

Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, January 10, 2021

Office hours: Mondays Only, 9:00am-3:00pm Contact info: office@greenbankcoc.org or 302-994-3800

Email and phone messages will be accessed remotely throughout the week.

If you, or anyone you know, is in need, contact the church office, and we will find a way to assist.

She Did What She Could by Roby Ellis

Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head. But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, “Why was this fragrant oil wasted? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they criticized her sharply. But Jesus said, “Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me. For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always. She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial.” Mark 14:3-8

During the week prior to the crucifixion, Jesus spent a lot of time preparing His disciples for His death. In light of this revelation, what could anyone do? When Jesus brought it up in Caesarea, Peter rebuked Him, but what could his reproof avail (Matthew 16:21-23) if even Jesus’ earnest prayers mingled with blood could not affect the removal of the cup of His suffering (26:39-44) and if an angelic rescue – though available (26:53) – would only defeat His mission? Considering all that couldn’t be done, a mood of desperation set in (cf. John 14:1), and yet one woman found something she could do: if she could not prevent His death, she could at least anoint His body for burial! When these great men could do nothing, this woman did what she could, and her work lives forever in holy writ, as do other women like her.

Rahab did what she could. When Israel marched around Jericho and the mighty men of the city were too fearful to venture outside its strong walls (Joshua 2:9-11), what could a harlot do? Because she feared God and harbored Israel’s spies, she was rewarded with her life, the lives of her family members, a perpetual home in Israel, and a lasting tribute in faith’s hall of fame (Hebrews 11:30).

Ruth did what she could. Refusing to let her beloved mother-in-law return desolate to her homeland, Ruth went with Naomi, but what could a poor widow from Moab do to help? Ruth gleaned in the fields of Boaz until the end of the barley harvest and so provided for her mother-in-law (Ruth 2:23), but what then? By God’s providence, Ruth soon married the man in whose fields she had labored and bore him a son named Obed (Ruth 4:17), grandfather of David the king (v 21). Boaz was a wealthy man in spite of the fact that his mother had once lived as a harlot in the Canaanite city of Jericho (cf. Matthew 1:5), and God brought to his side an exiled widow who had been living in the pit of despair. From these two God would raise up the Messiah, the hope of the world!

If you still don’t think God can do anything with you, consider one more example. When Jesus entered a Pharisee’s house by invitation, a woman known for her sins followed Him (Luke 7:36-37), much to His pompous host’s dismay. As this woman prostrated herself at the Lord’s feet, she noticed that they were dirty, but what could she do about it? She had no water, no basin, no towel – none of the things she would need to do what ought to be done. The Pharisee offered no water although he could have (v 44). But this woman did what she could using her penitent tears for water and her own hair as a towel.

No one can do it all, but have you done what you could?

Lifting in Prayer

Pray for our country in this time of transition and for our leaders to seek God’s wisdom and guidance.

Bobbie Cross family: continue to keep Dave & Brandon in your prayers along with other family & friends

Jon Scott family: Jon, a former Cedars member, passed away on Tuesday after a battle with cancer

Kayla Abosch: undergoing testing for a slightly enlarged heart

Sick with Covid-19: **Kevin & Andrienne Brock** (Kyle Cox’s father & stepmom); **Shirley & Ray Keith** (friends of the Tuckers); **John Anderson** (friend of the Reeds)

Greenbank church: Godly guidance for our elders & minster 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

Ladies Class – Saturday, January 9

Our ladies class continues tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. with chapter 4: A Call for Unity – Euodia and Syntyche. Our young girls' class will also meet. Sessions continue on Zoom. If you were unable to start class in the fall but would like to join now, please contact Crystal Reyes.

Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 17

Our annual corporate meeting will be held after our worship service on Jan. 17 on the same video feed. We will transition from worship to the meeting right away. Those who have questions or comments during the meeting will be able to post them in the Facebook chat or send an email to minister@greenbankcoc.org. Both will be actively monitored. We ask all our members to plan to “attend” to comply with our bylaws.

Sunday Worship Service

Our weekly worship service will remain online only for now. Be watching the newsletter and your email for updates.

January Birthdays

1 – Madison Naseery	16 – Fern Davis, Mariana Paguada
3 – Sue Maynard	17 – Walter Johnson
4 – Tim Cox	18 – Arturo Gallegos
5 – Ernest Nyannor	20 – Ariana Diaz
6 – Sherry Kirkland	21 – Jacob Mitchell, Melanie Mitchell
8 – Deborah Sanichar	22 – George Adair
11 – Angela Mitchell	25 – Mike Barker
12 – Carroll Blue, Avion Brasefield	26 – Ron Cox
13 – Kristal Moreta	27 – Joyce Smith, Ed Jones

January Anniversaries

6 – Domingo & Crystal Reyes	31 – Walter & Susan Johnson
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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>
Our book is Honorable and Dishonorable Women of the Bible by Crystal Reyes. It is available on Amazon Kindle. Purchase it here:

https://www.amazon.com/s?k=honorable+and+dishonorable+women+in+the+bible&rh=n%3A154606011&ref=nb_sb_noss

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: \$4,906 Weekly Average: \$4,906