



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, September 5, 2021

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

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More Than You Bargained For by Jay Launius (edited)

As Martin pulled up to the garage sale his eyes began to scan the merchandise. This was a good sale. It was going to take more than just a few minutes to search for treasures. As he began to walk by the tables, he looked at each item with interest. He saw an old Army canteen, a roll of weed eater string, and an 8” crescent wrench. As he continued to go from table to table, he only saw things he either already had or just wasn’t interested in. Then, when he was about to give up, something caught his eye. Sitting on the ground halfway under the last table was a tackle box. As he got closer, he could tell it was practically brand new.

“Is this box for sale?” he asked the lady sitting at a small table making little price tags with a magic marker. “Yes, it’s for sale” she answered. “How much?” he asked. Without hesitation the lady answered, “Three dollars.” Martin dug into his pocket and pulled out a wad of crumpled bills. He peeled off three ones and handed them to the lady. “Thank you,” she said, “I hope that you enjoy it.”

As Martin picked up the tackle box, much to his surprise, it felt as though it was full. He opened the lid to discover that the box was brimming over with fishing lures, jigs, sinkers, and hooks of all sizes. As he surveyed the collection of gear, he asked the lady, “Ma’am, are you sure you only want three dollars for this?” She replied, “Yes. It belonged to my husband who passed away. I don’t like to fish, so someone should get some use out of it.”

When Martin got home, he began to take inventory of his newly found supply of fishing equipment. As he emptied the box, there, in the bottom, was something that caught his eye. It was a lure, but not just any lure. This was a Heddon Slim Body Minnow made in the 1930’s. “Wow! This must be worth \$100, maybe more!” he said as he examined the old lure. Martin not only found a great bargain, but he also discovered that he had received much more than he had bargained for.

When we first become Christians, we’re happy that we’ve found forgiveness and salvation through Jesus. But it’s not until we really begin to live our faith that we discover the hidden treasures to be found in Christ. When we serve God day to day, we come to realize that the true blessing of life comes “*both of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge*” (Colossians 2:2-3).

Just as Martin found a great treasure hidden in a three-dollar tackle box, you and I can continually discover the great advantages of being a Christian. The advantages far outweigh any difficulties we may face, and for the non-Christian, a great hidden treasure is just waiting to be found and can be discovered in the pages of God’s Word.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3).

Praise & Prayer Requests

Our College Students: keep these young people in prayer as they enter another school year, some of them away from home. Pray for safety, good health, and making good choices. Kayla & Kyle Abosch, Madison Naseery, Adriana & Kristal Moreta, Antonio Sanichar, Ethan Reed, Rachel Johnson.

Yessinia Gutierrez: her aunt is recovering from surgery.

Dale Connor: health concerns.

Millicent Agbeta (Ghana): sick with typhoid fever and heart pains.

Doug Essex: dealing with several trying issues.

Mark Rector: health concerns.

Diana Gambia (Ghana): needs surgery to remove a tumor in her abdomen.

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 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

Office Closed – Please be reminded that the office is closed on Monday for the Labor Day holiday.

Thank You!

The School Supplies Ministry would like to thank everyone who donated items for the backpacks. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The smiles on the faces of the kids, and their parents, were well worth the effort.

Bible Classes & Children's Church

Our Bible classes for all ages and children's church will resume meeting in person next Sunday, Sept. 12th. Bible classes begin at 9:30am. Children's church will meet during the sermon portion of our worship service.

Small Groups Begin September 12th

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

GriefShare

The upcoming fall session will be held on Mondays beginning September 13th running through December 13th. 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.

11th 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 for more information and to register. Cost is \$125/golfer with various levels of sponsorship available. See Walter Johnson if you have any questions.

Manatawny Men's Retreat – October 1 & 2

All men are invited to come to a life-changing weekend. Spend time together in God's creation, slow down a little and reflect on what God has said in His Word. Share stories, build friendships, and have some fun that only Camp can provide. Mark Finn, minister at the Collingswood Church of Christ, will be speaking on the theme of GRIT. It's a weekend designed by men, for men. Wherever you are spiritually, the men's retreat is the opportunity to separate yourself from the daily routine, turn down the volume of the world, and listen to God. Bring your sons, brothers, fathers, grandfathers, brothers-in-law, and co-workers. Jesus retreated with his men (Mark 3:7). He knew it was important, and you are invited to do the same. Cost is \$35; \$10 for boys 12 and under. Register at <https://www.manatawny.org/mensretreat>.

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: 123 Contribution: \$3,666 Weekly Average: \$5,047