

## Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Friday, October 23, 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: God's Enduring Love** by Mike Barker

A key element in committing something to memory is repetition. One example of this is a stage actor who often spends hours repeating his/her lines to insure a smooth, eloquent delivery. The psalmists of the Old Testament often used repetition to emphasize important facts about God for his audience to remember. Psalm 118 is one that begins and ends with the statement, *"Give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."* Remembering God's enduring love circumvents hardship as the writer reminds us how the Lord defeated those enemies who rose up against Israel. In the face of overwhelming odds, the enduring love and presence of God supplanted their fear as they found refuge and victory in the Lord. Verses 13-14 echo this well: *"I was pushed back and about to fall, but the Lord helped me. The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation."* Going further, the writer cried out in anguish, and the Lord answered by setting him free (vs. 5). Fear was quelled and a confident victory assured.

Through all of this, what remains about God's character is His enduring, His everlasting, His ever-present love. It is because of God's enduring love that *"He is our refuge and strength, and an ever-present help in time of trouble"* (Psalm 46:1). Amid natural disasters where everything in sight is crumbling, God is our refuge and strength. In all circumstances where hope is distant or even lost, God's enduring love enables us to persevere and move forward. Even when facing the certainty of death, we have great hope through God's enduring love.

Let us join the psalmist as he leads Israel in saying: *"His love endures forever."* Let us also join the house of Aaron as they proclaim: *"His love endures forever."* Let all who fear the Lord join in one accord as we exclaim: *"His love endures forever!"*

### **10/25 Worship Leaders**

Song Leader – Mark Ray

Scripture Reading & Prayer – Rick Mickowski

Communion & Offering – Darrin Anderson

Sermon – Domingo Reyes

Closing Comments & Prayer – Jim Friederichsen

### **Lifting in Prayer**

**Courtney Gillespie:** undergoing tests for heart issues; has been out of work since end of August

**Kendra Rogers:** pray for good results from breast biopsy last week

**Stewart Cross:** struggling with health issues

**Ed Maynard:** fell last week and needed stitches for a cut on his head

**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**

### **Winterfest 2021**

We regret to announce that we will not be taking a group to Winterfest in Gatlinburg in 2021. We are hopeful that the event organizers will provide a livestream feed so we can participate remotely. No, it will not be the same as being there, but it will be better than missing out entirely. We will keep you informed as things continue to develop with this event.

### **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.**

### **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: \$3,038**

**Weekly Average: \$4,216**