



Regional Home Missionary Prayer and Praise Special Edition – May 2025

Spotlight on Acacia Reformed OPC, 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!"

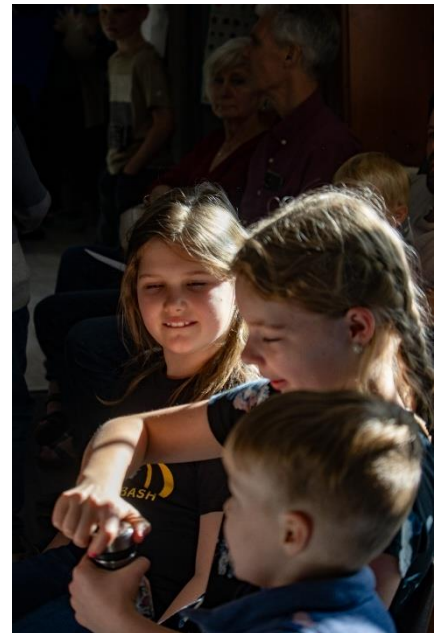
At our May 3rd meeting of the Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic, Acacia Reformed petitioned the presbytery to be recognized as a congregation and to be organized on **Saturday, May 24 at 10 am.** After serving faithfully as the church

planter of Acacia, at this organization service, Pastor John Paul will be installed as Acacia Reformed's shepherd-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.



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