

Presbytery of Ohio **OUTREACH** Summer 2008

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Christ Covenant OPC — Indianapolis, IN (Redeemer OPC/Dayton, OH) Pastor Larry Wilson reports that the congregation there has had a number of people with serious health issues. Pray for God's mercy on these people. Pastor Larry has been counseling two young couples for marriage and he is leading officer training. Pray for the growth of the congregation in these ways with thanksgiving. Pastor Larry continues to teach his class on "Reformed Worship" for MTIOPC and is preparing for the GA debate on the Amended Proposed Revision of the OPC Directory for Worship. Pray for God's blessing of Pastor Larry's varied responsibilities to Christ Covenant and the greater Church.

Trinity OPC — Huntington, WV (Grace OPC/Columbus, OH) Pastor Boone Leigh reports that it has been a "bumpy" ride this spring for Trinity OPC. There have been many spiritual and physical needs. Boone has led membership classes and one person has become a member of the mission. People have many questions and Boone continues to meet with people to answer their questions. Pray that God will give Boone the needed wisdom. While some have left for new employment there also have been visitors. Pray the God would bless the mission with sustained growth. Pray that Boone will be able to start the officer training soon. Pray too for faithful and successful outreach efforts this summer.



Lake OPC – Cleveland, OH (Covenant OPC /Mansfield, OH) The additional families that visited earlier this year have continued to come to worship and Wednesday Bible Study. Another single man has joined the group and several visitors also came recently. One evening worship saw 30 people in attendance. With the increased attendance is increased giving and the work is making progress towards being able to call an organizing pastor later this year as planned. Pray that God will continue to bless this work with growth and with an organizing pastor. The Mansfield Session approved additional once a month morning worship for May-September to increase the visibility of the mission and to attract visitors. On those Sundays the mission meets for morning worship at 11 AM followed by a shared lunch and then gathers again for evening worship at the usual 6:30 PM time.



Introducing!!!

Firelands Orthodox Presbyterian Mission

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go up to the house of the LORD!" Psalm 122:1

Firelands OPC – Huron, OH (Covenant OPC/Mansfield, OH). This is the newest outreach half way between Cleveland and Toledo, OH reported in previous newsletters. The two contact families invited many friends and neighbors, over 300 letters were mailed out, and radio announcements were run for the launch of the Bible study that began in mid-April. Four families plus two singles now gather on Thursday evenings in a meeting room in the Super 8 Motel near Huron, OH. Three other families have visited and others have shown interest. Just recently Firelands OPC hosted a reformed book table at a Huron city-wide garage sale. More contacts were made. The name "Firelands" refers to this northwest area of Ohio that was given as compensation to those colonialists whose homes and properties were lost to fires set by the British in the American War of Independence. There is a hunger and need for reverent worship and clear biblical teaching in this area. If additional families commit to the work by the summer's end the Mansfield Session has considered starting morning worship this fall.



In Development...

-Western PA: RHM Larry Oldaker continues to work with elders of Covenant OPC/Grove City to start another outreach in western PA. Newspaper advertisements and store front posters have gone out into the communities of Zelienople and Evans City, PA in the hopes of attracting individuals and families interested in learning more about the OPC. Some initial contacts have been made. There are no firm commitments yet but there have been discussions of plans for an initial Bible study or morning worship with "borrowed" families from interested area OP churches. We wait on the Lord's timing for this effort.

Please pray for RHM Larry Oldaker's travel and schedule. He periodically visits and preaches at our mission works in Indianapolis and Huntington. He is primarily responsible for the ministry of the word for the Cleveland, OH mission and the new Huron, OH outreach. He is involved in the development plans in western PA and continues to field calls of inquiry and interest in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church for our region.