

## Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Friday, October 9, 2020

Do you know someone in need? Contact the church office, and we will find a way to assist.

[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: Psalm 92 – A Song for the Sabbath** by Mike Barker

Many of the Old Testament psalms give laudable praise to God for His majesty and power. Some praise Him for the mighty works that demonstrated this mighty power in a supernatural way. Psalm 92 is one of them! It is called a song for the Sabbath and is addressed to Israel to remind them of those events that happened many years before they lived. It not only gives praise for God's mighty works, it reminds all of us to be thankful for His unfailing love, and for the depth of his thoughts that are far above ours. God's mighty works, his unfailing love, and his majestic thoughts fit together, exhorting all of us to shout His praise continuously and, for Israel, to make music with the harp and lyre.

In addition to these foregoing reminders, there are distinct images from plant life that underscore a different message: that of evil doers who perpetrate evil in contrast to the righteous who do what is good. It often seems that those whose intent is on evil will prosper, and their influence spreads to affect others. The psalmist describes them as "sprouting weeds," a fitting description indeed. However, the writer also witnessed evil doers who were destroyed by their wickedness, their own deeds bringing about their destruction. If they escaped immediate destruction, it would come in a timely manner at God's doing! In contrast to evil doers, those who do good and seek God's way will flourish like palm trees and rise to be strong as the cedars of Lebanon, images suggesting great strength and enduring purpose.

Palm trees have often flourished in the dry, arid desert, and signal that an oasis is nearby. Their roots grow deep in the soil to find underground aquifers that supply the water needed to thrive. They tell the weary traveler that water is there where they can quench their thirst and water their animals. The cedars of Lebanon is a hearty, robust species that will grow to great heights and live for many years. It is known for its great strength and durability, and often provides suitable material to make household furniture and cooking utensils. The godly stand in a stately manner just like the palm and cedar trees to proclaim that the Lord is upright, his support is firm, and there is no wickedness in Him.

The first verse says it well: "It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High." Let us, like the stately palm and cedars of Lebanon trees, stand firm with resolute strength and enduring purpose as we shout praise to His high and holy name.

### **10/11 Worship Leaders**

Song Leader – Sedric Willis

Scripture Reading & Prayer – Marc Brasefield

Communion & Offering – Rick Mickowski

Sermon – Domingo Reyes

Closing Comments & Prayer – Doug Mattis

### **Lifting in Prayer**

**Mannie Green:** recovering from knee surgery

**Earl & Pat Norman:** (former members) their son, Bud, passed away; please keep them in prayer as they grieve

**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](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**

### **REGISTER NOW: Ladies and Young Ladies Classes Begin Tomorrow**

Use this link to register: <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 upon registration.

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 4<sup>th</sup>.) Purchase it here: [https://www.amazon.com/s?k=honorable+and+dishonorable+women+in+the+bible&rh=n%3A154606011&ref=nb\\_sb\\_noss](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 @ Newark Church of Christ**

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 Liggin 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>.

### **Phased Return to In Person Worship**

Since our initial reopening has gone well, the elders have decided to cautiously increase the number of attendees on Sunday mornings. We will continue to abide by the strict protocols of wearing masks, maintaining healthy physical distance, no physical contact (hugs, handshakes, etc.), good hand washing/sanitizing practice, etc. Those who are not feeling well or who have been in recent contact with anyone who is unwell should not attend. **Online streaming of our service will continue for those not physically attending.**

### **Camp Manatawny Fall Events**

Jr/Sr High Retreat – Oct. 23-24, 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades

The retreat begins on Friday with check-in at 5pm and will end by mid-afternoon on Saturday. Cost is \$35/person. Register in advance at [www.manatawny.org](http://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.

Manatawny Fun Run – Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM

The usual Manatawny 5K will not take place this year. Instead, they are hosting a Fun Run for all ages. The Kid's Race (ages 10 and under) begins at 9:15, the Adult Race (ages 11 & up) is at 10:15. No registration is required and there is no cost (donations welcome). Food and drinks will be provided.

### **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:** 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](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: \$8,147**

**Weekly Average: \$4,185**