

A Brief on the Reffs



Church Planting on the Eastern Shore of Maryland

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We are thankful for what the Lord has been doing at Grace Community on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He has been faithful to us and provided in every way.

We have been able to finish some much-needed projects on the building this year. At one point it was raining inside the church office and the women's bathroom!! Praise the Lord that we were able to replace the damaged roof at minimal cost to us. What an answer to prayer! We held several workdays to paint the inside walls and do some outdoor maintenance. Lord willing, we will be able to work towards replacing the carpet in the church that has worn out. God has faithfully provided for all our needs in keeping up the church building!

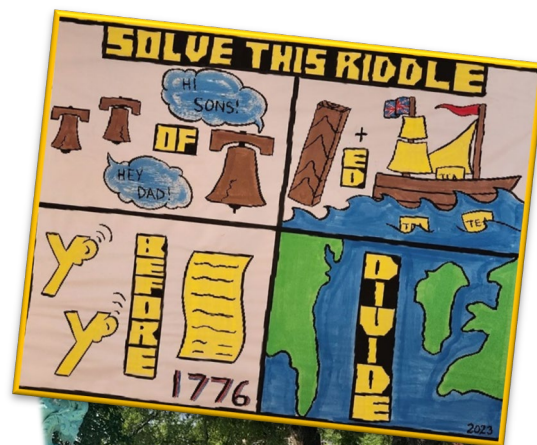


It has been about a year since Pastor Trace and his wife Renee landed here in Chestertown, and they hit the ground running. They have been doing a great job making connections in the community. Pastor Trace has been leading a small group in his home and at an apartment complex in town. He recently organized a community 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament that was well attended by folks from the community.



This year we partnered with Open Air Campaigners to help train our people and encourage them in their witness for Christ. We have had several opportunities at the weekly Farmer's Market to do some sketch board evangelism. The Tea Party Festival was a great success as well! We were able to do a "static board" riddle with a tea party theme, which provided lots of gospel conversations. Can you solve the riddle? (Hint: The Sons of Liberty boarded the Brigantine Geddes in 1774.) In total we passed out several hundred "million dollar bills" with the gospel message and had dozens of conversations.

Our youth group continues to grow, and we are excited to be able to minister to so many teens. We have been going through a Series called "Learning, Living, Loving God's Word". Pray that we will be able to connect with more of the kids and families from the surrounding communities.



As our own children continue to grow up we are faced with new adjustments. Denton got his driver's license which is handy for those times when you forgot something you need from the grocery store and for driving his sisters around town. Both he and Mollie have summer jobs which is keeping them busy.

Chloe and Lucy are enjoying their summer off and spending time at the local pool with their friends. We recently dropped Chloe off at Victory Valley Camp and Lucy is already looking forward to attending next year.

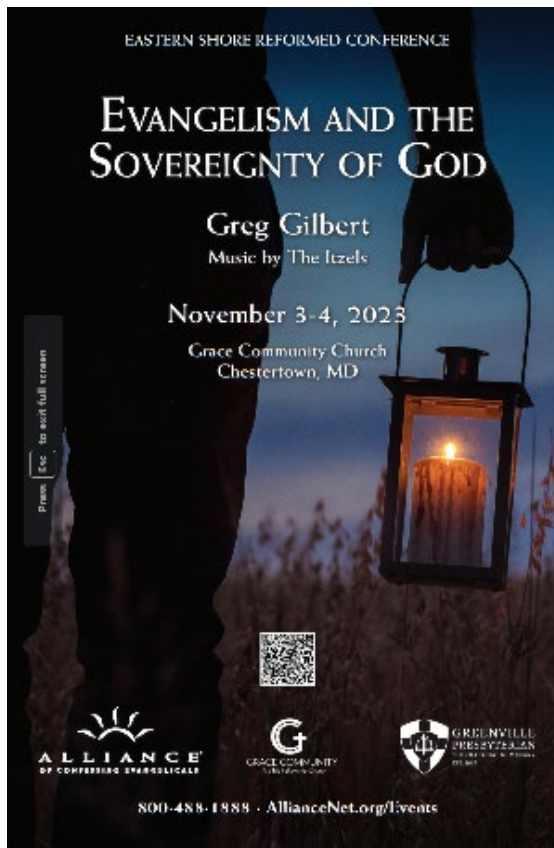
Mindy has been working hard at homeschooling the kids throughout the year and is involved actively in one of the homeschool Co-ops that meets at the church. She has also started cleaning some houses on the side for a few hours a week.



We would love for you to consider joining us for our 2nd Annual Eastern Shore Conference on Reformed Theology this November 3rd and 4th. We are partnering with the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals and are excited to welcome our guest speaker Greg Gilbert, author and pastor of Third Avenue Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. If you would like more information or to register you can go to:

<https://www.alliancenet.org/evangelism-and-the-sovereignty-of-god>

We would like to thank everyone who has supported our ministry and family over the years. We could not do the work God has called us to without your support and prayers. If you are in the area, we would love for you to come and visit. You can contact us through our website to find out more about our ministry and how you might partner with us through prayer and support.



Please Pray with Us!

1. For our upcoming Conference on November 3rd and 4th.
2. More workers for youth and children.
3. Our Evangelistic efforts
4. For our Assistant church planter Trace Haines as he and his wife continue to make connections in the community.
5. Pray as we seek to raise the money needed to replace the carpet in the church.
6. For growth as we approach graduation with the BFC Lord-willing in April of 2025.