

Greenbank Weekly Update – Friday, May 29, 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 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

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.

Sherry Kirkland continues to recover from bacterial pneumonia.

Patty Conway is now home and doing well.

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.

Reflection: God in the Valley by Tyler King (edited)

The Assyrians/Arameans had a view of God that restricted Him to certain locations. They claimed, “Yahweh is one of the mountains but not of the valleys” (1 Kings 20:28). It was this toxic mentality that caused many defeats for those who underestimated God and His omnipresence. As one reads in the Hebrew scriptures, it is easy to see that God gives great victories, even in the valleys. The valley of Elah was a victory of David over the giant, Goliath (1 Samuel 17). The valley of Berachah was a place of triumph for the Lord’s army (2 Chronicles 20:26). The valley of Achor was first tragic, then a reminder of God’s forward-thinking (Joshua 7; Hosea 2:15).

Valleys are about as common in the Bible as they are in our everyday lives. If there’s one lesson that both scripture and life teach us, it is that God is present. Period. God’s presence is what allowed Jeremiah to start looking toward the future (Jer. 33). It was God’s presence that pushed and motivated the people to continue with their work (Hag. 2). It was God’s presence that allowed Jacob to flee from temptation (Gen. 39). The presence of God is a reality that pushes people to act extraordinarily.

If you are like me, you were reading through the different valleys mentioned in the first paragraph and got to the valley of Berachah. Chances are you kind of made up a pronunciation in your head and moved on, but we want to spend a minute looking at this passage. As you read 2 Chronicles 20, you’ll come across this part of King Jehoshaphat’s prayer, “Lord, we do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you” (v.12). Have you ever said a prayer like that? Though they were unsure of what actions to take, they trusted in God which led to victory! Overcome with joy, they praised God and the valley became known as “Berachah” which means “blessing.”

Though we are not always cognizant of it, God’s presence is a reality. If we attempt to go through a valley alone, darkness is inevitable. If we go through it with Him, Light is available (John 8:12). Satan tries to make valleys a trap, but God can turn them into a blessing.

Announcements

NEW Call-In Number: The call-in number for our Sunday morning worship and Wednesday evening Bible study has changed. If you or someone you know connects via phone, please share this information with them. Call 301-715-8592 and enter the meeting ID 889-4601-8992

High School Graduate – Madison Naseery: If you have not already done so, please remember to send a card of congratulations to Madison recognizing her graduation from high school. An email was sent out last week with Madison’s address. If you need it again, please contact the office. Since we are not able to have our regular senior recognition, we want to do what we can to honor Madison’s accomplishments and wish her well as she heads off to college.

Baby Bottle Benefit: This will be our last week to collect for the A Door of Hope Pregnancy Center fundraiser. If you would still like to make a donation, please do so before Friday. Feel free to share our link on social media to increase awareness about this opportunity. Use <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/greenbank-church-bbb-2020> for 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.” Every dollar makes a difference!

Online Bible Studies

Ladies Class on Zoom: On Saturday, May 30 at 1:00 p.m., Crystal Reyes will lead a ladies’ study on Zoom. This study will continue for 5 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 Taking Personal Responsibility.

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 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:** New Number: 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. Click on the “Donate” button and follow the instructions. (Note: there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)

Last Week’s Contribution: \$2,093

Weekly Average: \$4,254