

Home Missions Today

This is Al Tricarico reporting the May 10, 2023, edition of Home Missions Today. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

TAMPA, FL — Bay Haven OPC, Dan & Stacey Halley



Pastor Dan Halley is grateful for the many positive interactions and developments that he has seen at Bay Haven OPC recently. He shares that they completed a new members class of 17 people, and with twelve of those individuals scheduled for interviews, the congregation hopes to publicly receive them into membership soon. Moreover, Bay Haven has begun nominating elder and deacon candidates. Lord willing, by the end of Summer there will be a congregational meeting to elect officers. Rev. Halley asks that you pray as they consider whom the Lord may be calling to be elders and deacons. Additionally, by God's grace, Bay Haven has made connections with neighboring business, allowing them to expand their parking significantly on Sunday mornings. Pastor Halley also shared that on Easter Sunday, a fellowship meal was hosted at a member's home following the morning service. There were over 150 people in attendance, many being visitors. Please pray that these visitors would return.

DOWNINGTOWN, PA — Christ Church Downingtown, Greg & Ginger O'Brien



In the past months, the Lord's hand has been apparent among those of Christ Church Downingtown in several ways. Pastor Greg O'Brien recounts, "We continue to welcome new visitors who have returned to worship with us. One particular visitor was a 12-year-old girl who attended when her mother was out of town. The young girl mentioned she grew up Roman Catholic and had never been to a non-RC church but asked about the difference between a Protestant and RC church. I invited her to come back and bring her mother, to which she said her mother would never visit a Protestant church. I was also able to briefly share the Gospel with her, and she responded, 'That's what I believe too!' Her mother came this past Sunday, and we pray they will come again." Other blessings have been seen in a successful new members course and interviews—which will bring at least eleven new members into the fellowship—as well as one beloved family making the decision to go to an OPC foreign mission field. Though the latter has been a bitter-sweet development, the congregation is excited to be able to support such a work. Please pray that Christ Church Downingtown would be welcoming to new members during times of fellowship, that there would be more help teaching Sunday School, and that they would see Christ saving the lost through their ministry as a church.

PRESBYTERY OF THE MID-ATLANTIC — Charles Biggs



"Didn't I tell you that you would see the glory of God if you believed?" (John 11:40). Charles Biggs finds himself uniquely privileged to witness God's faithfulness across the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic. He summarizes what he is seeing and doing at each mission work: "Recently, we have seen five families received into membership, participated in three baptisms, and met one man who recently came to Christ! We have received Good Shepherd OPC as a mission work, are preparing to call Will Sloan as church planter, and are training two potential officers. In May, we will be welcoming New Covenant Church into our presbytery from the PCA. At Word of Life OPC, we are seeking a church planter. I am thankful that Acacia Reformed continues to thrive and is training officers. Finally, last month we hosted an Evangelism and Church Planting Conference with the goal of inspiring evangelistic zeal and encouraging the planting of new churches. There were over 60 folks in attendance from three presbyteries! Please pray for traveling mercies for "Biggs Team RHM" as we travel around the presbytery. Pray also for God to clear the way for our two new church planters this summer."

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