



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, August 29, 2021

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

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### Three Things to Do with Your Heart by J. Blackmer

What would you do with a precious commodity? We go to great lengths to protect what is most important to us—our possessions, our family members, even ourselves. What are we doing with one of our most precious and often overlooked gifts? What are you doing with your heart? Here are three suggestions.

**Guard It.** *“Be on guard, so that your hearts will not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day will not come on you suddenly like a trap; for it will come upon all those who dwell on the face of all the earth. But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man”* (Luke 21:34-36). Jesus warns, very clearly, that the heart needs to be guarded against the influences of this world that we might be ready for the next world. It takes a conscious effort to have that present in our minds—that the world we live in does have an influence on us, on our children, and those we care about.

**Train It.** With the ever-present influences around us, we should be actively preparing our hearts. Peter wrote of those that have *“eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children; forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness”* (2 Pet. 2:14-15). Sound familiar? Not unlike what we live in today. Did you catch what he said about training the heart? They had hearts “trained in greed.” If they can be trained in those unrighteous acts, they can certainly be trained in righteousness. *“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness”* (2 Tim. 3:16).

**Don't Lose It.** There are times when those things that stand against us might give us cause to rethink our dedication. To that end, God has not left us without a message. *“Now [Jesus] was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart”* (Luke 18:1). *“For consider [Jesus] who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin”* (Heb. 12:3-4).

We must be actively involved in guarding our hearts against the influences that are seeping and oozing into our hearts and minds. If we are doing nothing to guard ourselves, then we are losing ground in the war for the soul.

### Praise & Prayer Requests

**Rachel McCullough:** recovering from gallbladder surgery.

**Keisha Smith:** keep my family, my workplace, and my neighbors, Theresa & Greg Greene, in prayer.

**Doug Essex:** dealing with several trying issues.

**Mark Rector:** health concerns.

**Diana Gambia:** tumor in her abdomen; pray for the provision of funds for her medical expenses.

**George Adair:** in Manor Care rehab on Foulk Road.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.greenbankcoc.org).

### Announcements and Upcoming Events

#### Small Groups Begin September 12<sup>th</sup>

The meeting times are being set for our small group kickoff event. Singles – 12:00pm (right after worship); Newport – 1:00pm; North Wilmington – 6:00pm; Ladies Online – TBD; Bear/Glasgow – TBD. At this first gathering, each group will determine the best time for their regular meetings. Small groups are where we strengthen our fellowship and love for one another. All members are encouraged to sign up.

## **GriefShare**

The upcoming fall session will be held on Mondays beginning on September 13<sup>th</sup> running through December 13<sup>th</sup>. All sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held on Zoom. To register, please go to <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/130063>. If you have any questions, contact Judy Barker.

## **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Hens for Christ Golf Classic**

The annual golf tournament benefitting the Blue Hens for Christ ministry will be held the week of September 20-25 at the Chesapeake Bay Golf Club in Rising Sun, MD. If you choose to play on Saturday, Sept. 25, your package will include a continental breakfast and lunch buffet. Sign-in on Saturday is 8:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board or go to the website [www.ReflectMissions.org/golf-outing](http://www.ReflectMissions.org/golf-outing) for more information and to register. Cost is \$125/golfer with various levels of sponsorship available. See Walter Johnson if you have any questions.

## September Birthdays

4 – Rohan Woli	22 – Pat Greenwood, Marvin Welsh, Tina Jones
8 – Antonio Sanichar	24 – Bill Davis
9 – Ron Stafford, Jeff Clark, Sr.	25 – Virginia Clark
10 – Patty Conway	27 – Chloe Walker
14 – Beverly Abosch	28 – Kener Garcia
15 – Kyle & Kayla Abosch	30 – Brenda Jones, Pattie Taylor, Angela Darko

## September Anniversaries

7 – Walter & Patricia Jones	26 – Ron & Liz Cox
17 – Marc & Chelsea Brasefield	27 – Bob & Penny Pennington, David & Susan Regester, Ron & Connie Stafford

## *Join Us for Worship*

**Sunday Mornings @ 10:30 a.m.**

- 1) **Facebook Live:** <http://www.facebook.com/greenbankchurchofchrist>
- 2) **Greenbank Website:** [www.greenbankcoc.org](http://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](http://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: 82 Contribution: \$3,790 Weekly Average: \$5,088**