

# GBCOC NEWS

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## Our Dear Friends

What do you get when you combine an adventurous spirit with eloquent beauty? Or courage under fire with organizational mastery? What could possibly be the outcome of dedicated discipline and family commitment? Old school fun and godly devotion? This masterful mix could only be the result of Gods handiwork when he designed James and Rebecca McPherson.

Over 10 years ago, James and Rebecca (and their three amazing daughters) settled down in Catonsville, Maryland and since that time they have served tirelessly in many roles within the GBCOC. As family group leaders, children's ministry teachers, middle school ministry leaders, and members of the church leadership group, to name a few, they have served with deep conviction and hearts to please the Lord and we know they'll do the same as they move on to the Philippines.

Individually, James stands head and shoulders in stature but brings himself low in humility before God. His talents as a

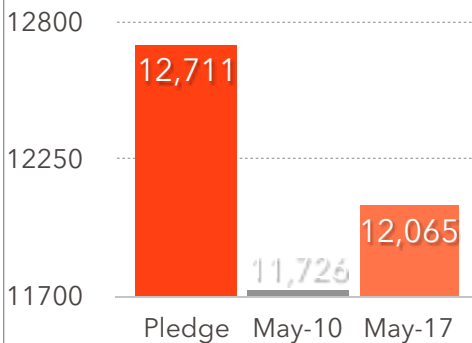


## Upcoming Events

Here are some upcoming events and dates to keep in mind.

- **May 24th**, Mcpherson send off. James preaching.
- **May 27th**, Midweek, Small Groups
- **May 30th**, Brown & Lansey Wedding
- **June 7th**, All MD Service
- **June 20th**, Father Daughter Dance
- **June 28th**, Missions Sunday

Our Giving This Month



All services are held at the Chesapeake Arts Center unless otherwise noted.

gardener have paralleled his spiritual life by planting seeds that yield a harvest 30, 60, and 100 times what was sown. A powerful preacher, yet he is loving and gentle with his wife and children. Rebecca, on the other hand, packs a big heart in a smaller package. As a true Proverbs 31 woman, she works diligently running a busy family calendar and at times appears to possess the omnipresence of God by being at multiple kids activities at once. Working as a realtor, Rebecca has placed so many of us in homes while simultaneously bringing God’s lost children into his home.

Their hospitality is unmatched! It is likely that nearly every member of our church has visited their home for a bible study, meeting, dinner, devotional, prayer group, party, baby shower, sleepover, baptism, BBQ, discipling time, photo shoot, wedding, or hang out. A perfect pair as Rebecca sets about making tasty treats served on beautiful antique dishes, while James sets the mood with music, a game, and cleans up the trash. They have used an endless amount of toilet paper, napkins, cups, forks, trash bags and held up scratched floors, broken chairs, and spilled drinks with our endless treks through their house on a hill. We have danced, laughed, and cried in the big red room. They have opened their doors wide to the known and unknown, to families and singles, and let the lights stay on to what many of us have called a second home.

We are blessed to call them friends and family!

-Ray & Melanie Kabia

