

Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Friday, August 7, 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 – Hidden Snakes by C.C. Allen

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.” – Ephesians 6:10-12

Laura didn't see the snake, but it was there. It must have come out of its hole when she stomped on the ground. She had moved a paver, on which hundreds of ants were crawling like mad and had made their way to the top of her shoes before she noticed. After stomping them off, she moved to another paver, closer to the hole and kicked it up to check for ants. Unfortunately, a rock caught her foot sending Laura backward into the tree directly behind her. In a split-second, she was on her rear-end staring at a large snake three feet away, slithering like crazy. How could she have missed a snake located so close by?

As our focus scripture indicates, we are all involved in a spiritual battle with invisible forces every day. Just because we don't see Satan, it doesn't mean that he doesn't exist. Our enemy is real, and the conflict he causes is real. This conflict has eternal implications as indicated in 2 Corinthians 10:3-4: *“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.”* And 1 Peter 5:8 says, *“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”* These scriptures call us to consider the root of any struggle or relational conflict we experience. Are they satanically rooted?

Dear Lord, the next time we observe personal, church, or global conflict, help us to consider the source. Is it just us this time, or something outside of us? Please make us acutely aware of Satan's goal to divide us. Help us wear our spiritual armor every day. Thank you for wisdom to know how to pray, to forgive, and strength to avoid the devil's schemes. Amen.

Prayer & Praise

Jim & Linda Friederichsen: their son, Jack, passed away late Sunday night after a battle with brain cancer. Keep the Friederichsen family in prayer for strength and comfort.

Mike & Judy Barker: Mike has Covid-19; his symptoms are mild and he must quarantine for 2 weeks; Judy must quarantine for 28 days.

Carroll Blue: car accident on Wednesday; he is sore, but otherwise doing okay

Doug Essex: pain in left shoulder and arm from a previous injury; pray he'll be able to see a doctor soon

Penny Price: experiencing nerve pain after having shingles a few months ago

Greenbank church: Pray for our elders as they make decisions about returning to in-person worship service.

Our Government Leaders who are working to find a balance of reopening businesses and schools while determining best practices for the health and safety of all.

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.

8/9 Worship Leaders

Song Leader & Opening Prayer – Mark Ray

Scripture Reading & Prayer – Walter Johnson

Communion & Offering – Jeff Clark
Sermon – Domingo Reyes
Closing Comments & Prayer – Ed Greenwood

Announcements

Camp Manatawny Virtual Camp 2020: Only one week left! Have you been participating? This is a great way to get a glimpse of what camp is like, no sunscreen or bug spray needed! Enjoy the last few episodes. 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 and videos submitted for the weekly challenge (given on The Sunday Show.) You can participate in Virtual Camp on Camp Manatawny's Facebook page or YouTube channel.

Family Camping @ Manatawny: Does your family miss Camp? There is a safe option being offered from Aug. 16 to Sept. 13. There will be no supervised activities, but still lots of fun – discounted cabin prices, Camp meals, and lifeguarded swim time on select days. Find out more on the Camp website: www.manatawny.org/familycamping

DCCMF 10th Annual Charity Golf Tournament: This event promotes the mission of reaching college students by the Blue Hens for Christ and Reflect Campus Missions/DCCMF ministries. We have consulted with the folks at Chesapeake Bay Golf Club, and we believe we are able to present a very personal, and fun, golf outing that you will enjoy. It will be a “virtual” tournament that will provide social distancing that you can control and yet allow you to enjoy a day of golf while maintaining the continuity of DCCMF's golf outing. The event will be held September 16-30. Visit the website <https://www.dccmf.org/golf-outing> for more information and to register. If you would like to be an event sponsor, there is a link on the website for that as well. Contact Walter Johnson if you have any questions.

Software Development Training: The Reginald Noble School of Technology will hold an eight (8) week program for males 18-25 years old from underserved communities to learn Software Development Cycle and Software Testing Methodologies. Upon successful completion of the program, assistance will be given to find an internship or entry level job. The program runs on Saturdays from September 19 – November 7, 2020, 12pm-4pm, at the Wilmington HOPE Commission's Achievement Center, 38 Vandever Ave., Wilmington, DE 19802. To register for this FREE program, call 302-440-3851 or fill out the “Contact Us” form on the www.reginaldnobletech.com website. Registration deadline is August 21.

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: \$4,568

Weekly Average: \$4,152