



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, June 27, 2021

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

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Time to Change Your Answer? by Mark Finn (edited)

HAVE YOU EVER thought of the perfect thing to say **after** the moment had passed? In many cultures this is called “the wit of the staircase” or “escalator wit.” In other words, the opportunity to say just the right thing is over, and on the way out of the room or at the bottom of the staircase you know just what you **should** have said. Life is filled with such moments.

In the crucial moment of deciding to follow Christ, many people cop out by pigeonholing Jesus as a “good teacher.” God did not give us that option. God made it clear at Jesus’ baptism, and on the mountain where Jesus was transfigured: **“This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”** This is not a person you can just pat on the head and call a “good teacher.”

Many followed Jesus at first but started peeling away as it became clear what he was saying. Jesus claimed to be the divine Son of God. On the one hand, it seemed doubtful that God would show up to our world in person. On the other hand, no one could perform the miracles he did unless he was from God. This formed a dilemma, which divided people according to the content of their hearts. Some embraced him, others wanted to kill him. Only fuzzy, false versions of Jesus allow for indifference. The real Christ of the Gospels brought division: belief and unbelief, sheep and goats, trust and turning away.

The good news is, the “wit of the staircase” doesn’t apply here because you still have TODAY! *Thank God for today!* You can turn around on this staircase and go back to that crucial moment and say, **“I want to change my answer!”** And you can. Today. Do this and there will be no regret. You will exchange your sin for his righteousness. You will exchange your rags for the gleaming clean robe of Christ.

Do you feel sometimes like you have disappointed the Lord? **If in some way you said No to Jesus in the past, you can say Yes today!** Make a new start. Take heart! His gift is forgiveness for your past, purpose for your present, hope for your future. Today. Change your answer. Say Yes!

Prayer Requests

Mike Barker continues to recover after a fall while biking.

Mary Maddox: her son, Paul, passed away suddenly last week. Mary is the sister of David Register.

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 and Upcoming Events

A Fond Farewell

Today we say goodbye to the Jonathan & Angela Mitchell family who is moving to Texas due to a job change. We wish them well and pray that God will bless them as they begin this new chapter. The Mitchell’s new address, effective July 2nd, is 6599 Clydesdale Court, Frisco, TX 75034.

Food for Oasis Chorale

Rebecca Tucker is coordinating food for the light meal we will serve to the Chorale before their concert. If you can provide sandwiches, salads, and desserts, please email rebecca.tucker1990@gmail.com. Monetary donations toward the purchase of food are also welcome. Please give your donation to Lisa Reed.

Oasis Chorale Concert – July 10, 6:30pm

Please note the time change for the concert. The Chorale needed to modify the concert time to allow for travel to their overnight lodging. We are looking forward to having this acapella group with us. Reserve the date for this event and invite family, friends, and neighbors to attend.

Church Picnic – Sunday, August 1st

We need to know how many people will be attending the picnic. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby. Write down your family name, how many people in your family will be coming, and the food you plan to bring. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. We need members to bring side dishes and desserts. Please sign up by Sunday, July 25th.

Camp Manatawny

Summer youth sessions have started and run through **Aug 7** for kids who have completed grades 1 – 12. Go to www.manatawny.org for the weekly schedule and to register. If you have a child who wants to go to camp this summer, but needs financial assistance, contact Rick Mickowski.

NICE/NCJC Reunion

A reunion is planned for alumni of Northeastern Christian Junior College on September 3-5 at Camp Manatawny. The cost of \$100/person covers all meals, up to 2 nights of basic summer cabin lodging, and all activities. Kids under the age of 8 are free. Upgraded lodging is available for an additional charge. Negotiated group rates at area hotels are also available. For more information or to register, go to www.manatawny.ncjc-reunion. Friends are friends forever!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 – Doris Welsh	12 – Wilma Blue
2 – Wyndi Walker	13 – Marc Brasefield, Jonathan Mitchell Jr, Montana Clark
3 – Kerri Ennis	14 – Valeria Figueroa
4 – Joann Garvin	18 – Alethia Jones
5 – Jim Friederichsen	24 – Rick Mickowski
6 – Shuleika Reyes	28 – Esmeralda Gonzalez
7 – Patti Burke	29 – Kelly Naseery
10 – Janell Anderson, Luz Moreta	30 – Dave Bower, Emily Gallegos
11 – Angelo Cox, Linda Friederichsen, Carleta Underwood, Rylie Walker	31 – Subhotosh Khan

JULY ANNIVERSARY

21 – Marcia & Marlin Johnson

Join Us for Worship

Sunday Mornings @ 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

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. Click on the “Donate” button and follow the instructions. (Note: there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)

Last Week's Contribution: \$4,519 Weekly Average: \$4,831