

Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Friday, December 25, 2020 (Early Edition)

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

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: Take Courage by Domingo Reyes

“Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the Lord!” Psalm 31:24

2020 has been an extremely challenging year. We have battled the Covid-19 pandemic, economic challenges, political division, and even trepidation about murder hornets. We are definitely ready to turn the page and enter 2021! However, many of the problems we faced in 2020 will still be with us in the new year. While this may cause us a little angst, as Christians, we can have hope knowing that God is with us. Take courage from something King David wrote in Psalm 56:3-4, *“When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?”* Notice the scripture highlights David’s fears. King David was not some sort of superman! He was a mortal man that exhibited anxiety as he faced immense challenges. In other words, he was just like you and I. Fear is normal. However, David put his fears behind him and operated in faith. He did this by looking to God and realizing that He is more powerful than whatever it is that threatens us.

In *The Pilgrim’s Progress*, the author, John Bunyan, at one point, has two lions blocking the path to the heavenly City. The lions are ready to tear to shreds anyone who passes by. “Christian” (who is traveling on that path toward the City) grows increasingly fearful but slowly presses on. As he gets closer to the lions, he discovers that only their growls can reach him. God has the lions chained, and “Christian” passes between them unharmed! Faith has many enemies, and one of the greatest is fear.

While the events of 2020 have certainly challenged us, let us move forward into 2021 while looking upward. God is with us! God loves, provides for, cares, protects, heals, delivers, and saves His children. Friends, God is faithful!

I pray that 2021 will be a year we grow to trust God and further expand our faith. Happy New Year!

Lifting in Prayer

Lift in prayer those who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

Bobbie Cross is slowly healing from Covid-19. She will remain in the hospital through the Christmas holiday.

Others recovering from Covid-19: Carolyn Pinder; Dwight Blue; Amanda & Savannah, Beverly Abosch’s niece & grand-niece.

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 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.

Announcements

A Note from Mozambique

Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers. Thank you as well for sending additional funds for supporting the refugees. May God bless you all this Christmas season and in the coming new year!

Lots of love, Chad and Amy Westerholm

New Year’s Eve Zoom Call

Domingo will be doing an end of year “Encouragement Call” on Thursday, Dec. 31 from 8:00-9:00 p.m. He will use the same Zoom link and call-in phone number that is used for worship service. If anyone would like to participate by giving reflections, a poem, a song, prayer, etc., contact Domingo no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 29. Those who want to share must have a cell phone or computer that is able to capture

audio and video, or you can use the call-in phone number for audio only. All others can join the event as you normally would on a Sunday morning.

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.

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 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: 2nd 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 4th.) Purchase it here: https://www.amazon.com/s?k=honorable+and+dishonorable+women+in+the+bible&rh=n%3A154606011&ref=nb_sb_noss

***NEW – Youth Bible Study (all ages)**

Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Zoom. We will use Microsoft Teams rooms to communicate with our youth (12-older). Parents of younger children will receive communication through email. If you would like your child/ren to participate, please contact the church office or Crystal Reyes.

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. Click on the “Donate” button and follow the instructions. (Note: there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)

Last Week’s Contribution: \$2,030 Weekly Average: \$4,380

