



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, September 26, 2021

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

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Listening For God's Voice by Mike Riley

A Native American and his friend were in downtown New York City walking near Times Square. It was during the noon lunch hour and the streets were filled with people. Cars were honking their horns, taxicabs were squealing around corners, sirens were wailing, and the sounds of the city were almost deafening. Suddenly, the Native American said, "I hear a cricket." His friend said, "What? You must be crazy. You couldn't possibly hear a cricket in all this noise!" "No, I'm sure of it," the Native American said, "I heard a cricket." "That's crazy," said the friend.

The Native American listened carefully for a moment, and then walked across the street to a big cement planter where some shrubs were growing. He looked into the bushes beneath the branches, and sure enough, there was a small cricket. His friend was utterly amazed. "That's incredible," he said. "You must have super-human ears!" "No," said the Native American. "My ears are no different from yours. It all depends on what you're listening for." "But that can't be," said the friend. "I could never hear a cricket in all this noise."

"Yes, you can," came the reply. "Here, let me show you." He reached into his pocket, pulled out a few coins, and discreetly dropped them on the sidewalk. And then, with the noise of the crowded street still blaring in their ears, they noticed that every person's head within twenty feet turned and looked to see if the money that tinkled on the pavement was theirs. "See what I mean?" asked the Native American. "It all depends on what's important to you, and what you're listening for."

What's important to us? What do we listen for? Are there times that we fail to listen to God because we are focused on other things that are more important to us? Regarding the Jews, Jesus said, "For the ears of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them. But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear." (Matthew 13:15-16; cf. Isaiah 6:9-10; Acts 28:26-27).

Brethren, amid the distractions of the world all around us, may our ears always be open, not only ready to listen for, but to hear and be obedient to God's voice as He speaks to us through His word (1 Samuel 3:9-10; cf. John 8:47; John 10:4, 27; 1 John 4:6).

Baptisms

Randy Barton was baptized on Wednesday. Pray for his continued growth in faith and trust in the Lord.

Matt Feng was baptized on Aug. 28 after studying with Casey Coston, Campus Minister for Blue Hens for Christ.

Matt's wife, Grace, is a PhD student at UD.

Praise & Prayer Requests

Dan Brown: passed away from Covid-19. He was a close friend of Wyndi Blue. Pray for her and Dan's family.

Bill Kotar: passed away from Covid-19. He was the cousin of Judy Barker. Keep the family in prayer.

Connie Hedgepeth: diagnosed with an aggressive, fast-growing cancer that has already metastasized throughout her body. She is receiving palliative care.

Letitia Burwell: recovering from surgery.

Sharon Rood: recovering from surgery that removed a bowel blockage.

Bob Reece: suffered a heart attack last week. He will have quadruple bypass surgery on Friday, Oct. 1.

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

Dale Connor & Mark Rector: health concerns.

Greenbank church: Godly guidance for our elders & minister 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

Parking Lot Improvements

The parking lot repaving work is this week, Sept. 27-30. Please do not come to the building during business hours if you can avoid it. The Wednesday evening Bible study will meet as scheduled but be aware there may be uneven pavement and construction vehicles in the lot. The office will be closed during the construction. Lisa will be working from home and will check phone messages and email throughout the week.

Ladies Bible Study

Our fall ladies' class begins on Oct. 9th at 11:00 a.m. and will meet on the second Saturday of each month through May 2022. Sister Crystal Reyes will lead our study of the book *A Woman Who Doesn't Quit – Lessons from Ruth* by Nicki Koziarz. Click this link to sign up for class: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0845AFAE2EA6FB6-ladies>. Once you have registered, a link to download the study book and a 30-day devotional book will be provided to you in a confirmation email. The Zoom link for our class meeting will be sent the week before class begins.

GriefShare

If you are struggling with grief following the loss of a loved one, please consider joining GriefShare. You are welcome to join when the time is right for you. Register here: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/130063>

Small Groups

Our small group meeting schedules have been set. We encourage you to join one if you haven't already. Information for all groups is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

October Birthdays

1 – Ania Reyes	16 – Mike Anderson
6 – Jean Brummett, Maria Aguilar	17 – Carlos Rivera
10 – Azalea Garvin, Priscilla Sanichar	19 – Lola Winder
11 – Robin Johnson	22 – Tim Tucker
14 – Taylor Lackford, Gail Carlisle, Kevin Hence	

October Anniversaries

7 – Bill & Barbara Davis	14 – Boyd & Lisa Reed, Subhotosh & Eileen Khan
10 – Jason & Dawn Grabowski	16 – Elmore & Lorraine Martin
12 – Dwain & Betty Asbell	24 – Bob & Linda Crusco

Sunday Meeting Times

In-Person Bible Classes for All Ages @ 9:30 a.m. including a Spanish-speakers class (adults).

In-Person Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m. Also streamed online with 3 ways to connect:

- 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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – 7PM

In Person – John's Epistles taught by George Kirkland.

Online – Proverbs taught by Domingo Reyes @ <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: 116 Contribution: \$4,333 Weekly Average: \$4,994