

Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Friday, July 24, 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 – Faith is Seeing the Invisible by Mike Riley

One of the reasons Paul was able to live as he lived, preach as he preached, and endure what he endured is found in 2 Corinthians 4:18 where he said, “... we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.” The same thing can be said of Moses in the Old Testament. The Hebrew writer tells us that “he endured, as seeing him who is invisible” (Hebrews 11:27). They both understood that **faith is seeing the invisible**.

Through a study of the Scriptures, we understand that God is invisible to the physical eye (Colossians 1:15), but He can be seen through the eye of faith (2 Corinthians 5:7). The spirit of man, in contrast with the physical body, cannot be seen because it is the “inward man” (Romans 7:22; 2 Corinthians 4:16). Those individuals who see only the visible, live as if there were nothing to man but dust, but those who have faith to see the invisible, live in recognition of the fact that we are created in God’s image and are going back to Him (Genesis 1:27; Ecclesiastes 12:7).

Many folks cannot see the unseen because they only use their physical eyes, focusing on tangible things which are made of dust and will return to dust, i.e. “... the things which are seen are temporal...” (1 Corinthians 4:18). There is nothing that can be seen with the physical eye that will endure the ravages of time. Time, in its destructive march, moves on and corrupts every mark that human hands have made. Men may feel that they have erected something that will endure, but their hopes are all in vain as all physical things will perish (1 Peter 3:10). All treasures laid up here on the earth will be corrupted and consumed by moth and rust, or thieves will break through and steal (Matthew 6:19). Only those individuals who have faith to see the invisible are fixing their gaze on the eternal. (Colossians 3:1-2).

Understanding all of the above, let us be found “fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith” and “run with endurance the race that is set before us” (Hebrews 12:1-2). If we are willing to “endure” as Paul and Moses endured, and have the faith to see the invisible, we too will also experience that eternal “unseen” realm (Revelation 2:10; 1 Peter 1:4). What a great blessing that will be!

Prayer & Praise

Reyes family: Malaquias Reyes, father of Domingo, Rebeca, and Enrique, passed away early Friday morning after suffering a heart attack. Please keep their family lifted in prayer during this difficult time.

Clark family: Lift this family in prayer as they also experienced the loss of an aunt and a cousin last week.

Juanita Anderson: undergoing testing to determine the cause of acid reflux symptoms

Wyndi Walker: having gallbladder surgery on Monday, July 27

Dustin Lackford: seeing a surgeon on Aug. 3 to schedule hernia repair

Carla Bartschi: going through a difficult time

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.

7/26 Worship Leaders

Song Leader & Opening Prayer – Jeff Clark
Scripture Reading & Prayer – Doug Mattis
Communion & Offering – Mark Ray
Sermon – Doug Mattis
Closing Comments & Prayer – Ed Greenwood

Announcements

Anuncio importante para nuestros miembros españoles: No hay servicio en español este domingo. Por favor únete a nosotros a las 10:30 am.

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.

Movie Nights at Frawley Stadium: Looking for a fun family outing? The Wilmington Blue Rocks are thrilled to welcome fans back to Frawley Stadium with the debut of the "Movie Nights at Frawley Stadium" summer movie series. Select weekends this summer and early fall will feature open-air showings of blockbuster hits. Tickets are limited, and the stadium will provide plenty of social distancing space for a fun – *but safe* – night out. Tickets are \$11 per person and include a bag of popcorn & bottled water. Read the full details and purchase tickets here: <https://www.milb.com/wilmington/community/stadium-events>

Online Bible Studies

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

Gospel of John: Boyd Reed continues to post weekly passages 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: \$774

Weekly Average: \$4,203