

Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, March 21, 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.

The Coming of Spring – God’s Renewal by Mike Barker

For many of us, the arrival of spring is often a welcome relief following the cold winter months. The warmer sunny days, the buds and blossoms on the trees, and the scurrying around of small animals, all signal that life is waking up by this seasonal change. Yet, one aspect of springtime that is not always pleasant is the revival of stinging insects. Wasps are avoided like the plague, especially by those allergic to their sting. Yet, honeybees are regarded differently. While we would never want, nor would we invite their sting, the honey they make is a delightful addition to our tables.

If you’ve ever noticed the cells in the hives of the honeybee, you will see that they are shaped as a hexagon. As such, they can hold the queen bee’s eggs as well as store the pollen the worker bees bring to the hive as well as the honey that is produced. The geometry of the hexagon uses the smallest amount of material to hold the greatest amount of weight. These bees are also pollinators, and as such occupy an important place in the reproductive cycle of our plants. Given a life expectancy of approximately 6 weeks, it takes a large number of bees to work the hives, make a pound of honey, and pollinate our plants.

While wasps are not as welcomed as the honeybee, they are among the most industrious when it comes to building nests. They build their nests from wood fiber, which explains why they often build them near or on our houses. The queen wasp scrapes fiber from wood materials, then she chews it and mixes it with her saliva to create the paper pulp she uses to build her nest. She spits the pulp onto the desired build site to shape and form the nest. Just as the honeybee, the wasp builds the individual cells in hexagonal form, utilizing the advantages of that design.

Was it mere coincidence that the honeybee and wasp came to build their shelters with such precision, or was it an evolutionary process passed along to each successive generation? Neither coincidence nor evolution can explain how they’ve acquired the ability to make honey or build shelters. Given the integrity and design of their life cycles, the most logical conclusion is that it is part of the network God set in place when He created this marvelously complex universe. The example of the honeybee and the wasp give testimony to an intelligent God who designed it all, including the life cycle of these industrious insects.

Lifting in Prayer

New Members: Mark DaBaldo and Pat Jones

Patty Conway: has been having pain in her head and side.

Alethia Jones & family: her cousin, Colleen Brooks, passed away.

Hickson family: pray for justice to prevail in their situation.

Mike Barker: pacemaker implant was successful; he is a little sore but doing well.

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

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

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

Security Committee – March 27

A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 27 at 9:00am to discuss current and future security processes. Those interested in serving on this committee should plan to attend. Anyone with questions can call or email Rory Irwin.

Winterfest 2021: At Home Edition – April 3

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to Winterfest @ Home on Saturday, April 3 from 9am-4:30pm. We encourage our youth to invite friends and plan to attend this event that will be filled with fun and some

great lessons from God's word. This is an opportunity for those who have not been to Winterfest in Gatlinburg to see a part of what it is like. And best of all, it's FREE! Please contact Lisa in the church office with names of students who will be attending. office@greenbankcoc.org or (302) 994-3800

Camp Manatawny Special Contribution

The month of March has been designated to collect funds to help support the mission and ministry of Camp Manatawny. Donations can be made in the same way as our weekly contributions. One important difference: please make a note on the memo line of your check or in PayPal that the donation is for Camp so we can be sure it is identified properly.

Camp Manatawny Summer Registration

Camping sessions will be held this summer. Registration is open and if you pay in full by March 31 you will receive a discounted price and a free t-shirt. Camp Manatawny summer sessions are for students who have completed 1st – 12th grades.

Worship with Us Online

Sunday Mornings 9:00 a.m. Spanish service 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.

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 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: \$4,171 Weekly Average: \$4,332