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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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Waiting for Our Prayers to be Answered

Have you ever gone through a period in your life when you were tempted to give up on something you were praying for because the answer seemed too long in coming? We've all experienced times when we prayed in faith, but the answer to our prayers seemed to come far too slowly.

How long should you continue believing that God will answer your prayer in your lifetime? Should you give up hope that the answer will ever come? Is there anything special you should do while waiting for God to answer your prayer? In Colossians 4:2, the apostle Paul outlines the kind of attitude we must maintain as we wait for answers to our prayers. He wrote, *"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."*

There will undoubtedly be times in your life when the answers to your prayers won't come quickly. However, God requires you to stay spiritually strong — pushing forward and continuously engaging in robust prayer until you see your faith in Him come to fruition. If you are tenaciously determined to continue in prayer, you will receive the answers you seek. Resolutely refuse to give up until you have obtained that for which you are praying.

Prayer should bring us face to face with God. Prayer is more than a mechanical act or a formula to follow; it is a vehicle through which you can enjoy a close, intimate relationship with God. God wants you to meet Him face to face and surrender every area of your life to Him.

In this verse, Paul teaches that you must persistently engage in aggressive prayer — heartily seeking a specific answer from God as you keep your attitude vigilant and your eyes watchful for the soon-to-be-manifested answer. As you take that stance of faith, lift your voice to thank God in advance for the answer you are seeking!

Thanksgiving is the voice of faith that praises God for the answer before it comes! It is hard to be discouraged or defeated when you are continually thankful, so strive to maintain a thankful, faith-filled heart as you watch for your answer to arrive!

So, what should you do if you are praying in faith and the answer still hasn't come? It's time for you to dig in and press in the Spirit toward the answer. Be willing to make whatever changes God may require of you, and keep your eyes open for the answer. Finally, lift up your voice, and start thanking Him now for the answer even before it comes! Adapted from an article by Rick Renner

Order of Worship

Wonderful Jesus—TPH

Welcome

Jesus, Hold My Hand—TPH

When Morning Comes—TPH

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Take My Life, and Let It Be—TPH

Communion & Offering

I Love My Savior, Too—TPH

"I Commit to Discipline"

I Am Resolved—R361

Closing Remarks & Prayer



Loss of Spouse Seminar

August 26—6:30 p.m.

\$5.00 registration fee

13-week GriefShare Sessions

Sept 9—Dec 9

6:30 p.m.

\$15.00 for book



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

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Marcia Johnson: prayers to put God first always; **Lola Winder's mother,** **Frances West:** cancer has returned; **Peter Johnson:** traveling to Hong Kong; **Doug Essex's sister, Marion Ward:** in hospice care; **Letetia Burwell:** Surgery on her neck; **Ed Maynard:** at Encompass Rehab in Middletown; **Monica Green:** Medical Issues; **Lucas Kirkland:** Muscular Dystrophy clinical study; **Jamie Jones:** health concerns with his heart; **Colie Mason's brothers:** health concerns; **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

GRIEFSHARE: May this new ministry touch the lives of those grieving the loss of loved ones. Pray for Mike, Judy, & Sherry as they lead.

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

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; Bud Polk; Evelyn Kline; Emma Green

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Rachel Johnson, Kyle Cox, Heather Abosch, Brent Tucker, Tatiana Vargas, Kristal Moreta, Mackenzie Naseery, Ethan Reed, Priscilla Sanichar, Antonio Sanichar, Adriana Moreta

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

GREENBANK NEWS

SCHOOL SUPPLY MINISTRY

To all who donated items or helped put together and distribute the backpacks this year, we say a big **THANK YOU!** Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the families who received the school supplies.

DEACONS & MINISTRY LEADERS

This leadership group will meet with the elders on **Saturday, August 24, at 8:30 a.m.** We will discuss accomplishments of each ministry this year and develop plans for growth. All deacons and ministry leaders are asked to attend.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Our GriefShare facilitators, Mike & Judy Barker and Sherry Kirkland, have been training and planning to bring this ministry to our community. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this program, please share this information. Speak with Mike or Judy if you have questions.

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC—SEPT 8

Our next fellowship event is our church picnic that will immediately follow our worship service on Sunday, September 8th, at Brandywine Springs Park (at the corner of Rts. 41 & 34). More details coming soon.

MARTHA MINISTRY

This new ministry will serve shut-ins, those experiencing loss, and other special needs. If you would like to be involved, sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board. Speak with Rebecca Tucker or Shelley Irwin if you would like more information.

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<u>Last Week</u>		<u>In His Service</u>	<u>08/25/19</u>
Sunday AM: 133		Worship Leader	E. Greenwood
Contribution: \$4,256		Scripture & Prayer	D. Anderson
Year to Date: \$4,985		Usher	W. Johnson
Budget: \$4500/week		Communion	R. Stafford
Wednesday PM: 20		Offering	M. Anderson
2019 Baptisms : 8		Pass	C. Blue
		"	B. Davis
		"	M. Welsh
		"	M. Galeano
		Greeters	Regester
		"	Welsh
		Shepherd's Prayer	D. Mattis