



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, July 4, 2021

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

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Not Lost, but Given by Brett Petrillo

A man was speaking to a soldier on a cot in a hospital. “You have lost an arm for a great cause,” he said. “No,” said the soldier with a smile, “I didn’t lose it – I gave it.”

So many great sacrifices have been made for incredible causes. The men and women who serve in our military have literally put life and limb on the line for our freedom. Parents sacrifice vast amounts of time and energy for the good of their children. Deacons put great thought, prayer, and effort into the works of the church. Elders invest countless hours in the lives of individual souls.

In each of these cases, what was put in was not lost, but freely given. Of course, there is no way we could broach a subject like this without talking about the greatest sacrifice of all, Christ. Christ gave His safety, His energy, His tears, His blood, and most of all His very life for us (Matthew 27). Because of this sacrifice, we can have eternal life (1 Timothy 1:15). Christ did not lose His life; He gave it (John 10:18).

Sometimes we get caught up with the “difficulties” of living the Christian life. We get too focused on what we “have” to do to follow Christ. In doing so, we forget the immense sacrifice that was given for us (Isaiah 53:4-6). How selfish and narrow-sighted we can be!

A life submitted to Christ should not be considered a life lost, but a life that is freely given. There is no greater focus for our lives. There is no one more deserving. Christ gave His life for us. The least we can do is give ours back to Him (Romans 12:1). There is no greater cause on this earth.

Prayer Requests

Tina Jones: her uncle, George Porter, passed away last week from bone cancer.

Grayce Arrowood: this sweet infant is preparing for a bone marrow transplant on July 9.

Domingo Reyes: continued healing for his back.

Paul King: continued improvement of health.

Mike Barker is recovering well after a fall while biking.

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

Thank You Notes

We received thank you notes from Kayla and Kyle Abosch who graduated from high school a few weeks ago. The notes are posted on the bulletin board for you to read.

Oasis Chorale Concert – July 10, 6:30pm

We would like to get an idea of how many will attend the concert. Please register by clicking on this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/oasis-chorale-a-capella-singing-concert-greenbank-church-of-christ-tickets-161554603167?fbclid=IwAR2utW-2JQ3AgxFTR6mKISwCusysIFffImmygcZBrY31jtBrwnZsruZyMfY>

Small Group Organizational Meeting – July 17, 8:30am

A meeting is planned for all who would like to be a part of a small group. Please come even if you just want to learn what small groups are about. There is no commitment to a group by attending the meeting. Coffee will be provided. Please come to share your ideas for making our small groups thrive.

Teacher's Meeting – July 17, 10:00am

All teachers and assistant teachers are encouraged to come to our next meeting. We can discuss the current curriculum and plan any updates that need to be done in the classrooms.

Baby Shower – Sunday, July 18

A shower for Shala Clark will be held after services on Sunday, July 18th. All ladies are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Shala asks that a children's book be given in place of a card with a message written to baby Jeffrey. Shala is registered at buybuyBaby. There is a store in Newark, or you can shop here: <https://www.buybuybaby.com/store/giftregistry/viewregistryquest/550058797?eventType=Baby>

Church Picnic – Sunday, August 1st

Our picnic is one month from today! We ask all who plan to attend to sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the lobby. Write your family name, how many people 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!

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: \$2,641 Weekly Average: \$4,747