

## **Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Friday, October 16, 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: Your Ultimate Victory! By Mark Finn**

At each passage of life from youth to old age—graduations, baptisms, weddings, new babies, retirement—we hear the line, “This is not an end, but a beginning.” Since a good definition of wisdom is to begin with the end in mind, let’s look at the end.

Jesus told us, “Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other” (Matthew 24:30-31).

Can you imagine how our perception of reality will suddenly snap into focus when Christ returns? We will realize that life was a test of what we did with our freedom. Our earthly reality was just a small speck in light of eternity.

On Christ’s return most people will say, “Oh, No!” But those who truly believe will celebrate the victory of reaching eternal glory and say, “Oh, Yes!” In the meantime, we are living faithfully for him. Christ assures us it will be worth everything we deal with in this life. He assures us, “When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:28).

Whether you have entered a new stage of life, become a new Christian, or if you are finally getting serious about your walk with God, keep “the end” in mind. It will keep you on that glorious but sometimes grueling path. The easy road is the way of the world, and the world loves its own. The narrow road that leads to life is not so easy, but when you keep the end in mind you will stay right on track. Never mind that you are called a fool for being a devoted Christian. Bear any disgrace gladly for the sake of following the Lord. Don’t be ashamed to belong to him. When he comes, he will most certainly not be ashamed of you.

If you are having a discouraging day when you have no strength, let God’s Holy Spirit be your strength. He will supply just what you need to get through this one day. He hears your cry for help. Stand up. Lift up your head! You are going to reach your ultimate victory!

### **10/18 Worship Leaders**

Song Leader – Walter Johnson

Scripture Reading & Prayer – Darrin Anderson

Communion & Offering – Rory Irwin

Sermon – Domingo Reyes

Closing Comments & Prayer – Paul King

### **Lifting in Prayer**

**David Toribio:** his father has Covid-19; David is having symptoms; pray for protection of health for his mother

**Kathy Book:** she is seeking the Lord

**Brian King and LaKeisha Smith families**

**Many of our members have lost loved ones recently. Please keep all grieving families lifted in prayer.**

**Mannie Green:** recovering from knee surgery

**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**

### **Barnabas Ministry Meeting – Saturday, Oct. 17**

This ministry group will meet at the church building Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. Remember to wear a face mask. If you have questions, contact Crystal Reyes.

### **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>

**Ladies & Young Ladies Classes:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Online using the Zoom platform. Register for class here: : <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0845AFAE2EA6FB6-ladies>

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)

**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: \$6,644**

**Weekly Average: \$4,245**