

## Greenbank Weekly Update – Friday, May 15, 2020

Do you know anyone in need? Please contact the church office, and we will find a way to assist.

Contact info: [office@greenbankcoc.org](mailto:office@greenbankcoc.org) or 302-994-3800. Office hours: Monday Only, 9:00am-3:00pm

Email and phone messages will be accessed remotely throughout the week.

### Prayer & Praise

**Sherry Kirkland** is very ill. Pray for quick healing.

**Tihonor Johnson**, Latanya Ray's daughter, is awaiting surgery on a brain tumor.

**Roma Purnell** is battling Leukemia.

**Regester, Steiner, McDanill & Jones families** who have lost loved ones recently.

**Patty Conway** is recuperating in a rehab center.

**Our church family:** Keep each other in prayer, and be sure to stay in contact with your brothers and sisters.

**Reopening of businesses:** Pray for wisdom for business owners to know the best way to proceed to protect employees and customers.

**Essential Workers:** Doctors, nurses, law enforcement, firefighters, paramedics, postal & transit, grocers, etc.

**Our Government Leaders** who are working to find a balance of restrictions and cautious reopenings.

The most recent requests are listed above. If you have an item for prayer or praise, please email it to [office@greenbankcoc.org](mailto:office@greenbankcoc.org) for inclusion in our weekly list. To view previous prayer requests and those on our ongoing lists, please visit the Weekly Bulletins page on our website [www.greenbankcoc.org](http://www.greenbankcoc.org).

### Reflection: Walking with God – Rory L. Irwin

Recently, Jim Friederichsen sent out an encouraging note by email. In it he mentioned that he awoke one morning thinking about the song "My God and I." The verse he quoted got me thinking, "What does it mean to walk with God today?"

In the military, I spend quite a bit of time walking with other soldiers. It normally involves carrying over 50 pounds of gear and moving at a high rate of speed. After the first few miles, it is hard to focus on anything but putting one foot in front of the other. Although common hardships can bring people together, they only bring us closer to God when we focus on Him during the hardship.

Shelley and I have had opportunities to go for walks in some of the most amazing places. During our walks, we have seen gardens in Kauai, glaciers in Alaska, lighthouses on Lake Michigan, and the mountains in Colorado. Without a doubt, being there with her made the journey all the better because I experienced it with someone I love, and who I know loves me. I believe this is close to what the Bible means when it describes walking with God.

The scriptures give us several instances where men walked with God. "Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him" (Genesis 5:24). What a thought, God loving you so much that He brings you home to be with Him forever! When I consider that Enoch lived shortly before Noah, I must wonder if God took him up because of the plans He had for Noah. And speaking of Noah, he was also a man that "walked with God."

*"This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God." (Genesis 6:9)*

The Bible does not indicate Noah "physically" walked with God, but we see he walked *faithfully* with God by how he lived for God during hardship. God told Noah to build an ark, so he built one. God told Noah to make the ark a specific size, so he built it exactly as God described. God told Noah to bring animals into the ark, and he did.

We learn a lot from Noah's walk with God. Even in the hardship we are currently experiencing with Covid-19, God offers us an opportunity to walk with Him. Much like Noah, walking with God today involves having a closeness with Him and an intimate trust in Him. God is simply asking us to focus on Him during our walk, and He will be with us.

I'm thankful for Jim's encouraging words that helped me focus on our loving Father and not worry so much about what is happening in the world. I pray my words will also help you focus more on God and less on what is happening in the world around you.

## **Announcements**

**Baby Bottle Benefit:** We are a third of the way to our goal. Please help us raise funds for A Door of Hope Pregnancy Center that will help them continue to operate two locations in New Castle County for expectant mothers who may be at risk for abortion. We have set up a private online donation page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/greenbank-church-bbb-2020>. This is an easy and secure way to donate. If you prefer to use a check or money order, make it out to Greenbank Church of Christ, put "BBB 2020" in the memo, and mail it to the church. We encourage you to "do what you can" to give to this organization. Every dollar makes a difference!

**Coming Soon:** Our ladies and young ladies classes are moving online beginning Saturday, May 23rd (more information below). All those who are interested in these classes need to email the office to let us know you want to participate. If you prefer we use an email address different than the one we currently have for you, please provide that information. For security reasons, we will only email the link for the Zoom classes to those who will be participating.

**Mobile Food Pantry – Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>:** The Food Bank of Delaware has chosen our location to be a site for one of their pop-up mobile food pantries. We need volunteers to help distribute food boxes and manage traffic. If you are available to help, please contact Sue Maynard at [yachtmax@msn.com](mailto:yachtmax@msn.com). Those who can benefit from receiving food must register in advance at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/greenbank-church-of-christ-mobile-food-distribution-tickets-105020743872>. On the day of the event, they must bring their Delaware ID, empty out their trunk or back seat so food can easily be placed inside, and stay in their car. They will be instructed how to proceed on site.

**High School Graduate – Madison Naseery:** Madison is graduating from Mount Pleasant High School's International Baccalaureate program and will be attending Lipscomb University in the fall. We are not able to have our usual graduate celebration right now, but we still want to recognize Madison and her accomplishments. Madison's address will be emailed to members so you can send her cards of congratulations and maybe help her out a little bit with those "preparing for college" expenses.

## **Online Bible Studies**

**NEW! Young Ladies Class on Zoom:** On Saturday, May 23 at 11 a.m., Eileen Hence will lead our young ladies' class on Zoom. This class will meet online once a month. Parents are asked to access the materials on our website's resources page <http://greenbankcoc.org/resources/> before the day of class so you can gather needed materials. Scroll down the page to the Young Ladies Class section. The link to log into Zoom will be emailed the day before class.

**NEW! Ladies Class on Zoom:** Also on Saturday, May 23 at 1:00 p.m., Crystal Reyes will lead a ladies' study on Zoom. This study will be for six consecutive weeks. To see the full schedule of topics, and to download lesson materials, go to our website's resources page <http://greenbankcoc.org/resources/>. Scroll down to the Ladies Zoom Lessons section. The link to log into Zoom will be emailed the day before class. Join us to discuss Who's on First!

**Gospel of John:** Boyd Reed continues to host this online study. Passages are posted weekly along with questions to prompt discussion. You can access the lessons at any time convenient for you, read other's comments, and post questions or comments you have for each lesson. Access the lessons here: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjUyNzlyMTI2MTda> **Class code: 7s2upmd**

### **Connect with Us Online**

**Sunday Worship: Spanish service @ 9:00 a.m.      English service @ 10:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday Bible Study @ 7:00 p.m. (English only)**

1) **Facebook Live:** <http://www.facebook.com/greenbankchurchofchrist>

2) **Greenbank website:** [www.greenbankcoc.org](http://www.greenbankcoc.org) Click on the Facebook Live tab on the menu bar at the top of the page. PLEASE NOTE: You do NOT need to have a Facebook account to view the live feed through our website.

3) **Conference call:** Dial +1 (646) 749-3122 Enter Access Code 947 684 973#

### **Options for Giving**

**If you are able to & desire to maintain regular giving:**

1) **Write a check** and mail to 511 Greenbank Road, Wilmington, DE 19808, or hold all checks until we begin meeting again.

2) **Cash givers** can set aside your contributions and bring them when we begin meeting again.

3) **Online giving:** A PayPal option has been set up on our website [www.greenbankcoc.org](http://www.greenbankcoc.org). Click on the "Donate" button and follow the instructions. (Note: there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)

**Last Week's Contribution: \$6,543**

**Weekly Average: \$4,475**