

Bertolet Praise and Prayer

September 2025

Church Plants Moving On

It is always an exciting time when we see a church plant move out of Church Extension and become a particular church. At this time we are considering two of our plants for this step. Hope Community had an exciting year since our last letter. God open the door to be able to purchase a fully furnished church just outside of Milford. Since moving in to this property, they have been averaging over 100 individuals each week. They also have several men who will be considered as elders. The TLT has requested that Church Extension begin the assessment process for graduation.



Grace Community in Chestertown is also close to being assessed for graduation. They have seen some encouraging growth over this past year and their average attendance is now over 50 at a Sunday service. Their recent 3 on 3 basketball tournament received a great response from the community with over seven teams and a large crowd of folks to watch the games. They also had a demonstration on break dancing and several presentations of the gospel throughout the day.



Elkton – Elkton Bible Fellowship

Elkton BFC continues to make connection in the community. They have been serving at a number of community events as well as bringing Waffle and Joe's to teachers in the area schools. It is a way to bless and thank the teachers and staff for all their hard work throughout the school year. But the exciting news is that DaQuan Gibson and Redemption Global church will be merging with Elkton BFC in the upcoming weeks. These two churches will expand their ministry outreach and evangelism into the greater community of Elkton. Pray with Elkton and DaQuan as he will need to raise additional support so that he can serve full time alongside Steve Morton.



Exploring Connections

Have you ever had an “I need to visit” moment and when you do, it turned out that this individual was working through a challenging moment and wished God would send help? I am always glad when I hear and respond to those types of impressions that come to my heart/mind. Recently, I felt the nudge to stop in a visit a pastor friend who was in the midst of planting a church in the community of Millsboro. And while I assumed he received encouragement and support from the original sending church this was no longer the case since the church was considered stable enough to be on their own. Now he and I have been meeting almost weekly so I can provide encouragement and suggestions to him and also to discuss the possible connection with the Bible Fellowship Church. Continue to pray for Pastor John and my time together and wisdom for him and the church as they consider the possibility of connection.

I also had a breakfast meeting with a pastor near Dover. While we spent time catching up on ministry praises and challenges, I was able to encourage him to have his elders consider the possibility of connection. This church is also near our Camden, D church and the idea would be to bring these two churches together to create a larger congregation with a greater ministry outreach into the surrounding area. Pray for Pastor Jim and his elders and they look through the connection material.

Family News

It is hard to believe that Emerson is now one year old while we also have our oldest granddaughter, Lily, renting an apartment while she works full time, and is an MBA Student and Dance Team Assistant Coach at Eastern University. It is interesting to see God working in each of our nine grandchildren’s lives.

Louise sprained some muscles in her lower back/hip/knee and the recovery has been very slow. She will be getting an MRI and possibly water therapy to strengthen those muscles.

Prayer Letters Updates

I want to encourage you and your church to sign up for our monthly email updates. Each of these includes short updates and simple praise and prayer requests for the month. We will also add you to

receiving our annual prayer letter electronically from Church Extension.

To receive our monthly email praise and prayer updates, please send an email request directly to us. raybertolet@verizon.net

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Praises -

- For the pending graduation of two church plants; Milford and Chestertown.
- God providing a building for Hope Church, Milford.
- Divine contacts arranged by God.
- God faithfully providing our support and prayer partners.

Prayer -

- Elkton and Redemption merging, need for a 24/7 location.
- Financial support for DaQuan Gibson.
- God to provide men willing to be church planters.
- Financial support for opening new church plants and supporting church planters.
- Healing for Louise’s strain muscles.
- Churches that are praying about connecting.
- Churches preparing for graduation at the 2026 conference.