

Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Friday, September 11, 2020

Are you in need? Do you know someone who is? Please contact the church office, and we will find a way to assist. 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: Fountains of Blessings (From My Utmost for His Highest Updated Edition)

“The water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.” John 4:14

The picture our Lord described here is not that of a simple stream of water, but an overflowing fountain. Continue to “be filled” (Eph. 5:18) and the sweetness of your vital relationship to Jesus will flow as generously out of you as it has been given to you. If you find that His life is not springing up as it should, you are to blame – something is obstructing the flow. Was Jesus saying to stay focused on the Source so that you may be blessed personally? No, you are to focus on the Source so that out of you “will flow rivers of living water” – irrepresible life (John 7:38).

We are to be fountains through which Jesus can flow as “rivers of living water” in blessing to everyone. Yet some of us are like the Dead Sea, always receiving but never giving, because our relationship is not right with the Lord Jesus. As surely as we receive blessings from Him, He will pour our blessings through us. But whenever the blessings are not being poured out in the same measure they are received, there is a defect in our relationship with Him. Is there anything between you and Jesus Christ? Is there anything hindering your faith in Him? If not, then Jesus says that out of you “will flow rivers of living water.” It is not a blessing that you pass on, or an experience that you share with others, but a river that continually flows through you. Stay at the Source, closely guarding your faith in Jesus Christ and your relationship to Him, and there will be a steady flow into the lives of others with no dryness or deadness whatsoever.

Is it excessive to say that rivers will flow out of one individual believer? Do you look at yourself and say, “But I don’t see the rivers?” Through the history of God’s work, you will usually find that He has started with the obscure, the unknown, the ignored, but those who have been steadfastly true to Jesus Christ.

Wisdom from Oswald Chambers

*“Civilization is based on principles which imply that the passing moment is permanent. The only permanent thing is God, and if I put anything else as permanent, I become atheistic. I must build only on God (John 14:6).
(from The Highest Good – Thy Great Redemption, 565L)*

9/13 Worship Leaders

Song Leader – Jeff Clark
Scripture Reading & Prayer – Tim Tucker
Communion & Offering – Jim Friederichsen
Sermon – Domingo Reyes
Closing Comments & Prayer – Jim Friederichsen

New brother in Christ! With rejoicing we welcome Rohan Woli to the Lord’s church and the Greenbank congregation. Rohan had been watching our online service for several weeks and contacted us for additional Bible study to understand his need for a relationship with Jesus more fully. He was immersed into Christ on Friday, September 4. Please keep Rohan in your prayers as he grows in Christ.

Lifting in Prayer

John Gaynor family: John passed away on Thursday morning. Please keep the family in prayer.
Courtney Gillespie: enlarged aorta and possible congestive heart failure; He is undergoing testing.

Bob Crusco: pray that his port for dialysis heals well

Anglea Mitchell: awaiting surgery to have an area of concern removed and tested. Please pray for good results.

Greenbank church: As we begin our phased plan of returning to in person worship, pray for the health of all who attend, and for our church leaders who continue to make decisions on how to move forward.

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.

Announcements

Phased Return to In Person Worship

This Sunday, Sept. 13, will be the first of our phase one return to in person worship. We are starting with 10 families attending each week in addition to those serving during the service. Because we had a greater interest in returning to worship than just 10 families, we will create a weekly rotation so all who desire to participate will have that opportunity. Every effort is being made to keep our facility clean and sanitized. We are also promoting safe health precautions (masks, hand sanitizer, no physical contact, physical distancing, etc.), and ask that all attendees adhere to these guidelines to keep everyone healthy.

Online streaming of our service will continue for those who will not physically attend.

GriefShare

Our Fall cycle of GriefShare will be held on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. beginning on 9/14 running through 12/14. We are doing this cycle virtually through the Zoom platform. To register, go to www.griefshare.org and search for Greenbank Church of Christ. You will find our group to be welcoming, loving, and supportive. You will not be alone. If questions, please contact the church office.

Ladies and Young Ladies Classes

Both the ladies' and young ladies' classes will begin meeting in October. Our first class will be Saturday, October 10 at 11:00 a.m., and will continue the second Saturday of each month. Both classes will be held online. Zoom information will be provided soon. Please use this link to sign up for either class:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/greenbankladiesclass_signup

The book for the ladies' class is Honorable and Dishonorable Women of the Bible by Crystal Reyes. It is available on Amazon Kindle for \$2.99. (It will be \$0.99 for 30 days starting October 4th.) Purchase it here: https://www.amazon.com/s?k=honorable+and+dishonorable+women+in+the+bible&rh=n%3A154606011&ref=nb_sb_noss

Camp Manatawny Fall Retreats*

Ladies Retreat: "Strengthening Our Sisterhood" (Hebrews 10:23-25) Sept. 18-19

Men's Retreat: "Emboldened" (Philippians 2-4) Sept. 25-26

Jr/Sr High Retreat: (1 Timothy 4:12) Oct. 23-24, 7th-12th grades

*All retreats begin on the scheduled Friday with check-in at 5pm and will end by mid-afternoon on Saturday. Cost is \$35/person. The ladies & men's retreats also welcome children ages 12 and under for only \$10. Register in advance for all events at www.manatawny.org.

Camp has been reconfigured to promote all restrictions required by the PA government and healthy authorities, including wearing of masks, social distancing, and disinfecting/sanitizing. At check-in, all guests will have their temperature taken and will need to answer a few questions. A full refund is guaranteed if you experience any issues that require you to cancel.

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

Online Bible Studies

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

Gospel of John: All lessons have been posted for this enjoyable study. They are still available for you to read, comment, and ask questions at this link: <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. Click on the “Donate” button and follow the instructions. (Note: there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)

Last Week’s Contribution: \$7,337

Weekly Average: \$4,185