



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, October 24, 2021

Office hours are Mon/Wed/Fri 9:00am-3:00pm.

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### Impact by Dean Murphy

Some things just stay with you. I had the privilege of hearing General Norman Schwarzkopf speak not long after the first Gulf War. He told a story about his first command and its early failure that eventually became success. The point to remember was, “When put in command, take charge.” Years later I was fortunate enough to sit in the U.S. Supreme Court Chamber and hear an impromptu lecture by Justice Antonin Scalia. Justice Scalia, leaning on the rail in casual attire, but still possessing quite a powerful presence, said quietly at one point, “I am a teacher at heart. I have always been a teacher.” A man that had such an impact saw himself in a humble way that others likely did not. In my Day-Timer I keep a quote from one of the most influential people of the last century. Henry Ford was asked how and why he came to develop the automobile despite no understanding of or demand for it. He replied, “If I had asked them what they wanted, they would have said, ‘faster horses.’” The vision to see what others cannot is rare and impactful.

You have your own list of impactful things said, moments lived, and experiences shared. They live in your head, in a quiet place, but play a role in your thinking. I learned from the General, the Justice, and the Visionary things that have never left me. That is sort of how life is don’t you think? Life consists of a lot of time filled with things that matter little and are remembered less, along with a handful of impactful moments...like watching my soon to be wife walk down the aisle or being in the room when my kids took their first breath.

In a recent conversation, an old colleague mentioned a comment that I made to him quite some time ago, that he still remembers today, and that has helped shape his thinking. That was initially a nice moment followed by the terror of thinking about the responsibility of something I said impacting someone else. But, as Christians, that is EXACTLY what we are called to do: make an impact!

Matthew 5:13-16 says we are salt and light. We influence, we impact! Our Godly behavior provides an opportunity for others to glorify God.

Romans 12:2 explains that we must influence for good and not be influenced by the world. To be unusual in a monolithic world dominated by sin is our challenge.

Colossians 4:5 emphasizes the importance of the conversations we have with people in our lives, including the critical nature of the words we use and the way they are delivered.

Today, you will almost certainly have an opportunity to impact someone’s life. That opportunity is unique. The people you interact with will be in a specific place in their lives, one that will change quickly. The mix of circumstances and influences that provide shape to the mindset of those you interact with today offer an opportunity that is unlike yesterday and differs from tomorrow. Be mindful of the impact you can have by offering a well-placed word, displaying a humble attitude, and acting with a servant’s heart.

If you are curious about how to make an impact, modeling Jesus is a great place to start. The most impactful words ever spoken were spoken by Jesus Christ. His teaching is timeless, transforming, and trajectory changing. He is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). His most humble attitude was displayed on an unjust cross, as God’s Son chose to allow his own humiliating death (Philippians 2:8). He came to serve not to be served and backed it up with his actions (John 13:12-15).

### *Praise & Prayer Requests*

**Spanish Ministry:** pray for the new Sunday worship service and Thursday Bible study to be blessed with growth and commitment to the Lord.

**Schuhart family:** as they grieve the unexpected loss of Shannon.

**Tammy Bolden & Faye Gillespie:** grieving the loss of their mother & sister.

**Judy Barker:** recovering from surgery to repair her broken ankle.

**Daniel:** pray for spiritual restoration.

**Shirl Ellis:** now at home recovering from a mild stroke.

**Marc Brasefield:** deployed to Romania for 10 months.

**Connie Hedgepeth:** in hospice care.

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

**Dale Connor & Mark Rector:** health concerns.

**Greenbank church:** Godly guidance for our elders, minister, & deacons as they lead our congregation.

**Greenbank missions:** Westerholm (Mozambique), Borfay (Liberia), Agbeta (Ghana), Camp Manatawny, Reflect Campus Missions/BHC. Pray for a new mission work that reflects the interest of our members.

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**

### **Missions Updates**

In the coming weeks we will have two of the missionaries we support with us to give updates on their work. On Sunday, Oct. 31, Chad Westerholm will lead our Bible class and give the sermon. Chad, and his wife Amy, work with a team of missionaries in Mozambique. On Sunday, Nov. 21 we will take a special collection to support the work they are doing. On Sunday, Nov. 14, Edmund Borfay will speak at the end of our service about the work he is doing in Liberia. We also look forward to when Reflect Campus Missions apprentice, Connor Brown, can be with us.

### **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. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the blue room. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please sign up today.

### **Winterfest 2022 – LIVE!**

We are making plans to take a group to Gatlinburg for Winterfest in February 2022. Those interested in sending their 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students should contact Lisa Reed as soon as possible. When we have an idea of how many want to go, we will finalize the details. If you want your child to go, but are concerned about the cost, please let Lisa know. Financial assistance is available.

### **GriefShare – Holiday Seminar**

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:

<https://www.griefshare.org/groups/130063>. If you have any questions, contact Judy Barker.

## **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](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

## **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – 7PM**

**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.)

## **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: 132 Contribution: \$4,666 Weekly Average: \$4,914**