

## Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Friday, August 21, 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](mailto: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: Spiritual PPE** by C. C. Allen

*“Stand firm then with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes with the gospel of peace... Take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.”* Ephesians 6:13-17

Just as the use of herbicides and pesticides require the use of Personal Protective Equipment to protect a farmer from potential harm, Christians need a type of spiritual PPE to protect themselves from the devil. In the Bible, the apostle Paul calls our protection “spiritual armor,” and he uses the Roman soldier’s armor as an example.

The belt of a Roman soldier was the foundation for the rest of his armor. We put on our “*belt of truth*” remembering that Jesus Christ is our Truth. Jesus called Satan “*the father of lies.*” Jesus, himself, is “*the Way, the Truth, and the Life.*” The beginning of victory in spiritual warfare is knowing the Truth.

The breastplate guarded the heart of the soldier. The “*breastplate of righteousness*” is not something we put on ourselves. We are righteous not of our own doing but through the blood and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This righteousness protects the spiritual life of all believers.

Our “*feet being fitted by the gospel of peace*” is a reminder from Paul about the Roman soldier’s sandals. They had big cleats on the underside that helped them stay on their feet during a battle and not lose their ground. Our peace with God helps us stand firm, knowing God will never leave or forsake us.

The helmet protected the soldier’s brain. If you’ve ever heard the phrase, “the battle starts in the mind,” this is certainly Satan’s agenda. Our “*helmet of salvation*” is the assurance against doubts the enemy may put in our minds during his attacks.

Last, we need the “*sword of the Spirit*” which is our only offensive weapon against the devil. That sword is the very Word of God – the Bible. This one weapon requires dedicated reading and memorization on the believer’s part.

With your armor on, may you stand firm against the enemy this week.



Casey Coston baptizing Truong Nguyen

UD international student, Truong, was baptized into Christ on Aug. 16. Truong is very outgoing and well connected even with American students, so please pray for him as he continues sharing his faith with those in his circle of influence.

“We praise God for working in his life and bringing him to the Campus House so we could love him in the name of Jesus. It is humbling to see this kind of fruit come from our commitment to invest in a few student’s lives.” – Casey Coston

Dear ones,

Please accept our thanks for the beautiful expressions of love, support, and consolation from so many of you following the loss of our son, Jack. It means much more to us than we can possibly express.

With love to you each,  
Linda and Jim

## **8/23 Worship Leaders**

Song Leader & Opening Prayer – Jeff Clark  
Scripture Reading & Prayer – Marc Brasefield  
Communion & Offering – Walter Johnson  
Sermon – Domingo Reyes  
Closing Comments & Prayer – Paul King

## **Prayer & Praise**

**PRaise!** **William Reyes**, Domingo's brother, was baptized last Sunday. Please keep him in prayer as he begins his walk with Christ.

**Bob Crusco:** severe ear infection which has caused him to have Bell's palsy on the right side of his face

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

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

**Mike & Judy Barker:** Mike has recovered from Covid-19; Judy must remain in quarantine for a few more 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](mailto: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](http://www.greenbankcoc.org).

## **Announcements**

**Ghana Bible College:** Due to government control of the banks in Ghana, the College has not been able to access their endowment fund (interest income) for two years now. This, along with pandemic closures, has put the College in a financial crisis. GBC was founded in the 1960's with help from the Cedars congregation to train preachers and send them back to their hometowns to teach the gospel, and the College remains among the mission work that the Greenbank church supports. They once again need our help to sustain their work during this difficult financial time. If you can help by making a donation, please send it to the church building, 511 Greenbank Road, Wilmington, DE 19808. Checks should be made out to Greenbank Church of Christ and indicate Ghana in the memo. No amount is too small.

**Greenbank Phone App is now Available:** Go to your phone's app store and search for The Sharefaith App. Install and then open the app. Search for Greenbank Church of Christ and press save. When it asks for app icon select My ministry. It's that simple! (Note: The app downloads under the Sharefaith name, but your icon will be our Greenbank logo.) The app is connected to some of our website pages along with other features. Check it out!

**Camp Manatawny's Work and Worship Weekend:** Join us for a weekend of work, worship, and fellowship. Since summer sessions were cancelled this year, the work that usually happens in the spring was postponed. Now we need to do our usual clean up to prepare for our fall retreats. If you are interested in Work and Worship Weekend, August 28-30, go to the Camp website to learn more about tasks that need to be done and to register <https://www.manatawny.org/workandworship>. While on the website, check out information on the Jr/Sr High, Ladies and Men's retreats coming up in September.

**GriefShare:** Our spring/summer session has ended, and we are now looking forward to the fall. We will begin Monday, Sept. 14 and go through Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. each session. Our Surviving the Holidays seminar will be Saturday, Nov. 21 at 10:00 a.m. To register for the fall, go to:

<https://www.griefshare.org/groups/116833>

**DCCMF 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament:** We have consulted with the folks at Chesapeake Bay Rising Sun Golf Club and believe we are able to present a very personal, and fun, golf outing that you will enjoy. It will be a “virtual” tournament, held September 16-30, 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. So gather your team, pick your golf date, and visit the website <https://www.dccmf.org/golf-outing> 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.

### **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](http://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**

### **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**

### **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](http://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: \$3,833**

**Weekly Average: \$4,192**