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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 & 5:30 PM
Fridays 9:00 AM

To volunteer contact: Ed or Sue Maynard
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The Necessity of Perseverance

Near the end of 1 Peter we read this: *"I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!"* (5:12)

Peter's letter was a sustained exhortation for believers to see the difficulties of the Christian life—namely, persecution—as normal. The life they had been called to was not one of ease, comfort, or social acceptance. Instead, through "various kinds of trials," their faith was being tested and proved genuine (1 Pet. 1:6-7). It was a calling that would require perseverance. Peter assured them that their present experience was what they should expect as followers of Christ, and he urged them to stay the course: "Stand firm in it!"

Jesus was the first to teach about the necessity of perseverance when He said to His disciples, *"You will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved"* (Mt. 10:22). This sobering reality and requirement was then conveyed to the readers of nearly every New Testament letter.

- ◇ *"By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the work I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain."* (1 Cor. 15:2)
- ◇ *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."* (Gal. 5:1)
- ◇ *"Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes...so that when the day of evil comes you may be able to stand your ground..."* (Eph. 6:11-13)

Paul continues his encouragement to persevere in Phil. 4:1; Col. 1:22-23; 1 Thess. 3:4,8; and 2 Thess. 2:15. In Hebrews 3:14, the writer states, *"We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end."* There is much more in the New Testament on the necessity of perseverance. Search for yourself to see how pervasive this theme is in Scripture.

"So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For, 'In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay.' And, 'But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.' But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved." (Heb. 10:35-39)

- Daryl Wingerd (edited)

Order of Worship

I'm Going That Way—TPH

Welcome

No Tears in Heaven—TPH

Just a Little Talk with Jesus—TPH

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Redeemed—TPH

Communion

Offering

Our God, He is Alive—R107

"Habit 4—Perseverance"

Just As I Am—R346

Shepherd's Prayer



***Camp Manatawny—**
Special contribution today.

***Hope Reed—Sanitation**
and electrical projects at a
children's home in Ghana.
Contribute to her work by
March 31st.



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

PRAISE & PRAYER:

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Bobbie Cross: her sister passed away; **Angela Darko:** safe mission trip to Ghana; **Joyce Smith:** patience & strength and a new aide for Carleta; **Mike & Judy Barker:** traveling 3/15-3/29; **Alice Dickenson:** in hospice; **Marlin Johnson:** diagnosed with cancer; **Robin Huff-Jordan:** diagnosed with cancer; **Rebeca Reyes:** looking for new housing; **Lillie West:** prayers for strength; **Denny family:** two are battling cancer; **Anna DaCunha:** looking for work; **Marquita Lloyd:** health concerns; **George Adair:** continues to improve; **Paul King:** lung transplant; **Brad Carman:** kidney transplant; **Anna & Melinda Baluk—**health concerns

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

LONG-TERM ILLNESS/RECOVERY: Ronni Toothman; Marie Difilippo, 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, Pam Dahlstrom, Riley Dennis

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), Delaware Christian Campus Ministry Foundation (Blue Hens for Christ); Camp Manatawny; Chad & Amy Westerholm (Mozambique)

OUR COUNTRY: Leaders, Military, Law Enforcement, Firefighters

OUR ELDERS, DEACONS, & MINISTRY LEADERS

GREENBANK NEWS

***SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION—TODAY** We will take a special collection to support the mission and work of Camp Manatawny. This will be in addition to our regular contribution. Visit Camp's website at www.manatawny.org to learn more about the activities that they offer.

***TEACHER'S MEETING—MARCH 30** All teachers, present & future, are encouraged to come for an introduction to the supply room and the materials there for your use. We will meet on Saturday, March 30th at 10:00 a.m. Please plan to attend! If you have questions, see Rebecca Tucker or Crystal Reyes.

***FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK MEAL—MARCH 31** We will gather in the fellowship room after our morning service to enjoy a meal and time of fellowship together. Bring an entrée, side dish, salad, bread or dessert to share. If you are willing to help with set up and clean up, speak with Art Davis.

***INFORMATION FORMS AND FAMILY PHOTOS** There are several families who have not filled out family information forms and who still need to have photos taken for our picture board. If you need to complete these items, please do so as soon as possible. Forms are available at the Welcome Center. See Yvette Curcio to have your photo taken.

***FOOD PANTRY—MAR 21** It was a very rainy evening which kept our numbers down a bit. @We provided 2,349 meals to 261 people in 107 families; 17 families were new.

	03/24/2019	In His Service	03/31/2019
Last Week	J. Clark	Worship Leader	S. Willis
	D. Regester	Scripture & Prayer	E. Martin
Sunday a.m.: 133	B. Davis	Usher	C. Blue
Contribution: \$3609	B. Reed	Communion	M. Ray
Year to Date: \$4896	M. Welsh	Offering	A. Davis
Budget: \$4500/week	B. Pennington	Pass	G. Winder
	E. Martin	"	W. Johnson
Wednesday p.m.: 23	D. Cox	"	R. Lewis
Baptisms: 3	G. Kirkland	"	R. Irwin
	Reed	Greeters	C. Mason
	B/B Davis	"	E/S Maynard
	P. King	Shepherd's Prayer	D. Mattis