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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
302-994-3800

Devotion Matters

On its very first day, the church witnessed the conversion of 3,000 people (Acts 2:41). Within their first year of existence, they ballooned to exceed 5,000 men, not counting women and children (Acts 4:4). In fact, their growth was so rapid that Luke said, “the Lord added to the church *daily* those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47). This was a church that experience phenomenal growth.

In Acts 2:42-47, we are given a glimpse into the life of the first century church. This section of scripture begins with the phrase “they devoted themselves to...” In the verses that follow, we discover devotion to God’s Word, fellowship, the Lord’s Supper, and prayer, as well as an emphasis on giving, involvement, worship, and evangelism.

Devotion matters. That to which you are devoted consumes your attention, your energy, your time, and even your finances. When you are devoted to something, you give yourself entirely to it. God expects His people to be so devoted to Him that He is their Master. That is why the Greatest Command is that we love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30). Devotion matters.

The first detail we discover about the first century church is “they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching” (Acts 2:42 ESV). This means they were devoted to learning God’s Word. Remember, the infant church did not possess the Bible as we know it. They had access to the Old Testament, but relied on the Apostles to understand the scriptures in light of the new covenant.

Devotion to the Word means that it becomes engrained into your life. The Israelites were instructed to “lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul” (Deut. 11:18). That same text goes on to instruct them to “bind them as a sign on your hand,” to fix them “as frontlets between your eyes,” and to “write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates” (Deut. 11:18-21). Binding God’s Word to your hand signifies that it controls your actions. Affixing God’s Word between your eyes signifies that it guides your life. Writing God’s Word on the entrance of your house signifies that it governs your home.

Are you devoted to God’s Word? Are you engaging it daily? Is it engrained in your life? If not, what are you devoted to? —K. Rye (edited)

Order of Worship

He's My King—TPH

Welcome

Victory in Jesus—R517

Scripture Reading & Prayer

I Want To Be a Worker—G116

Are You Washed in the Blood?—R330

Communion

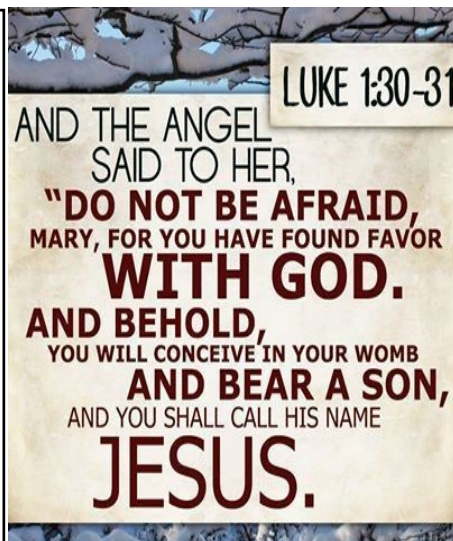
Offering

Camping Toward Canaan's Land—TPH

"Dealing With Baggage"

Who At the Door is Standing?—R341

Closing Prayer



GREEN BANK NEWS

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Adults—Saturday, Dec. 14th, 6:00pm. Those planning to attend need to sign up TODAY on the list posted on the bulletin board or contact Sherry Kirkland at sherry_kirkland@ymail.com (NOT Gmail), so we can finalize our planning. For the party, please bring finger foods—appetizers or desserts. We will have a gift exchange, so bring a wrapped item for your gender—\$20 limit. If you have questions, speak with Sherry.

Young Youth—Sunday, Dec. 15th. This party for our preschool & elementary children will be held after our Sunday morning service. If you can provide some holiday candy for this event, please drop it off in the office by Friday.

COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR 2020

Please sign up at the bulletin board for the month(s) next year when you would be able to prepare communion for our worship services. If you have questions, please speak with Susan Johnson.

WINTERFEST—FEB 14-16, 2020

The second payment for Winterfest is due next Sunday, December 15th. If you still need to fill out a registration form, please see Lisa Reed today.

MOZAMBIQUE COLLECTION

We will be sending \$2,000 to Chad & Amy Westerholm to support their mission work. Thank you for your generosity!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Judy Barker will be playing piano before and after the Cantata at St. Mark's United Methodist Church next Sunday, Dec. 15, 3:40 p.m.



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

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Ed Maynard: surgery to remove some skin cancer spots; **Glenda Schinnerer:** physical therapy after back surgery; **George Adair:** fractured sternum; **Lillie West:** strength for my family during the holidays; **Mike Barker:** clarity of diagnosis; **Chelsea Brasefield:** healthy, full-term pregnancy; **Alethia Jones:** God's wisdom in making decisions; **Jonathan Mitchell Jr:** health concerns; **Sam Nash:** emotional struggles; **Sharon King:** trouble with her hand; **Lakeisha Smith:** health issues; **Monica Green:** medical problems; **Brian King & family;** **Linda Jones;** **Lucas Kirkland:** clinical trials for Duchenne's MD; **Marc Brasefield:** training in TX ; **Jeffrey Clark Jr:** transitioning back into society; **Jocelyn Clark**

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 Saylor, Peggy Wetzel, Nadine Henderson, John Arnold; Bud Polk; Evelyn Kline; Emma Green; Gloria Edwards; Daisey Mae Wright

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

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

OUR COUNTRY: Leaders, Military, Law Enforcement, Firefighters

OUR ELDERS, DEACONS, & MINISTRY LEADERS

	<u>12/08/19</u>	<u>In His Service</u>	<u>12/15/19</u>
<u>Last Week</u>	S. Willis	Worship Leader	M. Ray
Sunday AM: 100	E. Greenwood	Scripture & Prayer	G. Jones
Contribution: \$5403	B. Davis	Usher	M. Welsh
Year to Date: \$4725	W. Johnson	Communion	C. Mason
Budget: \$4500/week	P. King	Offering	M. Anderson
Wednesday PM: 14	D. Cox	Pass	M. Dickinson
2019 Baptisms : 10	K. Abosch	"	R. Irwin
	D. Regester	"	D. Toribio
	B. Reed	"	R. Lewis
	W/S Johnson	Greeters	Friederichsen
	D/J Cox	"	Regester
	E. Greenwood	Shepherd's Prayer	D. Mattis