

## Greenbank Weekly Update – Friday, June 12, 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.

### **Reflection – Courage Over Fear** by Mike Barker

Some of you will remember General George S. Patton of WWII fame. Known by those who served under his command as “Old Blood and Guts,” he earned that name as he rose through the ranks to become the Allied Commander who spearheaded the invasion of Sicily. He likewise turned the tide in favor of the Allies at the battle of Bastogne. In both conflicts, he earned the respect of many for leading the platoon from the front. One of the more dignified statements he is remembered for is, “Courage is fear holding on one minute longer.” Think it over, consider it one minute longer... “Courage is fear holding on one minute longer.” Only a seasoned, battle-worn leader of his caliber would grasp its full meaning.

As we contemplate Gen. Patton’s statement, one cannot help but remember Joshua and the charge he received from God. As he was preparing to cross the Jordan River and take the promised land, God told Joshua, “Be strong and of good courage.” Significantly, Joshua was one of the 12 spies sent by Moses to spy out the land they were promised by God. Significantly still, he, along with Caleb, were the only two who brought Moses a favorable report as Caleb said, “Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it.” In contrast to the optimism of Joshua and Caleb, the other 10 spies were doubtful they could prevail over the armies of Canaan. They told Moses, “We are but grasshoppers in their sight.”

Now that Moses was dead (and was earlier forbidden by God to enter the promised land), Joshua was in charge. God told him three times to “Be strong and of good courage.” Whatever fear he may have had, he clearly held on longer as he prepared his troops to cross the Jordan. He knew that once they crossed into Canaan there would be no turning back if they were committed to the task at hand. Along the way, they would encounter fearful situations, but would also hold on one minute longer. Anticipating that, Joshua said, “Get your supplies ready, for in three days you will cross the Jordan and take possession of the land God has promised you.”

We, like Joshua, are in a daily battle with Satan now that we have crossed our “Jordan River” into lives transformed by Christ. Unless we turn back, we will encounter struggles often fraught with fear. During those times, we are reminded of God’s charge to Joshua, to “be strong and of good courage.” Our commander in chief, through the message of the apostle Paul, has told us to “put on the whole armor of God, to withstand the wiles of the devil by taking the shield of faith, the breastplate of righteousness, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God” (Ephesians 6:10-18)

May we confront our fears as we equip ourselves for battle and find the courage to press on by “holding on one minute longer.”



*Thank you, our church family, for your prayers, cards, and phone calls. Our family was touched so deeply by each of you at the passing of our mom, Sylvia Regester.*

*Love you all, David Regester & family*

### **Prayer & Praise**

**Shelley Irwin** will have surgery on her shoulder this Thursday, June 18.

**Jonathan Mitchell, Jr:** suffering with severe migraines; pray medication can be found to treat the pain and frequency that they occur

**Greenbank church:** To 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](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).

## **Announcements**

**Planning Meeting for Reopening:** Remember our meeting tomorrow, **Saturday, June 13, at 8:00AM** to discuss how best to return to regular worship services. Input from all members is welcome. Please remember to wear a mask and use social distancing when entering the building and sitting in the auditorium. If you are not able to attend the meeting, email your ideas to [office@greenbankcoc.org](mailto:office@greenbankcoc.org). The target date to return to worship service at the building is Sunday, July 5.

**Graduation Parade:** We will have a drive-by parade for our high school grad, Madison Naseery, on **Sunday, June 14**. We will meet at **Carrcroft Elementary (503 Crest Road, Wilmington) at 3:30 p.m.** Bring your amazing smiles and a card to share with Madison. Feel free to decorate your car or dress up. For more information call or text Shelley Irwin at 302-345-8906.

**Women Encouraging Women – June 15, 22 & 29 – 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 participate in their event, please register for the Zoom link by emailing [mkomisor@gmail.com](mailto:mkomisor@gmail.com).

**Employment Opportunity:** The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring in its Wilmington office. Apply now at <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs.html> or **text jobs2020 to 313131**. For more information about available jobs or assistance with applying online call 1-855-562-2020.

## **Online Bible Studies**

**Ladies Class on Zoom:** Crystal Reyes continues to lead our online ladies' study on Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. To see the full schedule of topics, and to download lesson materials, go to our website's resources page. Join us this week as we discuss how to build a caring community by Showing Genuine Care. If you have not received the Zoom link, please contact Crystal.

**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 (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 [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: \$5,076**

**Weekly Average: \$4,182**