



## **Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, May 16, 2021**

Office hours are Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00am-3:00pm.

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### **The Estate Sale** by Jay Launias

As a “re-purposer” and bargain hunter I enjoy cruising the online classifieds. It’s fun looking at items you don’t have and probably don’t need but are really cheap. One ad I usually take time to look at is the estate sale, especially those with lots of photos. These are the sales in which the complete contents of a house, garage or workshop are on sale. The estate sale is a common occurrence in our society and commonly held after a person or persons have passed away.

But recently I have begun to look at the estate sale in a different light. Instead of clicking through the photos looking for a great deal, I have begun looking at the items on display as a collection of artifacts of a person whose time on earth has come to an end. Seen in the collection of items are the contents of a shelf full of little mementos of vacations past or gifts from friends. Decorative items line the walls still hanging where the deceased carefully placed them. A stack of old vinyl records gives you a clue to the music enjoyed in years past. A garage filled with well-worn tools were used for many years to care for the small well-kept yard. There’s an alarm clock, still sitting on the nightstand where it faithfully woke someone to rise and go to work. Hundreds of items kept, stored, and cherished that were once thought valuable are now for sale for only pennies.

The estate sale is a reflection of a person’s life-work and the gathering of material things. The writer of Ecclesiastes called this “vanity” or emptiness. We work so hard to gather up only what will be left one day for others to rummage through. John wrote, “Do not love the world,” and Paul said he counted his material wealth as dung. The important things in life aren’t those we can hold in our hands, but the products of the heart are the possessions that can last eternally.

**Matthew 6:19-21** *“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”*

### **Prayer Requests**

**Rebecca Tucker:** her mother, June Hutzell, passed away. Please keep the family in prayer.

**Sue Maynard:** having swelling in her knee.

**Tom Gaynor:** had a scooter accident in Florida last week; he is responding well to treatment for his injuries.

**Jerry Butler:** having heart issues; he is a friend of John Crusco.

**Sharon Rood:** recovering from a stroke; she is Wilma Blue’s sister.

**Deborah Diaz:** back at home recovering from Covid-19.

**Gracie Arrowood:** 3-month-old with a rare disease; she is at A.I. duPont Hospital for Children.

**Shirley Grapes:** undergoing treatment for cancer.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.greenbankcoc.org).

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

### **2021 Baby Bottle Benefit**

Sunday is our last day to collect for the ministry at A Door of Hope. If you would still like to donate, an easy way to do so is by clicking on this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Greenbank-Church-of-Christ>. This is a private and secure page. If you prefer to use a check or money order, make it out to Greenbank Church of Christ, put “BBB” in the memo, and mail it to the church or drop it off on Monday between 9am – 3pm. We encourage you to do what you can to give to this Christian ministry.

### **Building Security**

There will be a security meeting on Saturday, May 22 at 9am for about an hour. There are several topics to discuss that include identifying potential security issues, reviewing new lock quotes, beginning to write the security plan, and more. If you would like to serve on this committee, plan to attend this meeting.

### **Camp Manatawny**

May 20-22 – Church Leaders Workshop for elders, ministers and church leaders

May 28-31 – Family Camp

May 29 – Camp Open House

June 26 – Aug 14 – Summer Sessions Begin – Grades 1-12. Check the website for dates for each age group.

To register for any of these events, go to [www.manatawny.org](http://www.manatawny.org). If you have a child who wants to go to camp this summer, but needs financial assistance, contact Rick Mickowski.

### *Join Us for Worship*

**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](http://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

### *Bible Study ONLINE*

**Wednesdays @ 7PM:** Facebook Live <http://www.facebook.com/greenbankchurchofchrist>

### 3 Ways to Give

**We appreciate those who have been able to maintain regular giving.**

- 1) **In Person:** You may give your contribution during our Sunday morning worship service, or drop it off at the office on Monday or Wednesday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- 2) **By Mail:** Send your contribution to 511 Greenbank Road, Wilmington, DE 19808.
- 3) **Online:** PayPal has been set up on our website [www.greenbankcoc.org](http://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: \$3,639    Weekly Average: \$4,699**