

## **Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Friday, December 18, 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 Greatest Salvation Imaginable by John Piper (edited)**

*“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah...” —Jeremiah 31:31*

God is just and holy and separated from sinners like us. This is our main problem at Christmas and every other season. How shall we get right with a just and holy God?

Nevertheless, God is merciful and has promised in Jeremiah 31 (five hundred years before Christ) that someday he would do something new. He would replace shadows with the Reality of the Messiah. And he would powerfully move into our lives and write his will on our hearts so that we are not constrained from outside but are willing from inside to love him and trust him and follow him.

That would be the greatest salvation imaginable—if God should offer us the greatest Reality in the universe to enjoy and then move in us to see to it that we could enjoy it with the greatest freedom and joy possible. That would be a Christmas gift worth singing about.

That is, in fact, what he promised. But there was a huge obstacle. Our sin. Our separation from God because of our unrighteousness.

How shall a holy and just God treat us sinners with so much kindness as to give us the greatest Reality in the universe (his Son) to enjoy with the greatest joy possible?

The answer is that God put our sins on his Son, and judged them there, so that he could put them out of his mind, and deal with us mercifully and remain just and holy at the same time. Hebrews 9:28 says, *“Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.”*

Christ bore our sins in his own body when he died. He took our judgment. He canceled our guilt. And that means the sins are gone. They do not remain in God’s mind as a basis for condemnation. In that sense, he “forgets” them. They are consumed in the death of Christ.

Which means that God is now free, in his justice, to lavish us with the new covenant. He gives us Christ, the greatest Reality in the universe, for our enjoyment. And he writes his own will—his own heart—on our hearts so that we can love Christ and trust Christ and follow Christ from the inside out, with freedom and joy.

### **Lifting in Prayer**

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

**Those recovering from Covid-19: Bobbie Cross; Carolyn Pinder; Dwight Blue; Beverly Abosch’s niece & grand-niece, Amanda & Savannah**

**Kayla Abosch** has pneumonia

**Greenbank church:** Godly guidance for our elders & minister as they make decisions for our worship and budget for the coming year.

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**

#### **NEW! Youth Bible Study**

Each Tuesday from 6-7pm, our youth (all ages) will meet via Zoom for an online Bible study. We will utilize the same Zoom link as we do on Sundays. We will also be using Microsoft Teams rooms to communicate with our youth (12-older). Parents of younger children will receive communication through email. All our youth are encouraged to participate.

## **Office Hours**

Beginning December 21, the day the office is open will return to Monday. If you need to conduct business with the office, please stop by between the hours of 9am-3pm on Mondays only.

## **Reflect Campus Missions**

Campus missions at the University of Delaware had some challenges this fall in the face of Covid-19, but God continued to provide opportunities to share Jesus. Catch up on what's been happening on campus here: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KeyacvOlb2XoMHut9md8QF\\_eDOjbQagF/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KeyacvOlb2XoMHut9md8QF_eDOjbQagF/view?usp=sharing)

## **Sunday Worship Service**

Our weekly worship service will remain online only until sometime after the first of the new year. Be watching the newsletter and your email for updates.

## **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&ef=nb\\_sb\\_noss](https://www.amazon.com/s?k=honorable+and+dishonorable+women+in+the+bible&rh=n%3A154606011&ef=nb_sb_noss)

## **Youth Bible Study (all ages)**

Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. If your child/ren would like to participate, please contact the church office so we can send you the information to connect on Zoom.

## **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: \$1,857 Weekly Average: \$4,380**