



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, August 8, 2021

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

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Article

Living in a Right-Hand World by Jay Launius

I'm left-handed and throughout my life it has been a source of both inconvenience and at times downright difficult. For instance, when I started school as a kid, the desk we sat at were right-handed, totally opened on the left side. When I tried to write or draw my left arm was up in the air and had no support. Other school supplies caused some frustration as well, the spiral bound notebook for example. That spiral wire is right in the way of my left hand. Everyday utensils that are geared for a right-hand world. Scissors are a source of constant frustration, try using a pair of scissors to cut fabric using your left hand and it's like a tooth-less dog trying to eat a bone, it gnaws at it but nothing happens! Other items seem to cater to the "righties" like a computer mouse, musical instruments and even firearms. There are names associated with being left-handed, "leftie" and "southpaw" come to mind. I've always wondered why we don't have "right-paws". Yep, it's a right-handed world alright, geared to the majority.

If you think about it, being a Christian is a lot like being left-handed. Christians are not in the majority and sometimes find it hard to fit into a non-Christian world. We are to be unique, different, not conformed to the world around us (Romans 12:1-2). We are to be "peculiar" people (Titus 2:14 AKJV) who refuse to fit into the mold of a sinful society. Look at your life and ask yourself, "Am I so different that those around me can tell or do I just fit in with everybody else?" We are to be so different that others notice and ask why we are not quite like everyone else. Notice Peter's comment, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear," (1 Peter 3:15). One of the judges of Israel was a unique individual by the name of Ehud (Judges 3:12-26). Ehud was wise, a good planner and he was left-handed and by looking at his example we can see just how important it is to be a unique child of God

Praise & Prayer Requests

Rylie Ennis: Recovering from hip surgery.

George Adair: In rehab at Manor Care on Faulk Road.

Tara White: severe pain and complications following emergency gallbladder surgery.

Bud Polk: severely injured his hand. He is Judy Barker's brother.

Paul & Sharon King: pray for continued improvement of their health.

Mannie Green: healing from surgery on Wednesday.

Mike Barker: beginning physical therapy to continue the healing following his bike accident.

Carroll Blue: continuing rehab at home; pray for complete healing from his stroke.

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

Blue Rocks Baseball – Friday, August 13

We hope you will join us for a night of fellowship at the “Rock Your Church” night and enjoy fireworks after the game. Tickets are \$11 each and are available for picked up today from Fern Davis or Susan Johnson with payment. Note: Food vouchers are not included.

Ministry Leaders Meeting

The elders would like to meet with all ministry leaders Saturday, August 14th at 8:30AM in the Blue Room.

It’s School Supplies Time!

A list of needed items can be found at the Welcome Center. Please sign up to purchase and bring your items in by Sunday, August 22nd. See Fern Davis for more information.

GriefShare - Monday, August 16 – Loss of Spouse Seminar

This session will be held online via Zoom beginning at 6:30 p.m. Register online at www.griefshare.org. There is a \$5.00 fee. If you have any questions, contact Judy Barker.

Small Groups

We have 5 new groups – 3 meeting in homes, a singles group will meet at the church building, and a ladies group online via Zoom. The first session is on Sunday, Sept. 12, then each group will determine their regular schedule. Sign-up at the bulletin board outside the blue room. All members are encouraged to participate.

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: Attendance: 94 Contribution: \$4508 Weekly Average: \$5084