

Five Fingers of Prayer by Glenn Hitchcock

The fingers on our hands can help us remember for whom to pray.

- 1. The thumb is nearest to us. Begin by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. Praying for loved ones is a sweet duty.
- 2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct, and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, ministers, and church elders. They need wisdom in pointing others in the right direction.
- 3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of secular leaders. Pray for our president and the Congress, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion.
- 4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. It is the weakest finger, as any piano teacher will explain. This reminds us to pray for the weak, those in trouble, and those in pain. They need prayers day and night.
- 5. Last comes the little finger, the smallest of all. This is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. The Bible says, *"He who is least among you will be great"* (Luke 9:48). Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective, and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

"I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men." (1 Timothy 2:1)

Praise & Prayer Requests

Shannon Schuhart: (former member) in critical but stable condition with Covid-19; he is receiving specialized treatment in Norfolk, VA.

Marlin Johnson: recovering from surgery for a bone infection.

Bob Reece: home from the hospital; continue to pray for healing and improved health.

Boyd Reed: recovering from injuries received in a bicycle accident.

Marc Brasefield: pray for him and the family as he prepares for deployment on October 18th.

Connie Hedgepeth: in hospice care.

Christina Steiner: pray she will receive a job offer soon.

J.C.: being deployed to Afghanistan; he is an Army friend of Steve DaCunha.

Margie Young & Bruce Wahl (Newark members): both have Covid-19.

Dale Connor & Mark Rector: health concerns.

Greenbank church: Godly guidance for our elders, minister, & deacons 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 <u>office@greenbankcoc.org</u> 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 <u>www.greenbankcoc.org</u>.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Office Hours This Week

Lisa will be out of the office on Friday, 10/15. Any items that need to go in next week's newsletter should be submitted to the office by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 10/13. Thank you.

Fellowship Committee

We want to grow our Fellowship Committee. If you have a flair for hosting parties and other events, this committee is for you! The holiday season is right around the corner, and we would like to plan some activities in the next few months. If you have any questions, speak with Fern Davis. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the blue room. Please add your name to it by October 24th.

Small Groups

Our small group meeting schedules have been set. <u>Bear/Glasgow</u> – 1st & 3rd Sundays, 2:00pm (led by George & Sherry Kirkland) <u>Ladies Online</u> – 2nd & 4th Sundays, 4:00pm (led by Alethia Jones) <u>Newport</u> – 2nd & 4th Sundays, 12:30pm (hosted by Mike & Judy Barker). This group is currently full. <u>North Wilmington</u> – every other Sunday, 3:00pm, next meeting is Oct. 10 (hosted by Eileen Khan) <u>Singles</u> – every Tuesday, 7:00pm at Greenbank in the blue room (led by Mark daBaldo). Small groups are known to strengthen the church. All members are encouraged to participate.

GriefShare

Are you struggling with grief following the loss of a loved one? Consider participating in GriefShare. You are welcome to join when the time is right for you. Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is scheduled for Saturday, November 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. via Zoom. There is a \$5 fee for the book. Register for the seminar and/or the regular session here: <u>https://www.griefshare.org/groups/130063</u>. If you have any questions, contact Judy Barker.

Camp Manatawny Events

Jr/Sr High Retreat (grades 7-12) – October 29-30 Manatawny Fun Run – October 30 For more information and to register for an event, go to <u>https://www.manatawny.org/upcomingevents</u>

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**: <u>www.greenbankcoc.org</u> Click on the Facebook Live tab on the menu bar at the top of the page. PLEASE NOTE: You do <u>NOT</u> 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

<u>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - 7PM</u>

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

Online – Proverbs taught by Domingo Reyes. Connect as you would for our worship service. (See above.)

<u>3 Ways to Give</u>

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 <u>www.greenbankcoc.org</u>. Click on the "Donate" button and follow the instructions. (<u>Note</u>: there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)

Last Week:Attendance: 94Contribution: \$4,962Weekly Average: \$4,938