

Presbytery of Ohio OUTREACH Winter 2008

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Christ Covenant OPC — Indianapolis, IN (Redeemer OPC/Dayton, OH) Pastor Larry Wilson reports that he and the session of Redeemer OPC have developed a plan for the organization of Christ Covenant as a particular church of the presbytery. The plan involves the training of men as officers, provision for their election, the development of the congregation's constitution and bylaws, the calling of CCOPC's first regular pastor, and the petitioning of presbytery. It is hoped that all these things can be accomplished by the end of this year. CCOPC finishes its denominational support in February and completes presbytery support by the year's end. Please pray that God will bless and enable these plans to be fulfilled and that the POH will have a new organized church in 2008.

Trinity OPC — Huntington, WV (Grace OPC/Columbus, OH)



Boone Leigh was installed as evangelist and organizing pastor of Trinity OPC Misison in Huntington on Dec. 8. Boone's father (PCA Ruling Elder) and Brother-in-law (OPC Ruling Elder) participated in the service. Trinity's morning worship attendance averages in the low thirties. Several more visitors

have stopped in and Boone is working several individuals through membership classes. Pray that God would firmly establish this work.

Lake OPC – Cleveland, OH (Covenant OPC/Mansfield, OH) The Dewell family was received into membership by Covenant OPC/ Mansfield and are active participants in Lake OPC Mission. The work has since received interest in its web presence at lakeopc.net and at sermonaudio.com where sermons can be heard. Attendance at evening worship is 15-20. Radio advertisements and mass mailings start in January. Two of the families are requesting their PCA membership to be transferred to Covenant OPC. Pray that God will add additional families this year so that an organizing pastor can be found. Pray that God will grant the growth to establish the seed of an OPC presence in Cleveland.

Developing Mission Opportunities

-Western PA: I've reported that I have met with elders on the evangelism committee of session of Covenant OPC/Grove City. We have designated two areas as areas of interest for church planting. The Greenville, Pa area in Mercer County and the Evans City area in Butler County. Recently Ruling Elder Paul Tavares and RHM Larry Oldaker met with six elders who are leading a group of families out of the UCC. We presented the OPC, reformed theology, and Presbyterian polity to these men. We continue to follow up on contacts as God provides. Pray that God will provide a clear opportunity for the gospel and a vision for church planting as we plan further outreach in these areas.

-Huron, OH: RHM Larry Oldaker has met several times with families interested in an OP church planting effort in this northwest Ohio area. Plans are underway for initial radio and mass mailing advertising to see if God will draw other spiritually minded individuals or families to a proposed Bible study in March or April of this year. One particular family has had a spiritual trial. Please pray for this family and all our families involved in home mission efforts. While each of us struggle with sin, temptation, and trials in our sanctification, such things can be particularly hard for those families involved in mission efforts. Satan does not wish to see the Church prosper and he encourages doubt whenever and he can. Thanks be to God that we have encouragement through our faithful savior.

Other Outreach Efforts across the Presbytery for Prayer:

--*Pastor Mark Melton* reports that **Christ Covenant OPC/Sheridan** has seen growth and unity since the acquisition of the former school building. God has added families and Pastor Tim Baker continues to disciple several in a Bible study in Lafayette, IN.

--*Pastor Steve Miller* reports that an opportunity exists for **Nashua OPC** to reach into the area of Hermitage, PA to disciple some families through Bible study.

--*Ruling Elder George Elder* reports that outreach Bible studies are discipling new families in the outlying areas of Venango County. Attendance at **Trinity OPC/Franklin** has grown by several families the last few years. Pray for Trinity's revitalization by the Holy Spirit.

If your church has a vision for church planting or is engaged in home mission efforts, contact me so that we can all pray for one another!