



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, September 12, 2021

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

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Never Forget by Domingo Reyes

There are some moments in life that we will never forget. We tend to remember events that change our lives, whether it is a marriage proposal, the death of a loved one, or the birth of a child. Furthermore, some events rock our world and become ingrained in our souls.

September 11, 2001 is certainly one of those days. I remember exactly where I was and what I was doing that day. When the first tower was hit, I was sitting in my cubicle at HSBC Bank. All work stopped! While working in a call center environment, I had never seen work come to a halt so quickly. Many of my coworkers gathered around desks that were streaming news broadcasts. Terror, amazement, bewilderment, and fear filled the room. I remember the looks on my coworker's faces. I tried calling my family in New York, including my brother who was supposed to be working near the twin towers that day. However, all phone lines to the city were down. The eerie signal beep annoyed me to no end.

I eventually learned that all my New York family and friends were safe. However, roughly 3,000 people were not so fortunate. As Greg Smallworth wrote regarding the day, "What we witnessed that day will forever be etched in our history and stained in our hearts as one of our nation's darkest days." Similarly, as in the famous words of President Franklin D. Roosevelt on December 9, 1941, describing Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor, September 11, 2001 is "a date which will live in infamy."

As horrible as the events of that day were --- there were also many positives. I remember how we were all humbled and united in our trust in Almighty God, regardless of political party or ethnicity. On that day, we were all Americans who loved and needed each other. I recall hands joined in prayer in schools, churches, and even in the White House.

In Deuteronomy chapter 8, the Israelites are exhorted to never forget God. They are told to remember the afflictions of Egypt and Jehovah God who rescued them. *"Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws, and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery"* Deuteronomy 8:11-14.

Let us never forget God's faithfulness, salvation, and love for us.

Praise & Prayer Requests

Doug Essex: PRAISE! The issues with the people renting his house have been resolved.

Dan Brown: hospitalized in Columbia, SC with Covid-19.

Christina Steiner: searching for new job; also pray that her boyfriend, Steve, will seek Christ.

Dale Connor: health concerns.

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

Mark Rector: health concerns.

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

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

Bible Classes & Children's Church Begin Today

Bible classes for all ages and children's church resume today. Bible classes begin at 9:30am, and Children's church will meet in the blue room during the sermon portion of our worship service. Children should wear masks because of the close space in the classrooms and due to our youngest who are not able to be vaccinated.

Small Groups Begin Today

The kickoff meetings for our small groups are today. Meeting times are: Singles (DaBaldo) – immediately following worship; Bear/Glasgow (Kirkland) – 1:00pm; Newport (Barker) – 1:00pm; Ladies Online (Alethia Jones)– 4:00pm; North Wilmington (Khan) – 6:00pm. At this first gathering, each group will determine the best time for their regular meetings. If you have not joined a group, please consider doing so. Small groups help us strengthen our fellowship and love for one another. All members are encouraged to participate.

GriefShare

Our fall session begins Monday, September 13th. All sessions will be held on Zoom at 6:30pm. To register, please go to <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/130063>. If you have any questions, contact Judy Barker.

Outdoor Workday – September 18th

We will have another work day next Saturday to complete the outdoor clean up that needs to be done. If you were unable to come last time, we'd love to have your help this week! Bring your gloves and any outdoor tools you like to work with. We'll see you at 9:00am!

Parking Lot Improvements

Our parking lot will be repaved September 27-30. Please avoid coming to the building during that time if possible. We look forward to having a smooth surface very soon.

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.

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: 111 Contribution: \$3,948 Weekly Average: \$5,016