



A BRIEF ON THE REFFS

Church planting on the Eastern Shore of Maryland | August 2021

Much has transpired in the past year, with the lifting of many of the restrictions to which we had become accustomed. We have seen ministry open up here in Chestertown, from evangelism at the local farmer's market, to our youth archery ministry.

We continue to look for opportunities to reach out to the community. Besides our normal every day interactions with people, we are intentionally reaching out at the farmer's market by passing out gospel tracts and through prayer walks in the community. We ask for your prayers that more people will come out to join our efforts and that many would come to Christ through our labor.

Archery has been one of our ministry staples in the community during the spring and fall. Over the past few years, we have seen numerous young kids go through our 6-week archery course. Praise the Lord we are able to preach the gospel to each one of them! Continue to pray that the Lord would use this to reach kids and their families bringing them into the church.

Praise the Lord for the growth we have seen in the church as we have had some new families join our church planting efforts. Thankfully, almost all of our families coming before covid have continued to worship with us. We

also want to praise the Lord that we have been getting much needed help in some key areas of ministry, such as secretarial work and audio-visual help. Please pray with us that the Lord would bring another family to come alongside and assist in the work.

Lord willing, we will hold our first ever Eastern Shore Conference on Reformed Theology next spring, as we partner with the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals. Our purpose is to introduce people to the doctrines of grace, and to bring attention to our church plant.

Our family is all doing well, and the kids are growing up fast. Denton has been working at the local marina as a dockhand during the summer. The girls have enjoyed their time at Victory Valley Camp and at the local pool with friends and cousins. Very soon Mindy and the kids will be gearing up for another year of homeschooling.

We thank you for all of your love, prayers, and support over the years. Please contact us if you have not already signed up to receive the weekly prayer ticker, and be sure to visit if you are ever in the area. God Bless!

James, Mindy, Denton, Mollie, Abby, Lucy

Pray with us!

- For our evangelistic efforts at the market on Saturdays
- That the Lord would send a Aquila Priscilla team to assist the church plant
- For our continued outreach with our archery ministry
- That the Lord would bless out efforts to hold our 1st Eastern Shore Conference on Reformed Theology

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Using all our ingenuity and enterprise to bring the gospel to the notice of the world. ~ J.I. Packer



THE AQUILA & PRISCILLA TEAM



ORDINARY PEOPLE SERVING THE CHURCH
PLANT IN THEIR OWN BACKYARD

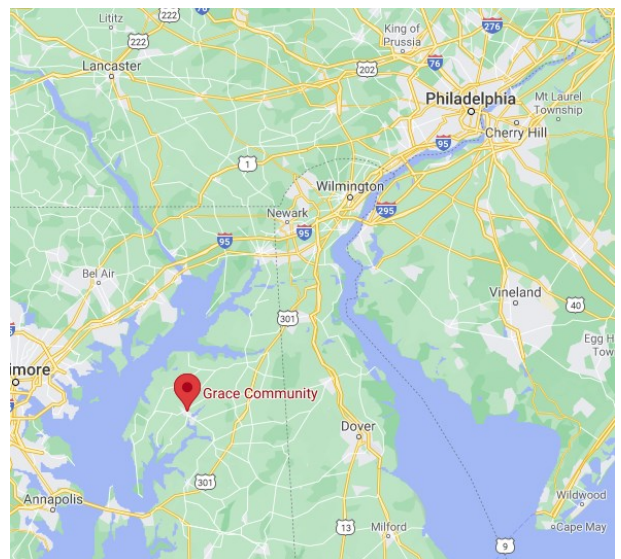
One of our prayer requests is for God to send an Aquila & Priscilla Team. **An Aquila & Priscilla Team is a family, couple, or individual who attends a church plant and uses the gifts and talents that the Lord has given them to build up the body of Christ in the church plant.** This is not a paid position, but is an opportunity to serve the Lord in church planting as a lay person.

Each Aquila & Priscilla Team is a little different depending on the team's availability and situation. Some teams have moved away from home for several years to be near a church plant and help out. Other teams attend one that is already relatively close by or decide to drive a distance for their time of service.

The teams have been retired couples and families with young children. This would also be a great opportunity for a college student. The team can choose to serve for what ever length of time works for them, typically one to two years, but can be shorter or longer.

The team can teach children's classes, run youth group, reach out to the church plant's community, help with building maintenance, or use whatever other skills and gifts the team has. All teams will prioritize getting to know new visitors, inviting people to the church plant, and discipleship.

Please pray for God to send an Aquila & Pricilla Team to Grace Community Church in Chestertown. If you would like more information or to express your interest, please contact me or Director David Gundrum at office@churchplantingbfc.org or by calling 610-769-4337.



Where is Chestertown, MD?

Chestertown is on the Eastern Shore of Maryland . It has a Colonial Era historic downtown and is not far from the beaches on the Chesapeake Bay.

It's only a 60 minute drive from Newark, DE. It's only a two-hour drive from Lancaster, PA.