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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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Valley of Trouble, Door of Hope

The name Achan means “troubler.” The man Achan in Joshua 7 certainly lived up to that name. God had plainly commanded that Israel take no spoil from Jericho. The city would be utterly destroyed. Anything that wouldn’t burn was to be devoted to the Lord. When Achan secretly hid a fine imported garment and some silver and gold, God withdrew His protection from Israel. What should have been an easy victory for them at Ai turned into a disastrous rout!

Once Joshua learned what Achan had done, he took immediate steps to deal with him. “Why have you troubled us? The Lord will trouble you this day! So all Israel stoned him with stones; and they burned them with fire after they stoned them with stones” (Joshua 7:25). The place became known as the Valley of Achor (from the same root as Achan—Valley of Trouble.) With the issue resolved, God restored His favor to Israel. In their conquest of Canaan, He gave them victory after victory.

Centuries later, Israel had become disloyal to God, forgetting Him and worshiping idols. As punishment, the Lord allowed the Assyrians and Babylonians to take His people captive. Their exile was reminiscent of their ancestors’ bondage in Egypt. Fortunately, the Lord did not give up on His people. As he had delivered their ancestors from Egypt, so he would deliver a faithful remnant from captivity. “I will allure her, will bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfort to her...For I will take from her mouth the names of the Baals, and they shall be remembered by their name no more” (Hosea 2:14, 17).

As he had blessed their ancestors in the conquest of Canaan after they dealt with Achan, so He would “give her vineyards from there, and the Valley of Achor as a door of hope. She shall sing there as in the days of her youth, as in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt” (Hosea 2:15). Even today, God seeks the salvation of all people (1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9). Our sin puts us into a state of trouble (bondage, John 8:34). Fortunately for us, Jesus bled and died to atone for our sins. As we turn from sin and submit to God in trusting obedience, our Valley of Achor (trouble) becomes a door of hope. “Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:58).

- Joe Slater

Order of Worship

I Will Call Upon the Lord—G21

Welcome

We Praise Thee, O God—R61

Praise the Name of Jesus—G50

There's Not a Friend—G70

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Hallelujah, What a Savior—G35

Communion

Seek Ye First—G54

Offering

Come Ye That Love the Lord—R68

"Defeating Your Giants"

What Will You Do With Jesus—G150

Closing Remarks & Prayer



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

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Doug Essex and family: his sister, Marion Ward, passed away; **Philip Jones:** cancer; **Daisey Mae Wright:** brain aneurysm; **Joshua Smith:** look to God for all things; **Ben Burke:** COPD; **Anthony Gonzalez:** throat cancer; **John Gaynor:** hip replacement recovery; **Lakeisha Smith:** health issues; **Jonathan Mitchell Jr:** G.I. issues; **Monica Green:** medical problems; **Lucas Kirkland:** clinical trials for Duchenne's; **Jamie Jones:** test results were good; **Chelsea Brasefield:** healthy pregnancy; **Marc Brasefield:** training in TX until November; **Joanne Pagano:** early stage renal failure; **Betty Canter:** fractured sacrum; **Gloria Edwards:** cancer; **Glen Jones:** traveling; **Faye Gillespie:** seeking new job; **Bill Normand:** seeking employment

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

LONG-TERM ILLNESS/RECOVERY: Ed Maynard; Joyce Gamble; Miriam Castro; Marie Difilippo, Dustin Lackford, Michael Mugrage, Felicity Ray, Gwendolyn Brady, Harry Schaeffer, Melissa Griffiths, Janette McGowan, Mike Saylors, Peggy Wetzell, 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

	<u>10/06/19</u>	<u>In His Service</u>	<u>10/13/19</u>
<u>Last Week</u>	R. Mickowski	Worship Leader	W. Johnson
	J. Friederichsen	Scripture & Prayer	Ja. Gaynor
Sunday AM: 142	C. Blue	Usher	M. Ray
Contribution: \$2,486	D. Anderson	Communion	C. Mason
Year to Date: \$4,808	D. Asbell	Offering	M. Barker
Budget: \$4500/week	D. Cox	Pass	R. Cox
	M. Johnson	"	B. Davis
Wednesday PM: 12	B. Holland	"	R. Lewis
2019 Baptisms : 9	M. Anderson	"	B. Pennington
	Brummett	Greeters	D/J Anderson
	Barker	"	Welsh
	P. King	Shepherd's Prayer	E. Greenwood

GREENBANK NEWS

JORDAN TATUM HERE TODAY

Jordan is working on his Doctor of Ministry thesis, and is researching multiethnic churches, church merges, and churches of Christ. He will teach Bible class and, as part of his research, has a simple questionnaire for each of us to fill out. We ask everyone to participate and support Jordan in his research of multiethnic, merged churches such as ours.

LADIES CLASS BEGINS OCTOBER 12—10:00AM

Our study book this year is "Expecting the Unexpected: Women's Surprising Interactions with Jesus" by Nancy Eichman. In a culture where women were demeaned, Jesus gave women purpose, status, and validity. He still calls women to experience the same purposes and to find joy far beyond what we've come to know or even expect. Please join us, and invite others to come, as we share precious truths from God's Word. Books will be available at the first class free of charge while supplies last.

YOUNG GIRLS CLASS BEGINS OCTOBER 12—10:00AM

Sis. Eileen Hence will lead this class for our young ladies ages 7-12. Our topics will cover properly introducing yourself, making conversation, posture & body language, fashion & style, basic manners, and more. This class will meet at the same time as the ladies class. If you would like the young ladies in your life to participate, please speak with Sis. Hence.

FOOD PANTRY—SEPT 26 137 families, 344 individuals, 3,096 meals; 15 families came for the first time.