

## **Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, January 24, 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.**

### **Jesus Emphasized Peace** by Bobby Ross Jr.

(Bobby Ross Jr. is Editor-in-Chief of *The Christian Chronicle*. This excerpt from his article is printed with permission. The full article can be found here: <https://christianchronicle.org/jesus-emphasized-peace-to-those-who-would-follow-him/> )

*‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.’* – Matthew 5:9

Peace.

That was Domingo Reyes’ prayer as the Wilmington, Del., minister taught his congregation’s Wednesday night Bible study Jan. 6, just hours after a deadly riot inside the U.S. Capitol.

“The events that occurred were so disturbing that I had to change my lesson...in an attempt to refocus our minds,” Reyes said. “We were, and many still are, a bit fearful and anxious about what occurred and its implications on the future.”

Reyes preaches for a racially and politically diverse church that worships 3.5 miles from the home of Joe Biden – the man elected to serve as America’s 46<sup>th</sup> president.

I enjoyed visiting the Greenbank Church of Christ two years ago when I wrote about its formation through the merger of two congregations – one Black, one White.

Spanish speakers – many of them immigrants from Central America – make up roughly 20 percent of the church’s average Sunday attendance of 150.

“I spoke about the political climate during the times of Jesus and how Jesus’ words must have sounded so out of place for many of the hearers,” the minister said of the lesson he offered as tensions remained high in Washington D.C., a two-hour drive from Wilmington.

“They were expecting a king who would restore Israel to their former state of prominence,” said Reyes, the bilingual son of a Dominican Republic-born father and a Puerto Rican mother. “They were hoping for a king who would free them from Roman rule.”

Jesus had a different vision.

Be peacemakers. Go the extra mile. Pray for enemies.

“We discussed being part of a different kingdom with higher standards and expectations,” Reyes said. “I also emphasized that God is in control and that we should have the same peace Jesus spoke to his disciples about in John 14:27.”

That Scripture says: *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid.”*

Greenbank elder, Jim Friederichsen, made a special announcement to the congregation [the following] Sunday about the violence in Washington. He urged the church to “embrace above everything else who we are (Christians), whose we are (Christ’s) and what we are called to do in every circumstance (love the Lord our God with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves... and to follow the example of Christ the Lord in all that we do and say).”

Amen.

### **Lifting in Prayer**

**Pray for unity in our country and for our leaders to seek God’s wisdom and guidance.**

**Pray for the Keith family.** Shirley recovered from Covid-19, but Ray succumbed to the illness.

**Faye Hatfield:** hospitalized with pulmonary edema.

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

**Glenda Schinnerer:** struggling with health issues (Lisa Reed's mother)

**Brian King and Keisha Smith:** struggling with worldly challenges.

**Sick with Covid-19:** Jackie Hern (Sherrie Mattis' step-mom); Diane Kline; the Steve Schinnerer family: 5 of them have the virus.

**PRAISE! Kayla Abosch:** all tests were normal.

**Greenbank church:** Godly guidance for our elders & minster as they lead our congregation.

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

### 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: \$4,507 Weekly Average: \$4,662**