



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, November 14, 2021

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

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Turn it Over to God by G. Hutchens (edited)

What challenges are you wrestling with right now? Life seems to present us with a never-ending series of challenges of one kind or another. We work through one challenge and give a sigh of relief, thankful that it's over with. But just out of sight and around the bend, life's next challenge is already on its way. Most of the time we don't know what that next challenge will be, but we can be assured that it's coming.

It's kind of like buying a house. You're so thankful when you get to move into your new home, but it's not long until something needs attending to. You decide to put in a flower bed to spruce up the outside of your home. Of course, you have to buy the flowers to plant in the new bed. Then you have to buy a new water hose to water the new flowers. When you do, you discover a slight leak in the basement. The topsoil you bought for the flower bed keeps washing down the driveway, so you have to buy some kind of barrier. Weeds grow faster than the flowers you planted, so you buy a weed killer. Your dog likes to lay in the cool dirt of the new flower bed, but he gets sick from the weed killer and throws up all over your new carpet. Now you've got a vet bill, and you have to clean the carpet. Finally, things settle down just as Fall arrives. Then you've got to buy a new rake and blower to pick up the leaves falling all over your yard...

But all of the exciting surprises of home ownership is only one area in which life confronts you with ever new challenges. Ask any parent if their lifestyle changed when their first child was born. How in the world could such a little bundle, so cute and cuddly, cost so much?! With all of the prospective shopping you did, and all the showers and grandparent's presents, you thought your child was set with clothes for life. Who would've thought that kid would outgrow nearly everything in two months?! How could baby food and formula for such a tiny person cost almost as much as full meals for both mom and dad? And that doesn't include those disposable diapers that keep disposing of your income.

Then there's the continual expense of owning a car. Something is always going wrong with it. You'd buy a new one, but that would mean a huge new payment every month for what seems like forever. And someone's always needing new clothes, a pair of shoes, a haircut, a perm, a tool, or some fee for school. You can't believe how much new eyeglasses are going to cost. And someone's always having to go to the doctor or needing a prescription filled.

Let's not forget the completely unexpected challenges life throws at you like getting laid off from your job, or a grandparent or parent diagnosed with a serious illness. Maybe someone moves in next door who's prepared over their entire life just to make yours miserable, and they're really good at it! After a while, you start to get tired, frustrated, and impatient. Sometimes, you feel like pulling your hair out and running down the street screaming. What do you do?

Turn it over to God. I know that may sound trite, but it's not. Some things cannot be fixed, and the things we can fix will surely break again. Some things are just going to happen, no matter what. It's part of life. Sometimes there are no answers that *we* can see. But God knows *all* the answers (Jas. 1:5). Nothing is impossible for Him (Isa. 50:2; Lk. 1:37; Eph. 3:20). Let Him have your problems, your worries, your frustrations, your hurts. Let's learn to turn them over to God.

Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord for two baptisms this week! Liz Keilholz and Denis Ramirez Aguilar were both baptized into Christ on Thursday. Pray for the Lord to strengthen and protect these new Christians as they begin their walk with Him.

Mia: 2-year-old having heart surgery on 12/10 at A.I. Hospital.

Paulette: pray for her family to have strength to stand against very difficult circumstances.

LaKeisha Smith: medical concerns.

Betty Asbell: still recovering from shingles.

George & Jan Adair: both are dealing with health concerns.

Linda Crusco: received good news from some tests; continue to pray for other health concerns.

Judy Barker: still has limited mobility; pray for complete healing of her ankle.

Daniel: pray for spiritual restoration.

Marc Brasefield: deployed to Romania.

Connie Hedgepeth: in hospice care.

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

Welcome Edmund Borfay

Bro. Borfay will give us an update on the mission work in Liberia this week after our morning worship service.

Security Team

A reminder to the security team that your next meeting will be on Sunday, Nov. 21, immediately following morning worship. Lunch will be provided, and spouses are welcome to stay. **RSVP is required for lunch count.** Respond to Lisa Reed by Sunday, Nov. 14.

Westerholm Thank You

We received a very nice Thank You note from the Westerholm family after their visit with us on Oct. 31. The note is posted on the missions bulletin board for you to read. Next Sunday, November 21, we will collect a special contribution to support their work in Mozambique. This will be in addition to our regular offering. Prayerfully consider how you might be able to support them. Please make checks out to Greenbank and put Westerholm in the memo.

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.

The 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. You do **NOT** need a Facebook account to view the service 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: 113

Contribution: \$5,672

Weekly Average: \$4,860