The O’Donalds- Partner Letter- Fall 2026



This fall has been busy in Baltimore. We recently had a baptism Sunday where four people made their faith public. Two adults were people we've been ministering to for some time, and we are overjoyed at their decisions. We also were given the joy of watching one of our active youth group members walk through the waters of baptism. The fourth person baptized was the youngest member of our family, our own Barnabas (pictured). He has believed in Christ, prayed for forgiveness of his sins and new life, and chosen to be baptized. Would you join us in prayer for these new Christians as they walk out their faith?

Recently we have also started the Good News Club in our local school. We now meet every Thursday with elementary age children to teach about Jesus and the good news of the gospel. The older school building was replaced by a newer building this summer. For the last few years we have been limited by the lack of room in the old building. However, our prayers for more room have been answered, and we have a wonderful, large classroom that has large windows (a commodity we had grown to miss). Would you pray for the volunteers who make this club happen? Would you pray for the children who have already begun to attend, and would you pray that even more might come? Finally, would you pray for our school and our church’s relationship with them?



Most of our Life Groups are now in full swing. One group is focusing on the need for missions, while another is studying Revelation. We have morning and evening groups. We are also seeing great things with our music team and implementing systems as a church. Recently senior adults ministry has begun, and one trip has taken place, with plans for more in the works. We have also had multiple well-attended men’s breakfasts that feature an incredible spread of food, fellowship, and studies and are centered around being a godly man. These are useful for the elementary-school-aged boys through grandfathers. Would you remember our leaders in prayer that they would stay encouraged and strong in the Lord without any interpersonal issues?



Additionally, our youth group has been going well. In fact, the youth recently attended a conference centered around leadership put on by the Baptist Convention of Maryland and Delaware. It was valuable for our youth and our young adult leaders who were able to attend breakouts and sessions about leadership. Would you remember our youth, young adults, and youth leaders in prayer? In closing, we would like to thank you for your prayers and support. We humbly ask that you would continue to pray for us and for The Gates church. The Lord bless you and keep you.