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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 Importance of Friendship

I believe we are living in a culture where friendship is desperately undervalued. I'd even venture to say that this is true in the church. Our culture has become so individualistic, and ...very often, we miss the importance of creating and sustaining friendships.

What does it mean to be a friend? Why is it vital to have friends? Is friendship deeper than community? I think it is challenging for all of us, regardless of our age, to make and keep good friendships.

Here is some practical advice:

1. **Practice "The Grover Principle."** Remember Grover from Sesame Street? Grover was upset at one point because he wasn't getting any letters in the mail. Some people who cared for Grover gave him some great advice. They told him: "If you want to receive letters from people, you have to (wait for it) *write letters to people*. So, Grover starts to write: "Dear Mom..."
I think people sometimes feel this way in church, too. We often wait to "be discovered," instead of being proactive and stepping out to serve and meet people.
2. **Pray for "the gift of recognition"** (for lack of a better phrase). In 1 Samuel 18, Jonathan *recognized* something in David. David *recognized* something in Jonathan. There was something that felt native between them. We take people for granted and often don't recognize them for the soul friend they have been.
3. **Real friendship requires emotional vulnerability.** You have to expose and share your heart to enter into a true friendship. You can't have real friendship unless you put yourself in a position where you can be hurt. You can't have an authentic friendship unless you've given a person permission to wound you. Not that you are ever looking to be hurt(!), but you have taken down your defenses. You don't get the joy and pleasure of friendship without the risk. But what we find, is that true friendship is the safest place we can be.

Remember the wisdom of [Proverbs 18:24](#): "A man who has friends must himself be friendly" (NKJV).

We have so many opportunities to be a friend to others around us. Be friendly to someone today, as the Holy Spirit prompts you, and may the Lord bless your life with real and lasting friendships.

By Aaron Kunce (Edited from <https://wccyork.com/the-importance-of-friendship/>)

Order of Worship

We Shall Assemble—G160

Welcome

True-Hearted, Whole-Hearted—G118

Take Time to Be Holy—R487

Scripture Reading & Prayer

A Common Love—G1

I Am Thine, O Lord—R599

Communion & Offering

There is a Habitation—R664

"I Commit to My Spouse"

I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord—R504

Closing Remarks & Prayer



August 16-17

All high school & middle school students are invited to come for good food and fun! Don't forget to let us know you are coming by signing up on the list provided at the Welcome Center.

GREENBANK NEWS

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Our GriefShare facilitators, Mike & Judy Barker and Sherry Kirkland, have been training and planning to bring this program to our community. The **Loss of Spouse** one-night seminar will be held on Monday, August 26 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. The 13-week GriefShare sessions will be held at 6:30 on Monday evenings running from September 9—December 9. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this program, please share this information. If you have questions, speak with Mike or Judy Barker. Please keep this program in your prayers.

BIBLE BASICS SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS

If you are a new Christian, or would like to refresh your knowledge of Bible basics, this class is for you. We meet downstairs in the fellowship room beginning at 9:30 a.m. This class is being led by Boyd Reed.

MARTHA COMMITTEE

This new ministry will focus on shut-ins, those dealing with bereavement, and other special needs. Those who would like to make visits and/or prepare meals can sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board. For more information, see Rebecca Tucker or Shelley Irwin.

FOOD PANTRY—August 8

Thank you to all of our volunteers for this program. On August 8, we provided 2,745 meals to 305 people in 130 families. Fourteen families were new.



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

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Paul King and children, Brian and Keisha; Letetia Burwell: Surgery on her neck; **Ed Maynard:** at Encompass Rehab in Middletown; **Lola Winder's mother, Frances West:** had biopsy; **Green Family:** Medical Issues; **Lucas Kirkland:** Muscular Dystrophy clinical study; **Jamie Jones:** health concerns with his heart; **Colie Mason's brothers:** health concerns; **Lois Banner:** prayers for good health and strength; **Marc & Chelsea Brasefield:** safe travels to Texas on Aug 13 and prayers for Chelsea while he is away for training until late November; **Virginia Clark:** Movement in son's case; **Children of Janet Richardson**

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

THOSE TRAVELING: Virginia Clark family

LONG-TERM ILLNESS/RECOVERY: Joyce Gamble; Miriam Castro; Marie Difilippo, Dustin Lackford, Michael Mugrage, Felicity Ray, Gwendolyn Brady, Harry Schaeffer, Melissa Griffiths, Janette McGowan, Mike Saylors, Peggy Wetzels, Nadine Henderson, John Arnold; Dave Malone; Marion Ward (Doug Essex's sister), Bud Polk, Evelyn Kline; Emma Green

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Rachel Johnson, Kyle Cox, Heather Abosch, Brent Tucker, Tatiana Vargas, Justin Walls, Kristal Moreta, Mackenzie Naseery, Ethan Reed, Prissila 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>		<u>In His Service</u>	<u>08/11/19</u>
Sunday AM: 140		Worship Leader	M. Ray
Contribution: \$6,497		Scripture & Prayer	E. Jones
Year to Date: \$5,009		Usher	B. Pennington
Budget: \$4500/week		Communion	M. Barker
Wednesday PM: 16		Offering	R. Lewis
2019 Baptisms : 8		Pass	A. Gallegos
		"	S. Willis
		"	M. Ray
		"	R. Mickowski
		Greeters	D/J Anderson
		"	J. Barker
		Shepherd's Prayer	E. Greenwood