



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, July 11, 2021

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

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Your Choice Determines Your Course by Minta Bennett

Thoughts are powerful! In fact, every great thing accomplished in life started with a thought. Similarly, every act of human destruction also began with a thought. Thoughts determine the course of a man's life. Proverbs 23:7 says, "As a man thinks, so is he." Our thoughts determine the course of our day.

Just think about it, the moment you wake up, before you even speak a word, your mind is already filled with thoughts. What you determine to dwell on will determine what kind of day you are going to have. If you wake up thinking and speaking, "I'm tired!" then, for the rest of the day you will feel that way. On the other hand, if you wake up thinking and declaring, "It's going to be a great day!" it will turn out to be just that! Does this mean your circumstances will always be perfect? No! But your attitude resulting from your thought process will enable you to face whatever comes your way with joy.

Last week, we made a difficult decision regarding our family. When I woke up the next morning, the first thought that came to my mind was, "I made the wrong decision." My whole day was consumed with this thought. Even at night this same aggravating thought would come to me. Finally, during the middle of the night and in a half-conscious state, I decided and declared, "Enough! I am not going to think about this anymore!" I then rolled over and went back to sleep. When I woke up the next morning, the thoughts were gone. Furthermore, I had a great day. It was as though a weight had been lifted off my shoulders.

Do you need a weight lifted off your shoulders? Then it is time to pay attention to the thoughts you are dwelling upon.

God says in 2 Corinthians 10:5 that in order to live a life of victory we need to cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. It also says we are to take our every thought captive and make sure it lines up with God's Word. In the verse above, the word 'imagination' means thought or plan. According to God's Word, when a thought comes to you, you can choose to accept it or cast it aside. Our choice will determine our course. I sure wish I had chosen to cast aside my thought of doubt rather than dwell on it all day long!

Don't let your thought process ruin your life. Don't let it steal your joy. Think about what you are spending your time thinking about. Make sure that your thoughts line up with God's thoughts toward you. Make sure your thoughts about your situation line up with God's thoughts about your situation. Determine the course of your life... determine to live a life of victory.

Prayer Requests

Carroll Blue: recovering from a stroke; praise God that it wasn't severe.

Paul King: continued improvement of his health.

Clyde Schinnerer: fell and fractured a bone in his foot; he is Lisa Reed's father.

Samuel Jordan: has Covid-19; he is the teenage son of campus ministry director, Rusty Jordan.

Scott Baker: has an advancing disease; he is a good friend of Dave Bower.

Richard Beno family: he passed away last weekend.

Dale Asbury: more tumors were found throughout his body; he also has dementia.

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 and Upcoming Events

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 will review the new 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>

Security Team Meeting – Saturday, July 24, 9:00am

At our next meeting we will continue to review the security plan and address other areas of concern. Anyone with questions should contact Rory Irwin.

Church Picnic – Sunday, August 1st

To help us plan, please 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 Stats: Attendance: 74 Contribution: \$7,240 Weekly Average: \$4,840