



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, August 15, 2021

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

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Article

A Great Weapon Against Temptation by Jay Launius

We all face temptation; Satan is going to make sure that none of us are exempt. We read in 1 Corinthians 10:13 that it is a common challenge for all people but those who are in God's family will be provided ways to resist and eliminate temptation. One great weapon we can use against the devil and his enticements is wisdom. Wisdom is available to every Christian who asks God for it (James 1:5) and can help us make good choices when we're tempted. But this is nothing new, long ago the wise man of Proverbs wrote about the advantages of using wisdom against evil. (Proverbs 2)

When wisdom enters our hearts (minds) and we use knowledge wisely, discretion will be key to keeping us from sinful things. Wisdom will help us recognize social pressure which gives the desire to "go along with the crowd" and participate in things not pleasing to God. Wisdom shows us that resisting physical desire contrary to wholesomeness will only give temporary pleasure that can lead to more trouble down the road.

James 1:6-7 warns us that the Christian who doesn't tap into the free offer of wisdom will be "wishy-washy" in their struggle with temptation and sin. Doubting ourselves and God can and will have devastating results in one's spiritual life. But we can be happy to know that asking God for and receiving wisdom can lead us down the path of righteousness and a life that is pleasing to God.

"Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone." James 1:12-13

Praise & Prayer Requests

The Blue Family: Loss of Nancy Blue on August 7th.

Beverly Abosch: Her parents are sick. Pray for a speedy recovery.

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

Family Fun Day

Help is needed to man the stations at Family Fun Day, August 28th. If you can help, please contact Marlin Johnson by phone or email.

Work Day

Saturday, August 21st to clean up area around parking lot in preparation for Fun Day.

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: 88 Contribution: \$2754 Weekly Average: \$5012