



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, November 7, 2021

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

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What's Your Gift?

Years ago, I recall my dad express his admiration for a deacon who was extremely effective in handling benevolence requests.

Perhaps you know a song leader who can bring out the best in the congregation's worship.

Or a bible class teacher who makes the Bible come alive and makes practical application of Scripture to everyday living.

I knew a sister in Christ whose gift was cheering hurting hearts by bringing homemade soup and bread, delivered with a smile.

"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10 NASB).

First, we must discover our gifts. Is it leading, teaching, encouraging, or some other strength?

Second, we must acknowledge God as the source of our gifts. We certainly didn't generate them, nor did they just happen.

Third, we must use our gifts to serve others. That's when we become *"good stewards of the manifold grace of God."*

Our gifts have one source: God. But our gifts have at least two purposes. 1) Our gifts are for serving one another, and 2) *"so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to him belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen"* (1 Peter 4:10-11).

From God and back to God. He gives the gift; we use the gift. Others are blessed; God gets the glory.

Father, help us be good stewards of the abilities You have given us as we serve our brothers and sisters to Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

- Adapted from an article by David Gibson

Praise & Prayer Requests

Betty Asbell: has shingles on her legs making it difficult to walk.

George & Jan Adair: Jan is having surgery this week to remove cancer from her tongue. George is recovering from an infection.

Linda Crusco: dealing with several health issues.

Judy Barker: recovering from surgery on her broken ankle.

Daniel: pray for spiritual restoration.

Marc Brasefield: deployed to Romania for 10 months.

Connie Hedgepeth: in hospice care.

Dale Connor & Mark Rector: health concerns.

Spanish Ministry: pray for encouragement and growth in this new ministry.

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.

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

Save the Date!

Our annual Christmas party has been scheduled for Saturday, December 11 at 7 PM. We will provide more information soon.

Office Closure

The office will be closed on Friday, Nov. 5 and Monday, Nov. 8. Please contact Domingo Reyes directly with any immediate or urgent needs.

Children's Church Fellowship

Sunday, November 7, Children's Church will be extended and will include lunch. Parents are invited to join their kids after the worship service has ended, or you can go out for a quick lunch without your kids and return by 1:15pm to pick them up. If you have any questions, contact Shelley Irwin.

Missions Updates

On Sunday, Nov. 14, Edmund Borfay will speak at the end of our service about the work he is doing in Liberia. On Sunday, November 21, we will take a special collection for the Westerholm family who was with us last Sunday. This will be in addition to our regular contribution.

Winterfest 2022 – LIVE!

Registration forms and additional information will be available soon. Stay tuned!

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

Small Groups

We have five groups that are meeting throughout our area including a singles group and one for ladies that meets virtually. Times and locations are posted on the bulletin board. Small groups are known to strengthen the church. All members are encouraged to participate.

Sunday Meeting Times

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

In-Person Worship Service – English & Spanish @ 10:30 a.m. English service is livestreamed 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 a Facebook account to view the live feed through our website.
- 3) **Phone In: (301) 715-8592 Enter Meeting ID 889 4601 8992**

BIBLE STUDIES

In Person – Wednesdays @ 7pm – John's Epistles led by George Kirkland.

Online – Wednesdays @ 7pm – Proverbs led by Domingo Reyes. Connect as you would for our worship service.

Spanish (In-Person)– Thursdays @ 6:30 pm – Contact Domingo Reyes for more information.

Ladies – 2nd Saturday each month @ 11am on Zoom – “A Woman Who Doesn't Quit” led by Crystal Reyes.

Men – 3rd Saturday each month @ 10am at Greenbank – led by Mark Ray.

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: 138

Contribution: \$3,818

Weekly Average: \$4,842