

Greenbank Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, April 11, 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.

Changing Seasons by Domingo Reyes

Brothers and Sisters, time keeps on ticking. It moves forward whether we like it or not. It seems the older we get the quicker time moves. And sometimes, we scarcely notice its progression. Yet, Spring just sprung – Summer will be soon upon us – Fall and Winter are not far behind.

I love the changing of the seasons. The hot days of summer allow us to go to the beach. The cold winter days give me a reason to make soup. (Unfortunately, Crystal and the kids don't like soup as much as I do.) While there are discomforts to each season, each one brings wonderful change, such as new outfits/clothing, foods, activities, etc.

The Bible has a lot to say about the difference in seasons. Solomon writes, *“There is a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens”* (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Yes, there will be seasons of suffering and complacency, but there will also be seasons of great joy and incredible growth. Regardless of the season you are in now, the beauty and/or annoyances will soon fade as you enter the next one.

Job had a season of great prosperity followed by a dark and despairing one. Yet he was able to say, *“The LORD has given; the LORD has taken; bless the LORD’S name”* (Job 1:21). Paul, in Philippians, could say, as he faced multiple hardships, that he had *“learned the secret to being content in any and every circumstance”* (Philippians 4:12b).

While things are constantly changing, we certainly have a steadfast constant in our lives – God! God loves us and wants the best for us. God constantly provides, cares, loves, and blesses. James 1:17 says, *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”*

Here is a quote from Ron Lambros, author of All My Love, Jesus: Personal Reminders from the Heart of God: *“Faith is always tested at the intersection of “Why?” and “Trust Me!” We come to God with those situations and problems that make us ask Him “Why?” He answers with a simple “Trust Me!” You cannot trust God in those things which you choose and not trust Him in others. You either trust Him with it all or with nothing at all. Your choice will either provide you with a powerful faith to carry you through the ups and downs of life or a faith that struggles with the slightest circumstance.”*

As we navigate through the different seasons of life, let us not forget our faithful, loving Father. Follow Him, love Him, serve Him, and trust Him!

Lifting in Prayer

Lola Winder: her mother, Frances West, passed away on April 1st. Please keep Lola in prayer.

Ada Molina: asking for prayer for her family in Honduras

Kyle Abosch: He has Covid-19. Pray for quick healing and protection of health for the rest of the family.

Ben Burke: COPD is becoming worse; pray for his comfort and healing if it is God's will.

Steve DaCunha: leaving for army boot camp at Ft. Benning, GA on 4/19.

Greenbank church: Godly guidance for our elders & minister 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

Ladies & Young Girls Classes

Our next Zoom class is Saturday, April 10 at 11:00 a.m. The ladies' class will be discussing chapter 7 – Lot's Daughters. Our young girls will enjoy another class led by Sis. Eileen Hence. We invite all our ladies to join us! More details are below in the Online Bible Studies section of the newsletter.

Missions News

The Christian school in Nkwanta, Ghana was recently damaged by high winds. If you would like to donate toward repair of the roof or the ongoing construction of this school, send a check to the office making a note it is for the Nkwanta School.

April Events @ Camp Manatawny

Apr 16-18 – Work & Worship Weekend (help prepare the camp for upcoming activities)

April 23-24 – Jr/Sr High Retreat (for grades 7-12)

April 30-May 1 – Ladies' Retreat

You can find more information and register by going to www.manatawny.org.

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 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: \$6,937 Weekly Average: \$4,626