

Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Friday, August 14, 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: Physical Growth – Spiritual Growth by Mike Barker

One of the greatest joys a family will ever experience is the arrival of a newborn baby. Grandparents, along with the extended family, will clamor to hold this new bundle of joy. The parents, while celebrating the event with everyone else, will make ready to accommodate this new little person into their daily routine. It won't be long before this small infant will begin needing larger clothes. Suddenly, almost without warning, the baby's appetite will crave solid food as physical growth "kicks into high gear." Those of us looking on will think to ourselves, "Where is the little girl I carried; where is the little boy at play; I don't remember growing older, when did they?" (words from "Sunrise, Sunset", a song from the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*). Throughout this cycle of growth, the needs and wants of this individual will change and will continue doing so throughout his or her lifetime. Our goal, as parents, is to see our children become healthy, functioning adults.

This is also true when applied to a person's spiritual growth. Jesus alludes to the image of a newborn baby when he told Nicodemus that a person "*must be born again*" (John 3:3), and "*of the water and the spirit*" (John 3:5). We often describe a new Christian as a "babe in Christ" perhaps drawing from the imagery Jesus used when talking with Nicodemus. Proper nutrition and nurturing skills are essential to healthy spiritual development, just as they are for healthy physical growth.

As we reflect on the joy of welcoming a newborn into our midst, be they child or adult, let us be mindful of the important role we each have in this person's physical and spiritual life. Let us make certain that we nurture these spiritual babes for whom we are responsible by setting good examples before them. May we recognize the changing needs of each one in our care, always responding appropriately to those needs in a loving manner. We must remember that we are the means by which these individuals will be nourished and grow. What we do now will enable them to carry on the process we've been blessed to take part in.

Guided by the example of Timothy's mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois (2 Tim. 1:5), we are carrying out the process described by Paul's directive to Timothy in 2 Tim. 2:2; to "*teach others so they will be able to teach others also.*"

We will have no greater joy than to see those whom we've nurtured take on that same role when Elijah's mantle is passed from our hands to theirs.

¡Muchas Gracias! Erika Aguilar is deeply touched by the outpouring of love and generosity of gifts and donations to the piggy bank for her baby. She looks forward to the day when she can thank you in person.

Prayer & Praise

Angela Mitchell: waiting for biopsy results; pray for favorable outcome

Rylie Ennis: sustained an injury in a softball game last week; pray for complete healing

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

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 – Ed Greenwood

Scripture Reading & Prayer – Sedric Willis

Communion & Offering – Boyd Reed

Sermon – Domingo Reyes

Closing Comments & Prayer – Doug Mattis

Announcements

Family Camping @ Manatawny: Do you miss Camp Manatawny? A safe option for families is being offered from Aug. 16 to Sept. 13. Escape from the daily grind in our beautiful setting in Berks County, PA. Enjoy 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 Rising Sun 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/NjUyNzlyMTIzMTda> **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: \$5,814

Weekly Average: \$4,204