

Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Friday, October 2, 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: The Bible's Amazing Unity by Eric Lyons, M.Min

Imagine asking an actress from Hollywood, a farmer from Oklahoma, and a restaurant manager from Alabama to write an essay about the causes of the Civil War. Even though they would all write at the same time about a war that occurred less than 200 years ago, numerous differences would be obvious. The Hollywood actress might say the war was a result of slavery. The restaurant manager may assert the war was about states' rights. And the farmer from Oklahoma might claim that the war was because of stubbornness of both sides – the North and the South. The point is these three individuals likely would have many different things to say about the war.

When we compare ordinary human authors to the writers of the Bible, we realize that the Bible truly is an amazing book written by men who were inspired by God. Considering it was written by approximately 40 different writers over a period of about 1,600 years (1500 B.C. to A.D. 100) and contains no contradictions in its original form, one has to admit that the Bible is no ordinary book.

From Genesis through Revelation the theme is Jesus Christ – His coming, His presence, and His return. Yet, the Bible writers were as different as the Hollywood actress and the Oklahoma farmer. Some were fishermen, some were farmers, some were military leaders, and some were kings. Some wrote in the Hebrew language, while others wrote in Aramaic or Greek. Some of the Bible writers penned letters while traveling, and others while in prison. Yet when we look at the Bible, it shows amazing unity – unity that can be explained only by the fact that Bible writers were guided by the Holy Spirit.

Truly then, as the apostle Paul wrote nearly 2,000 years ago, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

10/04 Worship Leaders

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

Lifting in Prayer

Mannie Green: knee surgery on 10/6

Alfredo Pagan & family: his father passed away suddenly

Desmona Newsome: a couple of members of her family have passed away recently

Greenbank church: Pray for the health of all who attend our worship services, 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

Ladies Bible Study and Young Ladies Class Begin October 10th

Register for both classes at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0845AFAE2EA6FB6-ladies>.

Both sessions will be held on Zoom on the second Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Log in information will be provided to those who register.

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

Imagine Conference 2020 – October 16-17

This year's conference theme is Sacramental: Living on Earth as In Heaven featuring John Mark Hicks, Professor of Theology at Lipscomb University, and Fred Liggins IV, Lead Pastor at Williamsburg Christian Church in Williamsburg, VA. During the conference we will explore the Christian sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper with a focus on how these two practices shape the way local churches participate in the mission of God. Casey Coston and Rusty Jordan will also be making a presentation about the Reflect Campus Missions. Cost is currently \$30/person (\$35 at the door). Register in advance here: <http://newarkcoc.org/Imagine-conference>. This conference is hosted by the Newark Church of Christ.

Phased Return to In Person Worship

We continue to limit the number of those physically attending our worship service. This allows us to monitor how we are doing to mitigate the virus 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.**

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 have been 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: \$4,413

Weekly Average: \$4,084