

Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Friday, September 4, 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: Psalm 15 – Living in God’s Presence by Mike Barker

Of all the calls in scripture to holy and righteous living, Psalm 15 is one of the most inviting. Yet, it raises expectations that few of us, if any, feel we can rise to without the power and strength that comes from the Lord. No one knew this better than David who authored this psalm. It is with this realization that David answers the question of who can dwell in the Lord’s sanctuary or live on His holy hill.

Let us examine our own lives as we contemplate his reflections:

- He whose walk is blameless and does what is righteous,
- Who speaks truth from his heart and has no slander on his tongue,
- Who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellow man,
- Who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the Lord,
- Who lends money without usury,
- Who won’t accept bribes against the innocent,

David goes one step further with what many of us may find the most challenging:

- Who keeps his oath even when it hurts?

Few of us would lend money only to charge exorbitant usury. Hopefully fewer still would accept bribes against the innocent. We all know what value the Lord places on a blameless, upright walk. Yet, time and circumstance can easily alter how we keep an oath (or a promise) made. We’ve heard the phrase that perhaps describes a bygone era, “His word is his bond.” God expects us to keep a promise, even when it hurts. He places a very high premium on our being truthful – He abhors deceit.

Why, then, do we find this so inviting? It’s clearly shown by David’s example as he knew he could not come into the Lord’s presence as he was. He needed the Lord’s forgiveness as he knelt before God in genuine repentance. David, this man after God’s own heart, sinful though he was, could now come into the presence of God with clean hands and a pure heart. He could stand in awe of God’s majesty and proclaim, “How Great Thou Art.”

This same inviting call is extended to all of us just as it was to David. Let us draw encouragement from his thoughts; and in awe of what God through Christ, our great high priest, has done for us exclaim, “My God, How Great Thou Art!”

8/30 Worship Leaders

Song Leader & Opening Prayer – Sedric Willis
Scripture Reading & Prayer – Darrin Anderson
Communion & Offering – Paul King
Sermon – Domingo Reyes
Closing Comments & Prayer – Paul King

Prayer & Praise

John Gaynor: He fell in March breaking his elbow and pelvis in two places. He’s had several surgeries, has not recovered as he has in the past, and his health has declined. He is on hospice care. Jack is overseeing his care so John can be at home. The whole family would appreciate your prayers.

Joanne Pagono had successful surgery on her right kidney. When she has healed, they will do the left one.

Dominick Cox is in A.I. Hospital due to a kidney stone and is in a lot of pain. Pray for quick relief.

Kelly Carabella will have a biopsy this week. Pray for good results.

Bob Crusco: pray that his port for dialysis heals well; He is also recovering from an ear infection that caused Bell's palsy on the right side of his face.

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

Greenbank church: Pray for our phased plan for returning to in-person worship – that God would guide us in making the best determinations on how to proceed.

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

Office Hours This Week

The office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. We will be open on Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 9am-3pm.

Phased Return to In Person Worship

The elders have decided the best return to in person worship will be a phased plan. Next Sunday, Sept. 13, at 10:30 a.m. we will welcome 10 families to meet at the church building (in addition to the worship leaders). Every effort will be made to keep everyone safe and the virus at bay using all the safety precautions we can (building sanitization, masks, hand sanitizer, no physical contact, physical distancing, etc.) If we have interest from more than 10 families, there will need to be an attendance rotation so that everyone can participate as they desire. The online streaming will continue for those who will not physically attend. If you have questions, please contact one of the elders, Domingo, or the church office.

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.

Camp Manatawny Upcoming Events

Family Camping: One more weekend available, Sept. 11-13. If you want a short get away in a beautiful, relaxing setting at a great price, this is for you.

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: (Theme TBA) 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.

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/NjUyNzlyMTIzMTda> **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: \$1,536

Weekly Average: \$4,095