

Home Missions Today

This is John Shaw reporting the August 2, 2023, edition of Home Missions Today. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

WACO, TX — Trinity OPC, Miller & Stephanie Ansell



There is steady, positive growth at Trinity OPC, for which Pastor Miller Ansell and the congregation are grateful. Rev. Ansell shares that many new families are getting involved in the church, and with activities ramping up for the fall season both members and visitors have expressed excitement for the ministries of the church. In addition to the start of a new members class this fall with 13 people, Trinity also plans to resume Sunday school this fall, have a church picnic, and begin a new ladies fellowship. Pastor Miller asks that you pray for Trinity OPC, for potential officers, new families, and consistent Christian community/fellowship.

THOUSAND OAKS, CA — Thousand Oaks OPC, Caleb & Erika Smith



Rev. Caleb Smith reports on the many happenings at Thousand Oaks, saying, “Over the summer a member began teaching others how to sing in four-part harmony—what a wonderful blessing to our congregation. Additionally, we now have two godly men in officer training and will also soon receive five new members. Finally, several members have been very active by preparing for VBS. On August 7-11 we'll host our second VBS. As for new contacts, we have a few young men and a new family who have been regularly worshipping with us. This past week I was able to meet with a young man who grew up in church but is contemplating leaving the faith altogether. We spoke at length about how the Lord can use all things for our good and His glory, and the enduring hope found in Jesus Christ. Please pray that the Lord would use this conversation and that in his interaction with our church the saints would speak often of Christ. Please pray that our upcoming VBS would be a success, and pray also that our church would have a culture of evangelism and service.”

BLUFFTON, SC — Covenant OPC, Andrew & Abby Wann



Pastor Andrew Wann tells of the Lord's latest blessings to Covenant OPC: “We recently received a monetary gift to enable us to focus on digital outreach (including our website). The Lord has also provided an "in-house" cleaner for our facilities, which relieves us from paying a cleaning company. Further, we received a new member earlier this year and have recently seen four new families regularly visit morning worship, as well as four others who join us for our weekly community Bible study. We are excited to continue this study through the book of Hebrews. It has been a source of encouragement for our members, as well as an opportunity to make new contacts in the community. Pray for fruit from this study. Pray also for continued love in the body and that the Lord would bless our labors.”

COMMACK, NY — The Haven OPC, Bill & Margaret Shishko



Pastor Bill Shisko reports, “David Rios came on as a one-year intern beginning on July 1, and he and his family have been a big blessing to us. As fall approaches, we look forward to resuming our Bible School program, beginning outreach efforts led by intern David Rios, and hosting a Reformation Remembrance Service on Sunday evening, October 29. We will also begin a ‘Professing My Faith’ class in October, and we already have people waiting for that. I was able to minister to three people in a recent Sunday afternoon visit to a local nursing home/rehabilitation center, for which I am thankful. Join us in praying that the Lord will add more families with young children to our number. Please also pray for the training and service of our intern, David Rios.”

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