

Redeemer Presbyterian Church
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On hearing about a PCA church being planted in Cambridge, Maryland, one person exclaimed, "that is a wicked 'burg'". The gospel of Christ is God's answer to wickedness everywhere. "Where sin abounds, grace does much more abound...so that grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:20,21).

Wickedness seems excessive in this community of 16,000. Immorality, drunkenness, drugs and violence cripple the lives of too many. Crime and unemployment rates are high. But God has positioned Redeemer Presbyterian in Cambridge to declare the power of God unto salvation by faith in Christ. In this setting Redeemer is not immune from the spillover effects of the world's way of thinking and living. We are being challenged to live by faith in the promise of God's presence and power with his people.

1. Recently two people in a Bible study for unbelievers professed faith in Christ. It is a joy to witness their freedom in talking about and learning of Christ. Having just completed a study in Genesis, we now will study the Gospel of Matthew. Pray that these new disciples will learn to walk deeply with the Lord. Also, pray for Pastor Dorman as he leads this study.
2. Nine months old, Redeemer is averaging 45 in morning worship. We had expected more growth by now, but the Lord is sovereign. Moreover, two church families are leaving next month due to job relocations. Since these families have been teaching Sunday school and producing the church newsletter, this is a loss of

giftedness as well as fellowship. Some discouragement has resulted. The antidote to discouragement, however, was given by PCA pastor/evangelist Will Metzger at our recent evangelism seminar in his reminder of the joy and power there is in the gospel and sharing it with others. Please pray that we will experience internal health and growth, will share the gospel joyfully, and will see numerical growth.

3. Cambridge is on the verge of real economic and population growth, having been targeted for development as a one-stop vacation and resort center along the incredibly beautiful Choptank River. We are seeking ways to capitalize on this projected growth for the Kingdom of God and the growth of Redeemer PCA.
4. The Redeemer elders have completed church by-laws. They are now completing an administrative policy manual for the church. The two ruling elders, Robert Jenkins and Bruce Gustafson, have had prior experience in planting an inner-city PCA church in Baltimore. Now, semi-retired, they are once more "putting their hand to the plow", working with Pastor Dorman and the people at Redeemer. Officer training also continues, anticipating the day Redeemer is declared a particular church. Pray that God will fill the church leaders with His Spirit and wisdom.
5. Thank you for your congregation's part in supporting Redeemer Presbyterian Church. "This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God" (2 Corinthians 9:12). We regularly thank God for you and pray for you.



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