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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 & 5:30PM
Fridays 9:00 AM
To volunteer contact: Ed or Sue Maynard
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Adversity Makes You Bitter or Better

David makes some truly amazing statements in the Psalms which allow us to look into his heart and learn why he was so special to God. How do we become what he was since God has such high regard for him even from his youth? His words express the kind of heart he had. If we spend time making his words our words we will be changed. Perhaps we, too, can be described as “a man after God’s own heart.”

First and Second Samuel both tell us about the life of David and the trials he faced. They began shortly after he killed Goliath when King Saul became jealous and sought to take his life. David gained the favor of the people around him, and the evil king sent his army to kill David. He almost did not become king as that army was almost successful in taking the life of the young “giant killer.” His friendship with Saul’s son, Jonathan, often enabled him to escape. Years later, David again had immeasurable adversity when his own son led a rebellion against him.

So, how did he view such trials? Reading his words may change how you look at life. David said, “It is good that I was afflicted.” Our first reaction is that such could not be right! How on earth could any suffering be seen as good? Read the rest of the verse. David said, “It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes” (Psalm 119:71). David understood a lesson which each of us should learn early in our life. If our life has little misery and adversity, we tend to ignore God for we have little need of Him. On the other hand, adversity provides us the opportunity to come closer to God. How we respond to such trials shows the kind of heart we have. It is so important to learn that adversity makes us bitter or better.

The apostle Paul understood this same truth. In his second letter to Corinth, he gave a list of many of the trials he had endured, then he said, “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Cor. 12:10). Read the verse again—infirmities, reproaches, needs, persecutions, distresses. Pleasure in all of this? How strange! But, what insight David and Paul had into how to deal with all that life brings.

How do you decide what things are good and what things are bad in your life? Here is a rule which might change your whole view of life: Anything which draws me closer to God is good, and anything which keeps me from God is evil. So, let me ask, any good thing happening in your life right now? Think about it.

D. Jenkins

Order of Worship

Where the Soul Never Dies—R665

Welcome

No Tears in Heaven—TPH

Scripture Reading & Prayer

Anywhere is Home—TPH

In Gethsemane Alone—TPH

Communion

Offering

Jesus is Coming Soon—TPH

"Rooted & Grounded"

God is Calling the Prodigal—R322

Closing Prayer



TEACHERS NEEDED

We are looking for additional teachers for our children's and teen Bible classes. A sign-up sheet is posted on the large bulletin board. If you have any questions about teaching, please speak with Crystal Reyes.

GREENBANK NEWS

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WILL NOT MEET TODAY

LADIES & YOUNG GIRLS CLASSES—JAN 11—10:00AM

Ladies class discuss chapter 4 in Expecting the Unexpected. Young girls may speak with Sis. Hence for more information about your class.

GRIEF SHARE EVENING OF HOPE—JAN 13—6:30PM

This is only open to those who have already attended GriefShare. Our new sessions for the GriefShare Program that are open to all will begin on March 16. You may register for this online or see Mike or Judy Barker, or Sherry Kirkland.

NEW ADULT BIBLE CLASS—9:30AM

George Kirkland has begun teaching a new class on the subject of Angels for the next few weeks. All are welcome to come.

FOOD PANTRY—JAN 2

We provided 2,565 meals to 285 people in 115 families; 15 families were new. January is a re-registration month for all our pantry clients. This means lines move more slowly unless we have a large number of volunteers to keep things running smoothly. If you are available to help on any (or each) Thursday this month, we would love to have you join us!

GREENBANK ROAD CLOSURE

Greenbank Road remains closed while work is done to repair the bridge. The anticipated date for reopening the road is April 2020.



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

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Chelsea Brasefield: in the hospital until the baby is born; **Boyd Reed:** pre-surgical testing; **Lisa Reed's mother, Glenda:** recovering from back surgery; **Mike Anderson:** recovering from knee replacement surgery and his mother was hospitalized for a stroke; **Linda Blankenship:** complications after hernia repair; **Larry Saenz:** bypass surgery; **George Adair:** fractured sternum; **Lillie West:** guidance; **Lucas Kirkland:** good results to continue from clinical trial; **Debbie Davis;** **Nate McCollum;** **Terri Bachman;** **Kathy Sheppard:** trust in the Lord

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

LONG-TERM ILLNESS/RECOVERY: Ed Maynard, Joyce Gamble, Miriam Castro, Marie Difilippo, Dustin Lackford, Michael Mugrage, Felicity Ray, Gwendolyn Brady, John Arnold, Bud Polk, Evelyn Kline, Emma Green, Gloria Edwards, Daisey Mae Wright, Glenda Schinnerer

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>01/05/2020</u>	<u>In His Service</u>	<u>01/12/20</u>
<u>Last Week</u>	S. Willis	Worship Leader	W. Johnson
	D. Mattis	Scripture & Prayer	B. Reed
	B. Davis	Usher	M. Welsh
	M. Brasefield	Communion	D. Asbell
	M. Welsh	Offering	C. Blue
	D. Bower	Pass	D. Cox
	B. Pennington	"	R. Cox
	M. Johnson	"	R. Lewis
	R. Irwin	"	D. Register
	R. Lewis	Greeters	D/J Anderson
	Brummett	"	Welsh
	E. Greenwood	Shepherd's Prayer	D. Mattis