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## Blessed to Be a Blessing

*“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7, NIV)*

Giving is always a topic I find hard to talk about. It’s not because the Bible isn’t clear on the topic. It is because so many churches, ministries, and organizations have mishandled God’s resources causing people to become suspicious when they hear a sermon on giving. Few get excited about a sermon series on giving. Yet, giving is a topic that oozes from most pages of our Bible.

One of the most widely known and memorized passages in the Bible is John 3:16.

*16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

Notice in this text how God demonstrates his love for man. He doesn’t simply say, “I love you world!” No... It’s not merely in word but, more so, in deed that he demonstrates his love for mankind.

He gave.

He gave motivated by love.

He gave **his best** because he loved us.

He gave sacrificially.

He gave to bless others with salvation.

The Bible encourages giving to be done voluntarily **and** with the right motive. It also teaches us that giving benefits not only the recipient but also the giver. (Proverbs 11:25; Luke 6:38) Jesus said: *“There is more happiness in giving than there is in receiving.”* Acts 20:35.

God is the source of all blessing – Material and Spiritual. As his children, giving back is a way of saying thank you and a way to partner with God in blessing others. The Lord blesses us because he loves us! Because of this, we can be a blessing to others. Blessings flow from God, but they should never stop with us. They come to us, and then flow through us. Truly, we are blessed to be a blessing.

*Whatever, Lord, we lend to Thee,  
Repaid a thousand-fold will be;  
Then gladly will we give to Thee,  
Who givest all—who givest all. —Wordsworth*

## 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**  
**302-994-3800**

## Order of Worship

Home of the Soul—TPH

Welcome

He's My King—TPH

The Gloryland Way—TPH

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Send the Light—R439

When Morning Comes—TPH

Communion

Offering

Just A Little Talk With Jesus—TPH

"Revolutionary Giving"

Nothing But the Blood—R344

Shepherd's Prayer



Bobby Ross from The Christian Chronicle will be here next Sunday, Feb. 10th, to learn more about the recent merge of the Cedars and First State congregations, and write an article for The Chronicle.

He may want to ask questions of some of our members, so please be willing to speak with him.

The Chronicle has been running articles about segregation in the church, and our merge fits in well with the message of church unity they are promoting.



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: Bobby Crusco:** fell & cracked a rib; **Clark family:** pray with us as we work through the things we have ahead of us; **Penny Price's husband:** in Christiana Hospital; **Belinda Thompson:** my family needs healing and guidance; **Stacey Brandt:** complications from surgery; **Joyce Smith:** patience & making right choices; **Lois Banner:** job search; **Unyime Ukit:** pray my faith with continue to grow; **Marquita Lloyd:** health concerns; **West family:** in the loss of Milton; **Loren Reed:** in CHOP with an injury to his back; **George Adair:** improving slowly; **Paul King:** awaiting lung transplant; **Brad Carman:** awaiting kidney transplant

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

**LONG-TERM ILLNESS/RECOVERY:** Marie Difilippo; Gladys Gerhart, John Arnold, Dustin Lackford, Michael Murgage, Felicity Ray, Gwendolyn Brady, Harry Schaeffer, Melissa Griffiths, Jerry Faraday, Ruth Pence, Janette McGowan, Mike Saylor, Peggy Wetzel, Nadine Henderson, 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, Prissila 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

**INFORMATION FORMS** If you did not receive a family information form, please pick one up at the Welcome Center. These forms will help us ensure we have up-to-date information for all our members. Be sure to fill out both sides of the form and return it as quickly as possible. Thank you!

**\*UPDATED FAMILY PHOTOS** All members and regular attendees need to see Yvette Curcio after our worship services over the next few weeks to have an updated photo taken for our picture board.

## \*LADIES BIBLE CLASS—FEBRUARY 9TH—10:00AM

We will continue our study in chapters 6 & 7 of our book "My Sister's Keeper." All ladies are welcome to join us.

## \*WINTERFEST MEETING—FEB 10

All who are attending Winterfest, and their parents, need to attend this meeting. We will talk about last minute details for the trip and answer any questions you have. We'll meet right after our morning service in the blue room.

## \*BARNABAS MINISTRY—FEBRUARY 16, 9:00 AM

Our next meeting will be at the Reyes home (1303 Goldeneye Drive, New Castle). We will write birthday and encouragement cards. Coffee and doughnuts will be available. Please join us!

**\*FOOD PANTRY—JAN 31 Families: 16; Individuals: 28; Meals: 252; New: 13.** It was a cold evening, but our volunteers came out in force to help us welcome and feed these families who are new to our pantry. We give God all the glory and honor and praise to be able to provide this service to struggling families in our community.

	<u>02/03/2019</u>	<u>In His Service</u>	<u>02/10/2019</u>
<u>Last Week</u>	M. Ray	Worship Leader	R. Mickowski
Sunday morning: 148	R. Irwin	Scripture & Prayer	W. Johnson
Contribution: \$4448	D. Reyes	Speaker	D. Reyes
Year to Date: \$4018	A. Davis	Usher	C. Blue
Budget: \$4500/week	S. Willis	Communion	D. Anderson
Wednesday evening: NA	J. Clark	Offering	M. Martin
Baptisms: 1	D. Bower	Pass	D. Cox
	R. Cox	"	G. Winder
	Mickowski	Greeters	Mason
	B/B Davis	"	Brummett
	D. Mattis	Shepherd's Prayer	E. Greenwood