<u>Greenbank Weekly Update – Friday, June 5, 2020</u>

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

Contact info: 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.

A Statement from the Elders

Greetings!

We recognize that over the past few months there have been trying times. First, we had the pandemic of the COVID-19 virus that caused the isolation of the masses and the prevention of our gathering for worship and fellowship. And now if that wasn't enough, we have this social unrest.

We determined to communicate to you, the parishioners of the Greenbank congregation, that we are not unaware of the issues confronting our nation these days. Unfortunately, the issue of racism prevails even today in this great nation. Our adversary, the devil, is at work to cause conflict, trouble, pain, sorrow, and despair.

Though we have been experiencing the coming together and uniting of our fellowship of blacks, whites, and Hispanics with a great success it is still obvious that our society has a great work yet to accomplish.

We want to say, we feel the pain, we feel the sorrow, and we share the loss and the grief.

Also, let us make this known to all; We renounce all forms of bigotry, racism, and discrimination.

Let us then come together as one, in spirit, in prayer, and in faith, and petition our God for healing, recovery, and restoration of our nation. Do not despair for God is yet on his throne and knows and sees all.

We comfort you with these words, "Our God He is Alive," and he is faithful to see us through these adverse times. Do not fret, do not despair, but let us make our petitions be known to him who can and will answer according to his word and will.

1 Thessalonians 4:18 "Therefore comfort ye one another with these words."

Prayer & Praise

Billy Holland: his sister-in-law's father passed away.

Robin Huff-Jordan family: Robin passed away last year, and we recently learned that her son, Jerod, passed away on the anniversary of her death.

Jonathan Mitchell, Jr: severe migraines; pray a medication can be found to treat the pain and frequency **Greenbank church:** That we will be a light to our community and show love and honor to all people. Pray for one another daily. Pray that we can fully prepare our facility to begin meeting together again soon.

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 reopening.

The most recent requests are listed above. If you have an item for prayer or praise, please email it to 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.

<u>Announcements</u>

Planning Meeting for Reopening: The elders will hold a meeting on **Saturday, June 13, at 8:00AM** to receive input on how best to return to regular worship services. Ideas from all members are welcome, and in particular they want to hear from those who serve as ushers, greeters, and worship support. They will also discuss plans on how to return to regular Bible classes at a later date. If you are unable to attend the

meeting, please email your ideas to <u>office@greenbankcoc.org</u>. The target date to return to worship service at the building is Sunday, July 5.

Rice for Liberia: We sent \$425 to purchase rice in areas of Liberia that need food assistance during their COVID-19 lockdown. Thank you to those who donated.

Women Encouraging Women – Each Monday in June – 6:45PM: Each year the ladies at the Folsom church host a women's event that occurs on each Monday during the month of June. This year's event, "The Anchor Holds" is being held on Zoom. If you would like to attend their event, please register by emailing mkomisor@gmail.com.

Online Bible Studies

Ladies Class on Zoom: On Saturday, June 6 at 1:00 p.m., Crystal Reyes will lead a ladies' study on Zoom. This study will continue for 4 more weeks. To see the full schedule of topics, and to download lesson materials, go to our website's resources page. The link to log into Zoom will be emailed the day before class. Join us to discuss Building Trust.

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/NjUyNzlyMTl2MTda **Class code: 7s2upmd**

Connect with Us Online

Sunday Worship: <u>Spanish service</u> @ 9:00 a.m. <u>English service</u> @ 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 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 (301) 715-8592 Enter Meeting ID 889 4601 8992

Options for Giving

We appreciate those who are able to maintain regular giving. Ways to make a contribution:

- 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 <u>www.greenbankcoc.org</u>. Click on the "Donate" button and follow the instructions. (<u>Note</u>: there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)

Last Week's Contribution: \$1,780 Weekly Average: \$4,142