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GATHERING TIMES

Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY GREENBANK FOOD PANTRY

Thursday Evenings—Doors are open 6:00-7:00 PM

Volunteer Schedule:

Wednesdays 10:00 AM
Thursdays 9:30 AM & 5:30PM
Fridays 9:00 AM

To volunteer contact: Ed or Sue Maynard
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What Is A Christ-Centered Life?

"Christ-Centered" - It's a phrase we love to use. It's probably in the mission statement of your church and in the title of a book you own. But "Christ-Centered" is a lot easier to talk about than to live, isn't it? In the mundane moments of everyday life, a lot of other things compete with Christ for center stage. So, what steps can we take to reach the goal of being more Christ-centered?

1. SOURCE—A Christ-centered life begins with realizing that the source of everything we are is the Lord. He created us, he owns us, he gifted us with talents, he authors our story, and every blessing that we receive comes from him (Gen 1, Acts 17:26, James 1:17)

Additionally, Christ is the source for our daily righteousness. We have no internal desire or moral ability to live up to biblical standards on our own, but in Christ, we have everything we need for godly living (2 Pet 1:3).

2. MOTIVE—A Christ-centered life means that a Person is the motivation for everything we think, say and do. Many of us leave little room for Christ in our Christianity. By that, I mean that our ability to "keep the law" or our pride in historic tradition is what defines our faith, not the person of Jesus. Is your Christianity intimate and personal? Do you want to know Christ? (Phil 3:10) Do you want to be part of his work? Do you want to please him? Do you want to incarnate his character? A Christ-centered life is deeply intimate and motivated by relationship.

3. GOAL—A Christ-centered life has one ultimate goal: that Jesus gets the glory. It's not wrong to pursue personal goals, but the glory of Christ is the orienting compass that gives direction to all others.

Because we want Christ to be known, honored, worshipped and obeyed, we submit every other attainable goal to him. Our decisions are no longer controlled by selfish desires, but by new desires we get from his love (2 Cor 5:14-15).

4. HOPE—A Christ-centered life finally puts all our eggs in the basket of the Lord. We know that this life is not all there is, and that an eternity is coming (1 Cor 15:19, Rev 21:4).

But a Christ-centered life is more than just a ticket out of hell. We have hope in the here and now, because Christ has promised his presence and grace until we go home.

Ask yourself: is my life Christ-centered? Is Christ my source for life? Is he the motivation for everything I do? Is his glory my goal? Is he my hope, both for today and for eternity?

Paul Tripp

Order of Worship

I Will Enter His Gates—G85

Rejoice In the Lord—G156

Welcome

How Great Thou Art—G29

Into My Heart—G24

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Jesus Loves Me—G29

Jesus Paid It All—TPH

Communion

Give Thanks—TPH

Offering

Wonderful Story of Love—G147

"Revolutionary Living"

Would You Live for Jesus—R528

Shepherd's Prayer



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Immediately following worship

All members and regular attendees are asked to be present at our annual congregational meeting. This meeting is required by our bylaws, and we must have a majority in attendance to conduct official business. We hope everyone will make an effort to attend.



Help keep our prayer list current by providing regular updates on family and friends.

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS:

Greenbank Church of Christ: *As we begin this new journey together, may all that we do be to the glory of God.*

PRAYER: **Marie Difilippo:** stage 4 metastatic cancer; **Lois Banner:** job search; **Succarotte family:** mourning the loss of their son; **Unyime Ukit:** pray my faith with continue to grow; **Doris Welsh & Rebecca Tucker:** both had procedures on their eyes; **Bob Crusco:** in rehab in Middletown; **Lillie West & family:** grieving the loss of her husband; **Jonathan Mitchell Jr:** health concerns; **Pat Greenwood:** bronchitis; **Marquita Lloyd:** health concerns; **Loren Reed:** in CHOP with an injury to his back; **George Adair:** improving slowly; **Paul King:** praise God that he was approved for lung transplant; **Brad Carman:** evaluation for kidney transplant

SHUT-INS: Connie Dowds—hospice care; Agnes Ignudo; Joan Gaynor

LONG-TERM ILLNESS/RECOVERY: Gladys Gerhart, John Arnold, Dustin Lackford, Michael Mugrage, Felicity Ray, Gwendolyn Brady, Harry Schaeffer, Melissa Griffiths, Jerry Faraday, Ruth Pence, Janette McGowan, Mike Saylor, Peggy Wetzel, Nadine Henderson, Dwane Quillen, Pam Dahlstrom, Riley Dennis, Sylvia Regester

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Rachel Johnson, Kyle Cox, Heather Abosch, Brent Tucker, Tatiana Vargas, Justin Walls, Kristal Moreta, Mackenzie Naseery, Ethan Reed, Prisilla Sanichar, Jesse Schuhart, Antonio Sanichar

MISSIONS: Ghana Bible College, Samuel Agbeta (Nkwanta, Ghana), Cape May Courthouse church; Blue Hens for Christ; Camp Manatawny; Chad & Amy Westerholm (Mozambique)

OUR COUNTRY: Leaders, Military, Law Enforcement, Firefighters

OUR ELDERS, DEACONS, & MINISTRY LEADERS

GREENBANK NEWS

***BAPTISM** We rejoice with the angels in heaven at the addition of a new sister in Christ. Robin Huff Jordan was baptized on Thursday. Let's all welcome this new sister, and pray for her growth in the Lord.

*MINISTRY AREAS INFORMATION

We recently emailed, and "snail" mailed, some information about the areas of ministry at Greenbank church. If you did not receive this information, please let us know.

*BARNABAS MINISTRY—JANUARY 19, 9:00 AM

Our next meeting will be at the IHOP on Rt. 40 in Bear (Fox Run). We will write cards to send while we enjoy breakfast together. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please plan to join us!

*WINTERFEST—NEXT PAYMENT (\$60)—JANUARY 27

This year's theme is JUST ONE. Just one story. Just one moment. Just one truth. Just one step. Because there is no condemnation for those in Christ, we have good news to share. See how your story fits into THE story. Learn how to tell YOUR story, so others can see that their story also fits into THE story.

*FRIDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY CONFERENCE CALL

For those interested in additional Bible study options, there is a Friday evening conference call study that might interest you. The study is from 7:00-8:00 p.m. A few minutes before 7:00pm you will call 302-202-1114. When prompted for the conference ID, enter 681797.

***FOOD PANTRY—JAN 10** Families: 126; Individuals: 285; Meals: 2,556; New: 14. We continue to need additional helpers as we re-register all clients this month. Thank you for the generous donation of your time!

	<u>01/20/2019</u>	<u>In His Service</u>	<u>01/27/2019</u>
	E. Greenwood	Worship Leader	S. Willis
	M. Brasefield	Scripture & Prayer	B. Reed
	D. Reyes	Speaker	D. Reyes
	B. Pennington	Usher	E. Martin
	R. Stafford	Communion	G. Kirkland
	G. Winder	Offering	D. Anderson
	D. Regester	Pass	J. Clark
	C. Willis	"	D. Bower
	R/L Cox	Greeters	Friederichsen
	Johnson	"	Greenwood
	D. Mattis	Shepherd's Prayer	D. Mattis
Last Week			
Sunday morning: 147			
Contribution: \$5440			
Wednesday evening: 22			
Baptisms: 1			