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### Before and After

*"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:18*

God not only wants to forgive us; he also wants to regenerate us, make us new creatures. Forgiveness is the first step. It removes the things that alienate us from each other. God forgives our offenses against him and forgets them. Therefore, when he sees us he is not offended. We accept that forgiveness. Then when we turn to God, we are not afraid or loaded with guilt. The personal relationship between us and God is wholesome, good, and free. But he wants to do more. He wants to transform us to fit us for a future very different from our past.

Forgiveness and regeneration are like two sides of the same coin. They cannot be separated. Salvation is more than a change of record. It is a change of us. It deals with our sin, the bent within our nature that causes us to commit our sins. It affects who we are as well as what we do. Paul makes this clear as he writes to his understudy Titus. Notice his language: *"At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of pleasures"* (Titus 3:3). Christians have a past of which they cannot boast, but it does not determine their future. Paul is clear: *"But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us"* (Titus 3:4–5). The change is a washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. We now have a new life as well as a new relationship to God. And that new life is God's life within us.

My present, therefore, is different from my past. It is as different as the sources from which the before and after come. The before had its source in a "me" empty of him. The after has its source in the very life of God that now lives within me. Small wonder that there is a difference.

-Dennis Kinlaw

### 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  
302-994-3800

## Order of Worship

Won't It Be Wonderful There—TPH

### Welcome

A Friend Like You—TPH

I'm Redeemed—TPH

### Scripture Reading & Prayer

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross—R233

### Communion & Offering

I'm Going That Way—TPH

"Open My Eyes"

Just As I Am—R346

### Closing Remarks & Prayer

## Sight & Sound

The Miracle of Christmas

November 15—7:00 pm

Tickets are here!

Checks should be made out to Greenbank Church of Christ with "Sight & Sound" on the memo line. Give payments to Jamie Cox, and she will distribute your tickets.



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

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

**Gwen Byrd & family:** her grandson passed away; **Sergio Reyes:** kidney issues; **Jonathan Mitchell Jr:** G.I. issues; **Angela Mitchell:** please pray for me; **Ed Maynard:** recovering from stroke; **Carolyn Pinder:** healing for my family; **Moe & Lorraine Martin:** pray for children to be more Christ-focused; **Frances West:** cancer has returned; **Monica Green:** medical problems; **Sherry Kirkland:** traveling to Florida; **Lucas Kirkland:** clinical trials for Duchenne's; **Jamie Jones:** heart health; **Chelsea Brasefield:** healthy pregnancy; **Marc Brasefield:** training in TX until November; **Marion Ward:** in hospice care; **Joanne Pagano:** early stage renal failure; **Betty Canter:** fractured sacrum

**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, Prissilla Sanichar, Antonio Sanichar, Adriana Moreta

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

**OUR COUNTRY:** Leaders, Military, Law Enforcement, Firefighters

## OUR ELDERS, DEACONS, & MINISTRY LEADERS

# GREENBANK NEWS

**ALL-CHURCH PICNIC—TODAY** Everyone is invited to join us immediately after our morning service for our church-wide picnic at Brandywine Springs Park. Hamburgers, hot dogs, all the fixings, drinks, and chips will be provided. Cold items can be kept in the refrigerator in the kitchen during our service.

**GRIEF SHARE** The 13-week session begins tomorrow, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. The only cost is \$15 for the workbook. If you are interested in this program, speak with Mike or Judy Barker, or Sherry Kirkland.

**MARTHA MINISTRY** We will have an organizational meeting here at Greenbank on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 10am. This ministry is for anyone (not just women) who wants to assist the shut-ins, sick, and grieving. See Rebecca Tucker for more information.

**BLUE HENS FOR CHRIST** The University of Delaware is back in session, which means Tuesday evening meals are on again at the Campus House. Use the following information to sign-up to help with food for the meals. [www.carecalendar.org](http://www.carecalendar.org) Calendar ID: 162689, Security Code: 6152

## DCCMF GOLF CLASSIC—SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

It's not too late to sign up for the golf outing at Chesapeake Bay Rising Sun Golf Club. Register at [www.dccmf.org/golf](http://www.dccmf.org/golf). Proceeds benefit Blue Hens for Christ.

**FOOD PANTRY—SEPT 5** We provided 3,375 meals to 375 people in 145 families; 21 were new. We will be seeing increased numbers this month as families struggle to meet the needs of back to school expenses and putting food on the table. If you are available to be an extra pair of hands this month, please join us.

	09/08/19	In His Service	09/15/19
<b>Last Week</b>	J. Clark	Worship Leader	M. Ray
	R. Stafford	Scripture & Prayer	D. Mattis
	M. Barker	Usher	D. Regester
	J. Friederichsen	Communion	P. King
	R. Lewis	Offering	M. Welsh
	C. Blue	Pass	M. Johnson
	M. Anderson	"	B. Davis
	K. Abosch	"	R. Mickowski
	W. Johnson	"	R. Cox
	Friederichsen	Greeters	D/J Cox
	L. Winder	"	Greenwood
	P. King	Shepherd's Prayer	E. Greenwood