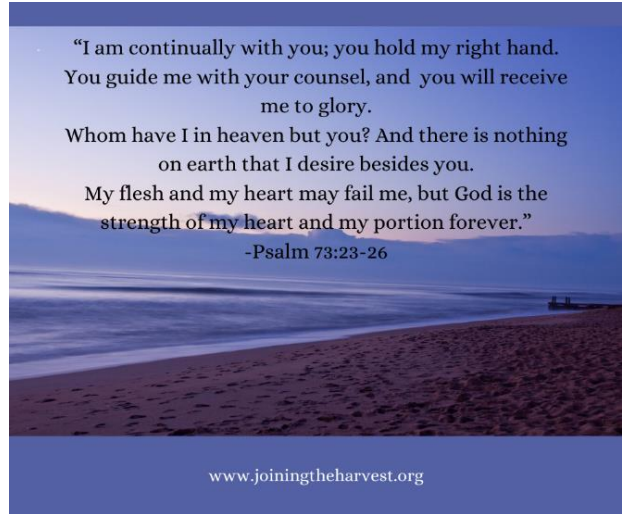


Regional Home Missionary (PMA) Prayer and Praise Newsletter- May/June 2025

Our Risen-Ascended-Enthroned Savior and covenantal friend continues to bless us with His presence and with faithful guidance. As the Psalmist says: ***"You are continually with me, you hold my right hand. You guide me according to your counsel, and afterwards you receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you, and what on earth do I desire but you? My flesh and my heart may fail me, but the Lord is the strength of my heart and my portion forever!"*** (Psalm 73:23-26). Let us be reminded of Christ's loving presence and wise guidance of us as we continue to seek His will and direction and favor in church planting in the PMA. Let us remember our hope in prayer that ***"He who promised is faithful"*** (Heb. 10:23). *"In every promise there are three things to be considered: the faithfulness of the Father, who gives the promise; the grace of the Son who is the content of the promise; and the power and efficacy of the Holy Spirit, who puts the promise into execution....Wherever we find a promise of God, we have this assistance: the faithfulness of the Father, the grace of the Son, and the power of the Spirit. All three are engaged for our preservation"* (John Owen, Works, VI:141-42).



Emmaus Presbyterian Church: At our May 2025 Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic meeting, Emmaus Presbyterian Church's petition was formally received by our church! Emmaus officers will be interviewed and examined by our Candidates and Credentials Committee, and the congregation will be interviewed by our Home Missions Committee over the summer. We are so very grateful to the session and saints of Bethel Presbyterian Church for their generosity, hospitality, and love in welcoming Emmaus to join them in the use of their building! After worship in March, we enjoyed a bountiful and encouraging time of fellowship with both congregations united together. What a foretaste of heaven, and to see the saints *"walking in love...and eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace!"* (Eph. 4:1-3).



Emmaus Presbyterian's 1st Worship Service Meeting at Bethel, Leesburg

Acacia Reformed OPC: Praise the LORD! Our Risen-Ascended-Enthroned Savior and Covenant Friend, the Lord Jesus, has brought this congregation to a place to be particularized/organized. On **Saturday, May 24 at 10 am** the Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic plans to meet to organize this congregation to the glory of the Triune God! (more below in our 'Spotlight' feature).

Word of Life OPC: Please pray for spiritual fruit, unity, and joy in new bible studies, fellowship times, prayer meetings, and pastoral counseling. Joyful response to God's grace through our whole-hearted obedience. Pray for much fruit from our outreach that we enjoyed on Friday, April 11 in Columbia, MD, at the Columbia Mall (see more below). Pray that Word of Life would be (truly) knit together as a spiritual body by the Holy Spirit and that we would continue to love Jesus with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

West Creek OPC: Praise the LORD that Devin Gaye was ordained and installed as church planter/organizing pastor of West Creek on **Friday, April 25th, 2025!** Please continue to pray for continued growth in grace and numbers. Pray for our church planter Devin Gaye and family (Megan, Sophie, James, and Emma) as they are moving to and getting settled in Richmond, VA, area.



Fellowship of Word of Life at RTS 30th Anniversary Dinner


Culpeper and Berryville, VA, Bible Studies: We are thankful to our Risen-Ascended-Enthroned Savior and friend for the privilege and opportunity of conducting our 2 Exploratory Bible Studies in Virginia: Culpeper and Berryville. Pray for seeds planted that our Father would cause to sprout and grow. Pray for our outreach plans for Summer and Fall 2025 in Berryville, VA.

Culpeper Bible Study: At our Culpeper Bible Study we are thankful to the LORD for much ministry that has been enjoyed over the past year. Ministry has happened! We began this exploratory bible study in January 2024 with a big turn out of interested saints at Elder Steven Mouring's home in Culpeper, VA. At one time, we had 7 families regularly participating (including our family). Since the beginning of this year (2025), we have had 3 families who are now unable to attend and participate regularly in God's good providence. Since January 2024, I have had the privilege as your RHM of traveling to Culpeper on the 1st and 3rd (and sometime 5th!) Tuesday evenings to shepherd and minister God's Word, to pray, and to counsel this dear group. I am thankful for doing the pre-marital counseling for a young couple from our study, and to be officiating their wedding in May 2025. However, we are down now to about 2 regular committed families. Over the last year we have had several who have told me that they were interested, but were unable to join us. I know that our God is faithful, and I know much ministry has happened in Culpeper, VA, over this past year, but we have decided to press the pause button on this study for now. As much as we



Culpeper Bible Study Saints, Fall 2024

Join us for the Culpeper Bible Study!
1st, 3rd, & 5th Tuesdays of Each Month / 6:30 pm - 8 pm
"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places..."
14222 Rixeyville Road,
Culpeper, Virginia 22701
www.joiningtheharvest.org
Contact OPC Regional Home Missionary
Charles R. Biggs: crbiggs@comcast.net



have sought to be faithful together over the past year, at this time, there just does not seem to be a strong seed group to continue to invest time and resources. We deeply love the 3 families that are still attending with the "affection of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 1:8), and our hearts are knit together in Christ in our fellowship. But your RHM together with your Home Missions team believe for now, it seems the right thing to do for the glory of God and the extension of Christ's kingdom. Please pray for much fruit to come from what has been sown

in the hearts of God's people. The good news and objective truth is that ministry has happened, is happening, and could continue to happen by God's grace and power in Culpeper in God's power and perfect timing (see Eph. 3:20-21). The folks coming to the study are hearing the gospel and enjoying fellowship at the nearby bible church: Providence Bible Church, so while there is not a good OPC congregation nearby yet, the saints are being fed and shepherded. Please pray for the families that are left at Culpeper (John and Lynn, Byron and Grace, and Tom and Kim). Pray for my pre-marital counseling of Byron and Grace and my officiating their wedding next month on May 23rd. Pray that the group would continue to be a blessing in their community, and at their local bible church that they have been attending. We are thankful that the seed group has been united in hearts and love. We are thankful for Elder Steven Mouring and his family who have sacrificed so much time and prayers to be a part of this group! We are thankful for all of your prayers! By God's grace and power, there will be much fruit that will come from this investment of time and resources by our good God's kind and powerful providence. Let us pray with reverence, sincerity, humility, and expectancy, as we seek the God who is faithful! Amen, and amen.

Regional Home Missionary Prayers

Pray for my regular visiting of organized congregations in the PMA for regional home mission's ministry. / Pray for my regular visiting of mission works in the PMA for regional home mission's ministry. / Pray for my regular Gospel ministry opportunities in discipleship and evangelism at Loudoun Classical and Cottage Schools. / Pray for my maximal fruitfulness and maximal joy as a husband, father, minister, and RHM. / Pray for opportunities for Gospel witness and new friendships for church planting and discipleship. / Pray for ongoing wisdom in church planting, mentoring, shepherding, and counseling as an RHM. Pray for wisdom and grace in my serving on West Creek, Word of Life, and Trinity Reformed Sessions. Pray as I continue to serve on our PMA's Candidates and Credentials Committee.



Baptism of Morgan Franks, Son of Pastor Ben and Cherie Franks, KCPC



RHM and Home Missions Team Members with Emmaus Presbyterian Church

Pray as your RHM serves in these specific ways:

Acacia Reformed- Helping organize/ministry and mentoring / **Word of Life-** Serving on session/ministry and mentoring / **Emmaus Presbyterian Church-** Assisting congregation in serving as their guide in transferring into the OPC / **West Creek OPC-** Serving on session/mentoring and ministry / **Berryville Bible Study-** Continuing to teach twice monthly and shepherd the folks. **Northern Neck, VA-** seeking contacts and possible summer Q&A meeting. / **Trinity Reformed, Lanham, MD-** Serving as a minister/elder / **Ketocin Covenant, Purcellville, VA-** Assistance to session and congregation as Pastor Franks grieves.

Regional Home Missionary Ministry/Travel Schedule (January-August 2025)

- **Shepherding/Teaching/Organizing 2 Exploratory Bible Studies at Culpeper, VA (1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings) and Berryville, VA (2nd and 4th Thursday evenings).**
- **Ministry at West Creek OPC, Richmond, VA:** Once monthly until April 2025/Serving on congregation's session
- **January 2025 Ministry Opportunities:** Installation service of Will Sloan, Providence OPC (Charlottesville, VA) / Acacia Reformed (Manassas, VA)
- **February 2025 Ministry Opportunities:** Knox OPC (Silver Spring, MD) / Acacia Reformed (Manassas, VA) / Question and Answer, Fellowship with Emmaus Presbyterian Church / Word of Life (Columbia, MD)
- **March 2025 Ministry Opportunities: Biblical Theology Youth Weekend** Event Hosted by New Covenant OPC (Abingdon, MD, see group pic above) / Meeting with Emmaus Presbyterian Church / Grace Church (Vienna, VA) / Ketocin Covenant (Purcellville, VA) / Greenville Pastor's Conference (learning and connections)
- **Upcoming Opportunities in Spring and Summer:** Ministry at KCPC, Acacia Reformed and Word of Life (Spring/Summer) / Officiating wedding of Byron Payne and Grace Mazzola (May) / Organization service of Acacia Reformed (May) / Training and mentoring of Emmaus congregation / Various evangelistic training and outreaches planned (Spring/Summer) / Speaker at New Covenant Christian School Graduation (May) / Teaching Ministry Seminar at All Saints OPC (PSE) (June) / Serving on Session and Ministry at Trinity Reformed, Lanham, MD / Serving session and Ministry at Ketocin Covenant, Purcellville, VA (Summer) / Speaker at Machen Single's Retreat (Autumn 2025)
- **Please continue to pray for Pastor Ben Franks and family, and the congregation of Ketocin Covenant in Purcellville, as they grieve with hope in Jesus the loss of dear Emma Jane.** I have witnessed the powerful Spirit of Christ focusing hearts on the love of God and the steadfastness of Christ (2 Thess. 3:5) during this time. So much love has been poured out on this dear family and beloved congregation. Pray for steadfastness, comfort, increase of grace, as we continue to keep our eyes on our Risen-Ascended-Enthroned Savior and covenantal friend. Come, Lord Jesus! Come!



Biblical Theology Teen Retreat at Charter Hall, Hosted by New Covenant OPC, Abingdon, MD

Word of Life Outreach at Columbia Mall, Maryland



We had a joyous outreach on Friday, April 11th at Columbia Mall in Maryland. We shared the gospel and prayed with 70 people. Pray that this seed sown would be watered, and our faithful God would give us the increase!



Regional Home Missionary Prayer and Praise Special Edition – May 2025

Spotlight on Acacia Reformed, Manassas, Virginia

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me! Bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits!” – Psalm 103.

Praise the LORD for His many benefits to His church in Christ! Over a decade ago, Pastor Phil Proctor, RHM Steve Doe, and the session and congregation of Sterling OPC began praying and planning to daughter a congregation. A few years ago, our God called church planter/organizing pastor John Paul Holloway to shepherd this daughter congregation, **Acacia Reformed OPC**. Our Risen-Ascended-Enthroned Savior and Covenant Friend, the Lord Jesus, has brought this congregation to a place to be particularized/organized. On **Saturday, May 24 at 10 am** the Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic plans to meet to organize this congregation to the glory of the Triune God!



Pastor John Paul Holloway writes, “Acacia Reformed Church recently had our congregational meeting to vote on elder and deacon candidates and petition the Presbytery to become a particular church of the OPC! With 75 people in our living room, it was a



packed house! All but 6 of our founding members of the church were able to be in attendance, and we also were thankful to have all of the overseeing elders of Sterling present (with their families!). We even had an out of town visitor come to see what was happening! It was a smooth meeting with singing and prayer and thanksgiving to God for what he has done. All elder and deacon candidates were approved and we moved forward with our petition and a call to Pastor Holloway. We were all excited to sign our names to the petition to the presbytery as founding members of the church, (especially the kids!) We are thankful to the Lord for his goodness to us!”



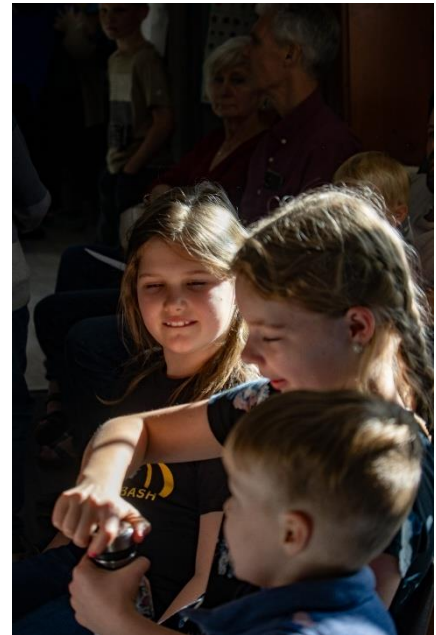


At our May meeting of the Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic, Acacia Reformed petitioned the presbytery to be recognized as a congregation and to be organized on Saturday, May 24 at 10 am. After serving faithfully as the church planter of Acacia, at this organization service, Pastor John Paul will be installed as Acacia's pastor. All rejoice at our God's goodness to us in Christ by His Holy Spirit!

PRAYER: Please pray for continued peace and unity during this transition for the congregation as they are being organized-particularized. Pray for Andrew Anderson, Mark Stevens, Sam Lee, and Daniel Sabbaugh as they serve Acacia as their new officers of congregation alongside Pastor John Paul and Elder



Stephen Mouring. Pray for continued grace for growth in Christ and in numbers as this congregation continues to seek to be faithful, to welcome visitors, and to reach out to the lost community around them. Pray for many new converts.



Spotlight on West Creek OPC, Richmond, Virginia: www.westcreekopc.org



experienced the love, joy, trials, discouragements, with the many blessings of planting a congregation in a new location. There have been many prayers and sacrifices and warm welcomes, much patience, and an abundant amount of works of faith, labors of love, and steadfastness of hope in our Risen-Ascended-Enthroned kind king, savior and friend, as He has been planting this congregation in the Short Pump area of west Richmond, Virginia! We are all very thankful for all of God's goodness to us, and we do not forget all of His benefits.

"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me! Bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits!" – Psalm 103. West Creek OPC, a mission work in west Richmond, Virginia, a daughter congregation of Knox OPC in Mechanicsville, VA, rejoices in God's faithfulness and His many blessings to them over the past three years! The congregation has



On April 25, 2025, we are thankful that Devin Gaye, will be ordained and installed as the church planter and organizing

Devin Gaye with wife Megan, Elder John Waddill and faithful members of West Creek OPC



An Early Bible Study of West Creek before it became an OP Mission Work, Spring 2022

pastor of West Creek, Lord willing! Devin, his wife Megan, and their three children Sophie, James, and Emma, are presently preparing for this exciting day, and moving into the area.

West Creek began with a lunch and prayer meeting with three interested families who met with Home Missions Chairman

Andrew Miller and RHM Charles Biggs back in the Autumn of 2021. In answer to prayer, our

Risen-Ascended-Enthroned Lord graciously and powerfully brought together in unity of love and purpose the ministry and shepherding care of the Presbytery of the Southeast, the Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic, and Knox OPC in Mechanicsville, VA. With faith and joy, Knox OPC took this small flock under her shepherding care as a daughter with Elder John Waddill serving as an organizing elder on a commission with Regional Home Missionary Lacy Andrews, Elder Alex McNeil (Knox OPC), Pastor

Announcements

Welcome to West Creek Presbyterian Church OPC! We are glad you are with us. If you have any needs, please ask us and we will be happy to serve you in any way we can.

Pray for:

God's blessing on this mission to advance the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in West Richmond.

Our Regional Home Missionaries, Lacy Andrews (Debra) and Charles Biggs (Margaret, Elizabeth, and Esther) as they travel around the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic Presbyteries to establish and strengthen churches. Pray that the word of God would speed to accomplish his purposes and that doors of opportunity would be opened. Pray also for safety as they travel.

We have our church fellowship meal each week prior to the evening service. Plan to join us for the Fellowship around the table. Bring a dish to share at 5:00 PM on Sundays.

The evening offerings are collected in the bin in the back. If you would like to support the work, please make checks to Knox Reformed Presbyterian Church.

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He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of power. (Hebrews 1:3a) – ESV

October 9, 2022

Weekly Schedule

Fellowship Meal - 5:00 PM

Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

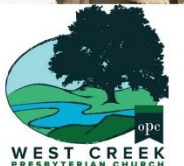
A Mission of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

West Creek 1st Worship Bulletin, Oct. 2022

Jeff Downs (Knox OPC), and Regional Home Missionary Charles Biggs. Lacy and I began teaching, preaching, and shepherding the flock from early 2022 along with the session



WHAT A JOY TO SEE
GOD GROW HIS
CHURCH BY THE
ADDITION OF NEW
MEMBERS



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of Knox OPC. We were privileged to enjoy our first worship service on October 9, 2022. Since that time, the Lord has been very kind in bringing new families to visit, to worship, to join us in our desire to plant a faithful Orthodox Presbyterian congregation in west Richmond. It has been a great blessing over the past three years to minister God's Word and Sacrament regularly together with RHM Rev. Lacy Andrews, Rev. John Tinsley, Rev. Jeff Downs, RHM Andrew Miller, along with other ministers who have



RHMs Andrew Miller, Charles Biggs, and Lacy Andrews who have been privileged to serve this congregation together.



given sacrificially of their time.

The Lord Jesus has promised that He will build His church and the gates of hell will not prevail. We are



thankful that this new embassy of the New Heavens and the New Earth, this Gospel outpost of the Lord Jesus Christ in west Richmond is being established by God's power and Spirit, which He is faithful to accomplish through His people working together in prayer, service, hope, endurance, ministry, and love. Glory to the Triune God for His kindness.

Please continue to pray for Devin and Megan Gaye as they move to the area, and as they put down roots for many years as the Lord would give them strength. Please pray for five new families to be added to this congregation. Please pray for our faithful God to send and/or raise up elders and deacons to serve that this mission work might one day become an organized and particular church of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church!



West Creek OPC Congregation, Spring 2025- Awaiting Pastor Devin Gaye



Praise the LORD for our Fellowship and Question and Answer Time with Emmaus Presbyterian Church

“[Through the Holy Spirit you] may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God” (Eph. 3:17-19).

Members of your PMA Home Missions Committee and your regional home missionary (Gerry Malkus, Ben Franks, and Charles Biggs) were delighted to meet this week for fellowship and a time of question and answer with the pastors, elders, deacon, and members of Emmaus Presbyterian Church (formerly Washington Immanuel Presbyterian). Your RHM has had the privilege of getting to know Pastors Kenneth and Emerson as beloved brothers over the past year, and they and members of the congregation have attended a few of our PMA fellowship events, including our December meeting of presbytery to be introduced to all.

We were warmly welcomed by the officers and members of the congregation on Lord’s Day evening, **February 16th, 2025**. It was a great blessing to get to know one another better, to read together from Psalm 16 and Ephesians 3:17-4:6, to joyfully sing together *‘The Church’s One Foundation’*, and to enjoy encouraging fellowship and delicious hospitality!

This congregation of Emmaus Presbyterian Church desires to join the Orthodox Presbyterian Church because of our commitment to biblical teaching from God’s Word, our presbyterian government, our worship, and our commitment to the Westminster Standards as a summary of



biblical truth. This congregation is in the process of petitioning the Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic to be interviewed at our May 2025 meeting. Emmaus’s congregation is made up of **Pastors Kenneth Kim and Emerson Kim, Ruling Elders Oke-Youn Kim, Brian B. Choi, and Jong-il Shim, and Deacon Dan Han.**

Here are some testimonies from the leaders and members of Emmaus Presbyterian: *In our pursuit to be a healthy and biblical church community based upon sound*

doctrine, we have researched the OPC and pursued obtaining membership...Ours is a congregation that desires to learn to put Scripture before tradition, even when it means that we must go beyond our comfort zones of Korean culture that we are used to. Our congregants are eager to learn sound teachings and move away from teachings that have compromised fundamental biblical doctrine. In this desire, we feel that the OPC would be the best place to begin anew based on God's Word alone.

...We are committed to—and seeking—sound doctrine, church governance, and teaching.

Specifically, the OPC's resolve to neither take away from nor add to the Bible is important to us. While the Korean Capitol Presbytery of PCA may offer a more bilingual context, I believe OPC's clear commitment to Scripture, sound doctrine, and Reformed worship align more closely with our theological convictions and desire to grow in the grace of God within a community that live out these truths.



and unity of Christ's Church.

In our Lord's prayer in Gethsemane recorded in John 17, He prays for His people to be one as He and the Father are one. This is a wonderful way in God's good providence of seeing this prayer of our Lord Jesus answered! ***"...That they may be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me...that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me,***

that they may become perfectly

one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and loved them even as you loved me" (John 17:21-23).



Tidewater and Area Youth Conference



Date: June 14, 2025

Theme "Watchful, Wise and
Winsome in the World "

Speaker: Pastor Charles Biggs

Time: 9am to 9pm.



Location: All Saints Orthodox
Presbyterian Church.

3520 Pruden Blvd, Suffolk
Virginia.

Ages: 15 and above

Cost: \$15.00 per person
(lunch and dinner provided)

Email: Pastor John Nymann jeegch5@gmail.com or text 757-532-9246 with
any questions. Please RSVP at the above contact information. Thank you!

Billeting provided for those who live far away and who wish to stay until Sunday for worship at ASOPC

Praise the LORD for Our Fellowship/Partnership in the Gospel of Jesus!

Pictures from Around the Presbytery of Mid Atlantic



Word of Life Outreach, April 2025



*Pastor Will's Installation,
Charlottesville, VA, Jan. 2025*



Word of Life Outreach, April 2025



Baptism of Morgan Franks, KCPC, March 2025



*Emmaus Presbyterian's 1st Worship Service and
Fellowship at Bethel, Leesburg, March 2025*



PMA/PSE Brothers at Sloan's Installation, Providence OPC, Jan. 2025



Fellowship with Father/Mentor Stu Jones, Dec. 2024



Emmaus Presbyterian Worship Service, March 2025



Prayer time with Emmaus Presbyterian and Home Missions, Feb. 2025



Ministry at Knox OPC, Fellowship with Brother-Friend Tom Martin, Feb. 2025



Teaching Biblical Theology to Hungry Teens, March 2025



Fellowship with my Teacher/Mentor Dick Gaffin, April 2025