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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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## Five Lessons Learned from the Good Samaritan Story

England's former Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, once ovserved, "No one would remember the Good Samaritan if he'd only had good intentions—he had money, too." Of course, the Good Samaritan was not an actual historical figure; he was a fictional man in a story that Jesus told to a religious legalist who was trying to justify his unwillingness to walk the walk. Read Luke 10:30-37. Here are 5 lessons we can learn:

- 1. The Good Samaritan was willing to get involved. We can quote scripture and recite platitudes on love and God, but unless we are willing to get involved in the lives of others, we are only blowing smoke. The Samaritan treated and bandaged the wounds. He set the injured man on his donkey. He took him to an inn and cared for him throughout the night. As the scriptures say, "he had compassion"...and he acted on it.
- 2. The Good Samaritan ignored racism. Even though he was considered a "despised Samaritan," he rose above such shallowness to care for a fellow human being. I compare the Samaritan's actions to an American 19th century slave showing compassion to a plantation owner or a Jewish prisoner demonstrating concern for a Nazi guard during WWII.
- The Good Samaritan had money. Margaret Thatcher was absolutely spot on: this was a man who managed his money. He undoubtedly lived on a budget, spent less than he made, and maintained a contingency fund for unexpected expenses. My wife and I realize that we need to be very intentional if we are going to have such a giving fund, so we place cash into a "bless envelope" every month. Knowing that money is there has raised our antennae to the needs around us.
- 4. The Good Samaritan had a good name. We know this: the innkeeper trusted the Samaritan, probably because he had proven himself to be trustworthy. Perhaps he had paid for the needs of someone before.
- 5. The Good Samaritan was generous. The Samaritan didn't know how long the injured man would be laid up, but the wellbeing of this stranger was more important to him than whatever the cost might be. Again, this generosity would never have been possible if he hadn't had money in the first place.

The central message of this story is that, if we are to be good neighbors, we need to be more like the Samaritan. The implied message is to get, and stay, strong financially so we have the means to act on our good intentions.

Jesus concludes with this admonition, "Go and do likewise." How will you act on Jesus' challenge? - Joe Plemon (edited)

# **Order of Worship**

Beautiful Gleanings Bring—TPH
Welcome

Home of the Soul—TPH This World Is Not My Home—TPH

Scripture Reading & Prayer
In Gethsemane Alone—TPH
Communion

Offering

Just a Little Talk With Jesus—TPH

"Relationship Rules"

Nothing But the Blood—R344

Closing Remarks & Prayer



# Summer Sessions Schedule Register Now!

Senior High 1—June 29-July 6
Junior High 2—July 6-13
Intermediate—July 13-20
Junior High 1—July 20-27
Elementary 2—July 27-Aug. 3
Elementary 1—Aug. 3-10

Brochures with information on grade levels for each week are available at the Welcome Center. Speak with Rick Mickowski about a Campship.

# GREENBANK NEWS

#### \*THE INCREDIBLE RACE VBS—BEGINS TONIGHT!

All volunteers need to be here by 5:00pm for dinner and a brief meeting before VBS starts. Please arrive early so we can begin promptly.

We encourage you to invite any children you know to participate in our VBS. It's going to be fun week!

### \*FAMILY/FRIENDS DAY & SENIOR RECOGNITION—6 / 30

Invite your family, friends, & neighbors to join us next Sunday for Bible study, worship, and a potluck lunch. We will also recognize our high school graduate, Adriana Moreta, on this day. A card box for Adriana is at the Welcome Center.

\*POTLUCK SIGN-UP SHEET We are asking members to sign up for food you'll be bringing to the potluck, so we can be sure to have a balance of items to offer our guests. The sign-up list is also at the Welcome Center.

\*BABY BOTTLE BENEFIT Continue to bring in those baby bottles—full or empty—so we can return them to A Door of Hope. Each "lost" bottle costs \$1.00 to replace, so please return them.

\*FOOD PANTRY—JUNE 20 123 families, 319 people, 2871 meals; 13 new families. Thank you to all who came to help, especially our crew of young folks who were great box carriers! One more week in June, then it's our re-registration month—July! We will need additional help during the whole month of July. Please let Sue Maynard know the weeks you will be able to assist.



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

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Pray for our efforts during VBS this week—that young hearts will be imprinted with the truth of God's word.

Gladys Gerhart family: she passed away last week; Marion Ward: cancer is spreading; Bud Polk: dialysis; Evelyn Kline: adjusting to new living arrangements; Marc Brasefield: preparing for military training; Sedric Willis: transportation issues & youth program; Cebert Willis: strength in daily struggles; John & Joyce Gossman: strength during difficult time; Nancy Essex: several health concerns; Dwane Quillen: recovering from surgery

MOURNING RECENT LOSS: Fern Davis & family; Jim & Yvette Curcio family; Steve & Ashley Manzo; Bob & Betty Palardy; Lillie West

SHUT-INS: Connie Dowds; Agnes Ignudo; Joan Gaynor

**LONG-TERM ILLNESS/RECOVERY:** Miriam Castro; Marie Difilippo, Dustin Lackford, Michael Mugrage, Felicity Ray, Gwendolyn Brady, Harry Schaeffer, Melissa Griffiths, Janette McGowan, Mike Saylors, Peggy Wetzel, Nadine Henderson, John Arnold; Dave Malone

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

**MISSIONS:** Ghana Bible College, Samuel Agbeta (Nkwanta, Ghana), Delaware Christian Campus Ministry Foundation; Camp Manatawny; Chad & Amy Westerholm (Mozambique)

**OUR COUNTRY:** Leaders, Military, Law Enforcement, Firefighters **OUR ELDERS, DEACONS, & MINISTRY LEADERS** 

<u>Last Week</u>
Sunday AM: 142
Contribution: \$13,967 Year to Date: \$5,181 Budget: \$4500/week
Wednesday PM: 16
2019 Baptisms : 5

06/23/19	In His Service	06/30/19
M. Ray	Worship Leader	W. Johnson
D. Anderson	Scripture & Prayer	G. Kirkland
B. Pennington	Usher	M. Welsh
T. Tucker	Communion	R. Stafford
C. Blue	Offering	D. Asbell
M. Ray	Pass	D. Toribio
M. Anderson	u	J. Evans
B. Reed	u	D. Mattis
TBS	u	S. Willis
M/D Welsh	Greeters	J. Barker
D/J Anderson	u	D/S Regester
D. Mattis	Shepherd's Prayer	E. Greenwood