



## **Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, June 6, 2021**

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

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### **AMAZING!** By David Sargent

“The GREYHOUND had been thrashing about in the north Atlantic storm for over a week. Its canvas sails were ripped, and the wood on one side of the ship had been torn away and splintered. The sailors had little hope of survival, but they manually worked the pumps, trying to keep the vessel afloat. On the eleventh day of the storm, sailor John Newton was too exhausted to pump, so he was tied to the helm and tried to hold the ship to its course. From one o’clock until midnight he was at the helm.

With the storm raging fiercely, Newton had time to think. His life seemed as ruined and wrecked as the battered ship he was trying to steer through the storm. Since the age of eleven he had lived a life at sea. Sailors were not noted for the refinement of their manners, but Newton had a reputation for profanity, coarseness, and debauchery which even shocked many a sailor.” – The Reformed Reader

John Newton survived that day at the helm. That day, March 21, 1748, was a turning point in his life. It was a day that he would never forget, for he believed that “On that day the Lord sent from on high and delivered me out of deep waters.” On that day he began to turn to the Christ that he had ignored since childhood when his mother had tried to teach him the Scriptures. Newton went on to preach about the GRACE that had lifted him out of despair, and he wrote the words of the beloved hymn:

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.”

Newton lived to be eighty-two years old and continued to preach until his health would no longer allow it. Even then, Newton never ceased to be amazed by God’s grace and told his friends, “My memory is nearly gone; but I remember two things: That I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Savior.”

“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.” – the Apostle Paul, 1 Timothy 1:15

That’s WONDERFUL NEWS, for we are all sinners, doomed to destruction (Romans 3:23; 6:23). But God loves us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross to pay the price for our redemption from sin (Ephesians 1:7).

We receive God’s amazing grace when we... place our faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38). We continue to be cleansed from our sins as we continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

Stan Mitchell has written: “Dying for the sins of the world is not an everyday event... It was stunning, unexpected, and offered to those who were unworthy. In a word, it was nothing less than AMAZING.”

Won’t YOU receive the Amazing Grace of God through your trusting obedience?

### *Prayer Requests*

**Domingo Reyes:** heart cath results were clear; pray for an answer to what is causing his pain.

**Sharon King:** pray for relief from ongoing medical issues

**Gracie Arrowood:** 4-month-old undergoing chemo to prepare for bone marrow transplant.

**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](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*

### **High School Graduate Recognition – June 6**

We will be honoring our high school seniors, Kayla Abosch, Kyle Abosch, and Klaudia Toribio immediately following our worship service. Each graduate has a box with their name on it for cards. These have been placed on a table just outside the auditorium. If you forget to bring cards, we have some available for use.

### **Security Team Meeting – June 19, 9:00am**

All security team members should plan to attend this meeting. Anyone with questions or suggestions can contact Rory Irwin.

### **Teacher's Meeting – June 19, 10:00am**

As we prepare to resume more activities, we need to meet with all who are interested in assisting with Bible classes, children's church, and youth night. Our goal is 30% congregation participation. This will allow many hands on deck to strengthen, encourage, and invest in the next generation. We are looking for both teachers and teachers-in-training to be a part of this ministry. All members, including our youth, are encouraged to consider this wonderful opportunity. We need your dedication, commitment, and time. Most importantly, we need you! Contact Crystal Reyes if you have questions.

### **Oasis Chorale Concert – July 10, 7:00pm**

We are looking forward to having this acapella group with us. We hosted them in 2012 and are happy to have them return for another performance. Reserve the date for this event and invite friends, family, and neighbors to attend with you.

### **Camp Manatawny**

Summer sessions run from **June 26 – Aug 14** for children who have completed grades 1 – 12. Check the website for dates for each age group. To register, 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 @ 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: \$4,476 Weekly Average: \$4,697**