

Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, January 31, 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, has a need, contact the church office, and we will find a way to assist.

The Reason for Hope - excerpt from Focus on the Family – Author Unknown

Our culture often defines hope as merely a fanciful wish or a casual desire.

“I hope tomorrow is a better day.”

“I hope to go to Disney World next year.”

“I hope the Chicago Cubs win the World Series.”

Clearly, what is hoped for may or may not come to pass. The hope of believers, however, is more than a desire or a wish. It’s an unshakable confidence in God – even when circumstances give us every reason to doubt.

G.K. Chesterton observed that hope only has any real meaning when things are hopeless. “As long as matters are really hopeful, hope is mere flattery or platitude,” he wrote. “It is only when everything is hopeless that hope begins to be a strength.”

Parents must teach their children the difference between our culture’s view of hope and the hope we have in Christ. Hope is not mere optimism or wishful thinking; it’s an essential part of our faith. When we hope in the Lord, as mentioned 23 times in the Psalms, the following benefits await us.

Hope in the Lord gives us strength. Our culture teaches us to have self-confidence, but believers are to place their confidence in the Lord. When we hope in Him, we find the confidence and strength to face any challenge that comes our way.

Hope in the Lord teaches us patience. Society encourages us to solve our own problems. But when we face an impossible or hopeless situation, we must learn to wait patiently on the Lord. We do not need to be anxious or worried. We can find peace in God’s unfailing love for us.

Hope in the Lord brings encouragement. You know that feeling you get at the end of a long week? The anticipation of the weekend lifts your spirits. Now think about stretching that weekend out for eternity. We can find encouragement and joy amid life’s struggles because we know we will live forever with Jesus. That is why we are told to anticipate His glorious return (Titus 2:13).

Because of Jesus, we have hope both for this life and for eternity.

Lifting in Prayer

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

Mark DaBaldo: his mother passed away on Wednesday.

Susan Johnson: shoulder replacement surgery went well; pray for quick recovery.

Sick with Covid-19: **Steve Schinnerer** (Lisa Reed’s brother)

Matt Fournier: recovering from bypass surgery.

Brian King and Keisha Smith: struggling with worldly challenges.

Greenbank church: Godly guidance for our elders & minister 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 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 & Young Girls Classes

Our next Zoom class will be on Saturday, February 13th. The ladies’ class will be discussing chapter 5 – Jephthah’s Daughter. Our young girls will enjoy another class led by Sis. Eileen Hence. We invite all our ladies to join us!

Sunday Worship Service

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

February Birthdays

1 – Thomas DeShields	15 – Mark DaBaldo
6 – Rory Irwin	18 – Naya-Shae Wallace
7 – David Regester	21 – Kyle Hence
10 – Ian Nyannor	22 – Tatiana Vargas, Jayla Anderson, Melissa Diaz
12 – Mark Ray	26 – Aaron Paguada

February Anniversary

16 – Richard & Mary Lewis

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

Last Week’s Contribution: \$3,640 Weekly Average: \$4,407