

## Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Friday, November 6, 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: Wednesday Only, 9:00am-3:00pm  
Email and phone messages will be accessed remotely throughout the week.

### **Reflection:** The Drawing Power of God's Word by Joe R. Price

Let's face it; people do not always come to Bible classes or worship services to hear the word of God. Some come to please someone else. Others come with an expectation of being entertained. Still others come looking for a chance to object to whatever is said or done. These are ungodly traits. Others do have ears to hear and come in order to "sit at the feet of Jesus" and intently hear, learn and live the gospel of the Savior (Luke 8:8; 10:38-42).

God's inspired word is designed to draw sinners to God and to the salvation in His Son. It is sufficient to the task (Romans 1:16; 2 Timothy 3:16-17). Jesus said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore, everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me" (John 6:44-45). To deny the power of the word of God to draw sinners to Christ is to deny the power of God.

Brethren must trust the word of God to draw the lost and to preserve the saved. It is the message that must draw the lost to salvation (1 Peter 1:22-25). For example, why is it some brethren prefer to use recreational activities to advertise and encourage young people to attend special services intended for their spiritual benefit? Are young people only interested in hearing the gospel when it is associated with wiener roasts, volleyball and overnight lock-in games and activities? I do not believe so, and those who are interested in feeding their souls will not be lured by offers intended to feed the belly (John 6:26). It is revealing that in the same context in which people thought they could come to Jesus to have their stomachs fed that Jesus said He feeds the soul as the bread of life (John 6:27-38).

Some, while emphasizing faith in Jesus, tell us not to put our faith in the Bible. We cannot do one without the other. Jesus is "the Word" we must hear and follow (John 1:1-3, 14-18; 14:6). The inspired Psalmist said, "I have an answer for him who reproaches me, for I trust in Your word" (Psalms 119:42). He put his faith in God's word. We must, too. Jesus teaches us truth (Ephesians 4:20-21). Faith in Jesus is not and cannot be separated from faith in His word, the Bible (Romans 10:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Like the apostles, we must go and "speak to the people all the words of this life" (Acts 5:20). We need not add games and gimmicks to the drawing power of God's word. Divine truth is sufficient to draw good and honest hearts to Christ (Luke 8:14-15; Acts 17:11-12).

### **11/08 Worship Leaders**

Song Leader – Jeff Clark  
Scripture Reading & Prayer – Boyd Reed  
Communion & Offering – Walter Johnson  
Sermon – Rory Irwin  
Closing Comments & Prayer – Paul King

### **Lifting in Prayer**

**Ezekiel Willis family:** the father of Eileen Hence and grandfather of Sedric & Cebert Willis passed away

**Bill Warner family:** Bill, a former Cedars member, passed away after contracting Covid-19.

**Domingo Reyes family:** they are traveling this week

**LaKeisha Smith:** diagnosed with Covid-19; pray for healing and protection of family member's health

**Jermaine Dugger:** pray for him to have peace in his current situation

**Hickson family:** grieving a loss and desiring justice in their circumstance

**Stewart Cross:** struggling with health issues

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

**Greenbank church:** Pray for the health of all who attend our worship services, and for our leaders who continue to make decisions on how to move forward.

**Our Nation:** May election results be resolved quickly and peacefully.

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**

### **Ladies Class**

Our ladies and young ladies' classes will meet via Zoom on Saturday, November 14 at 11:00 a.m. The ladies' class will cover Chapter 2 of our book *Honorable and Dishonorable Women of the Bible*. The links to sign up for class and to purchase the book if you still need one are below in the information about our online Bible studies.

### **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 is asked not to 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)

## **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: \$4,944**

**Weekly Average: \$4,229**