



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, November 21, 2021

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

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### Why Go It Alone? by David Gibson

All of us have problems. At times we may feel like the proverbial camel – one straw short of total collapse. God understands. As our Maker, He knows what we're made of and how we react under stress. As a loving Father, He has provided numerous "coping techniques" to help His children through each day. Here are three of them:

- The suffering Christian can gain so much strength from a daily dose of Bible study. Here we see that troubles are part of the plan for shaping us for a better world.

As we read of the struggles of God-fearing men and women in the Bible, we can come to realize, "If they could make it with God's help, then so can I!"

- "Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray" (James 5:13).

There's nothing like trouble to remind us of our limitations. The only logical place to turn to is the throne of grace where "we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

- And what would we do without the fellowship of other believers? "Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

How in the world do non-Christians make it? Ultimately, they don't. Dealing with hardships without Christ, without the Bible, without prayer, and without the church will simply not work.

But unbelievers try it anyway. If only they knew what they're missing!

### *Praise & Prayer Requests*

**Hedgepeth Family:** keep this family in prayer as they mourn the passing of their mother and our dear sister, Connie.

**Marlin Johnson:** pray for continued healing and a good report from the doctor.

**Bob Reece:** recovering from an infection.

**Lee & Linda Phipps:** both are in the hospital with Covid-19.

**Mia:** 2-year-old having heart surgery on 12/10 at DuPont Children's Hospital.

**LaKeisha Smith:** medical concerns.

**Marc Brasefield:** deployed to Romania.

**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](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*

#### **Special Contribution – Mozambique Missions**

We will be taking a special collection today to support Chad & Amy Westerholm's mission work in Mozambique. If you are writing a check, please make it out to Greenbank Church of Christ and put Mozambique in the memo. If you are giving cash, and need a giving envelope, please pick one up at the Welcome desk in the foyer.

#### **Children's Church Location Change**

Children's church will meet downstairs in the yellow room during today's sermon. It is the second door on the left in the classroom hallway. This will now be the regular meeting location for children's church.

### **Wedding Ceremony**

After services today all are invited to stay to witness and celebrate the marriage of Delmis Reyes and Francisco Paguada. A meal will be served downstairs in the fellowship hall after the ceremony.

### **Office Hours Thanksgiving Week**

The office will be open on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 22-23, and closed the rest of the week for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please have items for the bulletin submitted no later than 9:00 Tuesday morning (11/23).

### **Wednesday Evening Bible Study**

Both of our Wednesday Bible studies, in-person and online, have been cancelled this week, Nov. 24. They will resume next week on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Thanksgiving Day Fellowship**

Our Singles Bible Study Small Group has invited everyone to a Thanksgiving fellowship on Thursday, Nov. 25, from 10:00am – 1:00pm in the blue room. This is a busy day for everyone, so feel free to come and go as you are able. There will be snack foods (appetizers before your Thanksgiving feast) and beverages. The theme is “Gratitude”, and everyone will be able to share why they are thankful.

### **Annual Christmas Party for Adults**

Our Christmas party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 7:00pm. This year we will be having desserts and beverages catered. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. If you plan to attend, please write down your name and how many will be in your party. We need this information to provide a count to the caterer. We will also do our customary gift exchange. Please bring a gift for your own gender: man or woman. Spending limit is no more than \$20. We hope you all will join us for dessert, gift exchange, and fun!

## **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 live streamed 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. 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month @ 11am** on Zoom – “A Woman Who Doesn’t Quit” led by Crystal Reyes.

**Men – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](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: 154**

**Contribution: \$7,836**

**Weekly Average: \$4,925**