

Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Friday, September 18, 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: Are You Praying” by C.C. Allen

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.” Ephesians 6:18-20

To conclude the teachings of Paul regarding the armor of God, it is vital that children of God realize how important intercessory prayer is in addition to the spiritual armor we wear daily. No matter which biblical translation one uses, the word “all” is used consistently in every translation regarding when, where, and how we should be praying for ourselves and others.

Praying in the Spirit is a command, but what does that mean? To pray in the Spirit is to enlist God’s divine act of help. We should request help each time we pray and be confident that the Holy Spirit will give us words to intercede for others. Paul tells us in Romans 8:26-27, *“Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”*

We are also commanded to be alert and not give up. Daily and continual prayer is vital to our awareness of the devil’s plans to thwart our walk with the Lord. In the Lord’s prayer, Jesus reminds us to pray the words, *“... and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”* It is imperative that we pray daily for discernment for ourselves and others. This is how we intercede for them.

Last, Paul begs the church at Ephesus to pray for him that he will be bold. We are to pray for each other to be bold in Christ, and fearless of spreading His gospel.

Jesus prays for us continually from His throne, *“It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God who also makes intercession for us”* Romans 8:34. Therefore, our persistence in prayer is not optional, but a command and a privilege!

9/13 Worship Leaders

Song Leader – Mark Ray

Scripture Reading & Prayer – Glen Jones

Communion & Offering – Doug Mattis

Sermon – Domingo Reyes

Closing Comments & Prayer – Doug Mattis

Lifting in Prayer

Patty Conway is having some breathing difficulties. She is in Wilmington Hospital.

Jamie Jones will have surgery on 9/24 on three herniated discs in his back. Pray for a successful procedure and complete healing so he can return to work.

John Gaynor family: Continue to lift this family in prayer following John’s passing.

Marcia Johnson: three family members have COVID-19, and she has lost friends to the disease.

Courtney Gillespie: enlarged aorta and possible congestive heart failure; He is undergoing testing.

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

We continue to limit the number of those physically attending our worship service. This decision was made by the elders as a first step toward coming fully back together hopefully soon. The limited attendance will allow us to monitor how we are doing to mitigate the virus in our midst and will guide the decision on when we will be able to move forward. **Online streaming of our service will continue for those who will not physically attend.**

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*

Men's Retreat: "Emboldened" (Philippians 2-4) Sept. 25-26. Wherever you are spiritually, the men's retreat is a safe opportunity to separate yourself from your daily routine, turn down the volume of the world, listen to God, and be transformed! For more information or to register, go to www.manatawny.org/men.

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 men's retreat also welcomes boys 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 study. They are still available for you to read, comment on, and ask questions. Use 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: \$2,298

Weekly Average: \$4,134