# Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, February 14, 2021

<u>Office hours: Mondays Only, 9:00am-3:00pm</u> Contact info: <u>office@greenbankcoc.org</u> 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.

# What Does the Bible Say About Patience- by Derek Hill (edited)

Patience is one of the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) that can be difficult for believers. Not only is it a necessary part of our walk with God, but it also couples with uncertainty. So, when uncertainty arises, how are we to act? How are we to be patient?

<u>Patience is a Choice</u> – Throughout the Bible there are stories of men and women experiencing trials and tribulations. The reactions vary from many of them. Some grumbled against God because of lack of water (Ex. 15:24); others worshiped God in trials and adversity (Job 1:20); still others cried out to God in despair (Ps. 18:6); and the list goes on. What is important is that we have a choice. We get to decide how we are going to act when adversity hits. We can be patient and wait on God, or we can be impatient and act on our own accord.

<u>Patience Draws Us Closer to God</u> – As believers, when we go through times of grief, agony, despair, and all other kinds of trials and tribulations, if we choose to be patient we will naturally draw towards God through prayer and worship. Patience means that we are going to wait and rely on God's timing. When we wait on God, we can focus directly on Him and spend quality time with Him. When you learn to fully trust in God, patience may not necessarily get easier, but you can bet that your relationship with the Father will grow stronger.

So, you may be at a fork in the road right now. Whatever your problem may be, you must make a decision. Will you be patient and wait on God, or be impatient and act on your own will? I pray that you will stay patient, my friends, through all of your hardships. Wash yourself with the Word and let it nourish you and give you peace that passes all understanding. Pray to your Father in heaven and lay your burdens at His feet. God bless you as you live a life worthy of the calling!

# Lifting in Prayer

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

**Brenda (Rogers) Hale family:** Brenda, a former Cedars member, passed away last week. She is the daughter of Don & Peggy Rogers. Don served as an elder for the Cedars church for many years before retiring to Alabama. You can read Brenda's obituary here: <u>Brenda Hale</u>

Caleb Quick: receiving chemo for leukemia; he is the son of former member Naomi (Ginter) Quick

#### Shirley (McCullogh) Grapes: diagnosed with stage 4 cancer

**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 <u>office@greenbankcoc.org</u> 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 <u>www.greenbankcoc.org</u>.

#### **Announcements**

#### **Congratulations!**

Billy Holland has closed on a new home. His address is: 1140 Beech Road, Wilmington, DE 19805. His new phone number is 302-290-9154.

#### Ladies & Young Girls Classes

Our next Zoom class will be Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 <u>www.griefshare.org</u>. There is a \$5 fee for materials. If you have questions, contact Judy Barker.

#### Camp Manatawny

Early bird registration for summer sessions is open. Register before March 31 and receive a \$26 discount and a free t-shirt. The month of March will be our special collection for Camp Manatawny. Please pray about how you will be able to give to camp.

#### <u>Winterfest</u>

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. <u>Spanish service</u> 10:30 a.m. <u>English service</u> @ 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 <u>NOT</u> 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: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0845AFAE2EA6FB6-ladies</u>

Our book is <u>Honorable and Dishonorable Women of the Bible</u> by Crystal Reyes. It is available on Amazon Kindle.

#### Youth Bible Study

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 <u>www.greenbankcoc.org</u>. Click on the "Donate" button and follow the instructions. (<u>Note</u>: there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)

Last Week's Contribution: \$5,884 Weekly Average: \$4,437