

## **Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, January 17, 2021**

**Office hours: Mondays Only, 9:00am-3:00pm** Contact info: [office@greenbankcoc.org](mailto: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.**

### **CHARACTER** by Bill Williams

Someone once said, “Character is what we do when no one is looking” (attribution varies).

I believe this is true. But I also believe that character is seen in what we do when everyone is looking.

In this light...

... character is revealed in how we treat people who can do nothing for us.

... character is revealed in how we respond when our mistakes are brought to light by others.

... character is revealed in how we carry on after great successes in life.

... character is revealed in how we carry on after great failures in life.

... character is revealed in how we respond to false accusations made by uninformed people in our lives.

... character is revealed in how we react to people whose defense mechanism is to lash out even when we speak truth in love.

... character is revealed in how we handle the truth – it is not a club to be wielded in an effort to beat others down.

... character is revealed in how we deliver an admonition – if it gives us great pleasure to do so, then we probably should not do it.

... character is revealed in how we handle conflict – if we hear every issue raised as a personal attack, we probably have other issues that need to be addressed.

Character is revealed in dozens of ways. It shapes our thoughts, words, and deeds. When we think of how character is revealed, I believe we can all be instructed and encouraged by these words from Helen Keller: “Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.”

So, while we all want our thoughts, words, and deeds to be measured by high standards and to reveal solid character, we also need to remember we are all in the process of becoming. Character is not developed in a vacuum. We need to give people around us plenty of space to grow – and we need to do the same for ourselves.

Character is the revelation of who we really are. So, if we care about others and ourselves let’s take great care and do our best to let it grow!

**PRAISE GOD!** We rejoice with our new brother in Christ, Mark DaBaldo. Pray that God will continue to teach and strengthen him in his faith.

### **Lifting in Prayer**

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

**Matt Fournier:** triple bypass surgery on 1/20

**Brian King and Keisha Smith:** struggling with worldly problems

**Sick with Covid-19:** **Jackie Hern** (Sherrie Mattis’ step-mom); **Diane Kline;** **Kevin & Andrienne Brock** (Kyle Cox’s father & stepmom); **Shirley & Ray Keith** (friends of the Tuckers); **John Anderson** (friend of the Reeds)

**Kayla Abosch:** undergoing testing for a slightly enlarged heart

**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**

### **Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 17**

Our annual corporate meeting will be held immediately after our worship service on Jan. 17 on the same video feed. All members are asked to stay connected for brief corporate business and presentation of the 2021 budget. Questions and comments can be posted in the Facebook chat or send an email to [minister@greenbankcoc.org](mailto:minister@greenbankcoc.org). Both will be actively monitored. Those without internet access can join the meeting by phone call as described in our worship options below.

### **Sunday Worship Service**

Our weekly worship service will remain online only for now. 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) **Phone In:** 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>

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](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** can be dropped off at the building on Mondays between 9-11 a.m. or set aside your contributions and bring them when we begin meeting again.

3) **Online giving:** PayPal 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: \$4,142 Weekly Average: \$4,524**