

Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, February 7, 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.

Patience - by Glen Elliott

Patience is at once both a noun and a verb. In addition to being a prominent Christian virtue, it is also something we do. We have patience – that is, we put up with a person or a trying situation. Patience is as important as any personality trait so far as providing an indicator of future success. Though better translated endurance in Hebrews 10:36, patience is the word selected by the translators of the King James Version to describe the most urgent need of the Hebrew brethren. Though tempted to forsake Christ in the face of opposition, they needed patience so that, after they had “done the will of God, [they] might receive the promise.” Similarly, James told his readers to allow “patience (endurance) have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing” (Jas. 1:4).

Patience is a virtue that applies to many areas of life. In his book, Heart Diseases and Their Cure, Wendell Winkler lists nine areas of life in which patience is needed. These include patience with ourselves (Lk. 21:9); patience in the home; patience in soul-winning (2 Tim. 4:2); patience when persecuted (Mt. 5:10-12); patience in trial (Jas. 1:2-4); patience in regard to church growth (1 Cor. 3:6); patience as we wait for the Lord’s coming (Rom. 8:25); patience in prayer (Ps. 40:1); and patience with others in general (Eph. 4:2). We would do well to consider how we might better implement patience in each of these important areas of our lives.

Patience is a much-admired virtue. We praise the patience of Job. The inspired writer assumes that his readers have heard of his patience and have seen that, in the end, the Lord extended to him great compassion and mercy (Jas. 5:11). Too many among us are caught up with the quick-fix – the easy path to the development of complex virtues and life-changing habits. Like other virtues, patience comes at a cost – sometimes the development of patience requires inconvenience and suffering. But we must faithfully pay the price, trusting in the Lord for strength, so that we might enjoy the benefit later on.

Someone has well stated that “The best guarantee of tomorrow is to patiently prepare today.” This is why children need a good education. This is why athletes train. This is why Christians patiently endure temptation and trial. It is because there is something better waiting beyond this life – something that requires preparation. We are best prepared by trusting in God and making Him our trust no matter what may come our way in this life.

Lifting in Prayer

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

Rod Kirk family: Rod, a former Cedars member, passed away on Jan. 21. Please lift Wyveta & family in prayer.

Marc Brasefield: preparing for overseas deployment to begin in October

Matt Fournier: recovering from bypass surgery.

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 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!

GriefShare Update

The next Loss of Spouse seminar will be on Monday, March 1, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This will be an online session on Zoom. Register online at www.griefshare.org. There is a \$5 fee for materials. If you have questions, contact Judy Barker.

Winterfest

The Winterfest organizers have recorded all the speakers, worship songs, and entertainment that we would have been able to see if we had been able to make the trip to Gatlinburg this year. We are going to purchase the videos and will plan a "Winterfest @ Home" event soon. We are also able to order t-shirts, so if you want one, contact Lisa Reed.

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

Last Week's Contribution: \$3,113 Weekly Average: \$4,148