

Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Friday, July 17, 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.

Reflection – The Shepherd Looks After His Sheep by Mike Barker

Perhaps one of the best-known passages from the Old Testament is the 23rd Psalm. Many have committed it to memory, drawing great inspiration and comfort from the image of a Shepherd who cares for his sheep. David, its author, learned at a young age how to properly care for his father's flock. Whether it was herding them to green pastures replete with luscious grass on a gently sloped mountainside, or leading them to a flowing stream for refreshing water, David knew he might very well risk his own life to protect his sheep from danger while on the way to pasture. He came to regard the sheep as his very own so they would feel secure while hearing the sound of his voice as he took care of them. He was most certainly well suited to pen the imagery he describes in this beloved Psalm.

One of the more challenging aspects of the bucolic lifestyle of a shepherd was the journey to green pastures where the sheep could graze and rest, escape the danger of predators, and enjoy a respite from pesky insects. The rod and staff used along the way were important to keep the sheepfold together as the shepherd pulled a wanderer back on the pathway. This journey was time consuming, and often fraught with danger. Finally, after having traversed a mountainous terrain surrounding the countryside, they arrived safely to the green pastures on higher ground, due to the foresight, dedication, and determination of the Good Shepherd.

The beauty of this psalm is how David identifies himself as a sheep in the flock where the “Lord, who is my Shepherd” is watching over them. That thought is paramount throughout the entire psalm, beginning with the realization that his needs will be abundantly supplied.

What a blessed thought to realize that we, like David, are part of the Good Shepherd's sheepfold. As such, all our needs are taken care of and we will never be in want for anything. We have the promise of His protection from the predacious assault of Satan that may come before reaching green pastures. We likewise have the promise of His watchful eye, not only along the pathway, but also when corralled in the sheep pen. There, no one can snatch us from His continuing care.

What an image that comes out of this Psalm! What a reassuring application for our own lives that we are secure in the loving, dedicated care of the Lord, who is my Shepherd!

Prayer & Praise

Domingo Reyes has not been feeling well this week.

Joyce Wall: in hospital with Covid-19. Pray for all who attended the Wall-Clark wedding on June 26 that no one else becomes ill.

Ken Essex: injured his back

Joyce Essex: Parkinson's Disease is progressing

Greenbank church: Continue to pray for one another. May we be an example of love and unity to our community. Remember our church leadership as they make decisions about reopening for services

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.

7/19 Worship Leader – Walter Johnson

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Prayer – Walter Johnson

More Holiness Give Me

Scripture Reading & Prayer – Tim Tucker

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

Communion & Offering – Marc Brasefield

More About Jesus

“Ugly Influence” – Domingo Reyes

Closing Comments & Prayer – Doug Mattis

Announcements

Baby Boy Piggy Bank: This is the last week to send in donations to the piggy bank gift for Erika Aguilar. If you would like to contribute, please make a check or money order out to Greenbank Church of Christ, and put “piggy bank” on the memo line. We will purchase gift cards for Erika with the donations we receive. Also, if you have any baby boy clothing or other baby items that are in good condition and would like to donate them, please arrange with the office to drop them off by July 27.

Camp Manatawny Virtual Camp 2020: Visit Camp while staying at home! If you’ve never been to Camp, this is a great way to experience some of the great Bible teaching and activities Camp has to offer. No sunscreen or bug spray needed! Each week from now through August 15th watch The Sunday Show with Manatawny Mark at 5pm; Campfire Sing-along is every Tuesday at 8:30pm; and on Saturdays a video will be posted of the photos submitted for the weekly challenge. (The challenge is given on The Sunday Show.) You can participate in Virtual Camp on Camp Manatawny’s Facebook page or YouTube channel.

Online Bible Studies

Wednesdays @ 7PM: Facebook Live <http://www.facebook.com/greenbankchurchofchrist>

Gospel of John: This online study continues. Boyd Reed posts passages 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**

Worship With Us Online

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

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:** If you do not have internet access, you can dial in on your phone to connect.
(301) 715-8592 Enter Meeting ID 889 4601 8992

Options for Giving

We appreciate those who are able to maintain regular giving. Ways to contribute:

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: \$9,162

Weekly Average: \$4,326