



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, January 2, 2022

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

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### New Year Resolutions by John Isaac Edwards (edited)

With the coming of a new year, perhaps you've made some resolutions. It's a good time to resolve to do some things of a spiritual nature. As the man in the Parable of the Unjust Steward said, "I am resolved..." (Lk. 16:4), let me suggest some things we may resolve to do in this new year.

- 1) **Be a Christian.** What better way to start off the new year than by being a New Testament Christian as "... the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26)? Men of God in the first century tried to persuade folks "... to become a Christian" (Acts 26:28). Peter penned, "Yet if any man suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this matter" (1 Pet. 4:16). Let this be the time that you become a Christian by hearing, believing, and obeying the gospel.
- 2) **Return.** There are sheep who have wandered away from the flock that need to come home. James wrote this, "Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins" (Jas. 5:19-20). If this time finds you out of step with the Savior, we plead with you to now return "... to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls" (1 Pet. 2:25).
- 3) **Be at Every Service.** It's a good time to attend every service of the Lord's church. This is part of putting first things first as Jesus taught, "But seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness..." (Mt. 6:33). The Psalmist said, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord'" (Ps. 122:1). Make it your aim to have perfect attendance this year and see how much you "... grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18).
- 4) **Study the Bible Daily.** It's a good time to start a daily Bible reading schedule. Remember the Bereans, who "... searched the scriptures daily..." (Acts 17:11)? Daily Scripture searching helps one to know the truth (Jn. 8:32), to keep from being misled (Acts 20:30), and to grow as a child of God (1 Pet. 2:2).
- 5) **Pray Always.** How about worrying less and praying more in the new year? Paul declared, "Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Phil. 4:6). The Lord spoke a parable to this end, "... that men always ought to pray..." (Lk. 18:1). The Psalmist had a good prayer habit — "Evening and morning and at noon I will pray..." (Ps. 55:17).
- 6) **Win One to the Lord.** Since "... he who wins souls is wise" (Prov. 11:30), how about making it your resolution to find one and win them to the Lord in 2022? Resolve to be an Anna — speak of the Redeemer as she did (Lk. 2:36-38) — and to be an Andrew — find one and bring him to Jesus as he did (Jn. 1:40-42). Think what it would do to the church if each of us would do that! The church would double by this time next year!!
- 7) **Be Given to Hospitality.** Christians in the first century were found "... breaking bread from house to house..." (Acts 2:46). How about opening up your home for such occasions in 2022? We find a way to do what we want to do, right? Peter penned, "Be hospitable to one another without grumbling" (1 Pet. 4:9). Romans 12:13 says, "... given to hospitality." May this describe each family here.
- 8) **Go to Heaven.** Let's make it our spiritual resolution to live in such a way as to go to Heaven. This requires keeping the Lord's commandments as John said, "Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter through the gates into the city" (Rev. 22:14). Let's be firmly determined to do the will of the Lord this year!

### Praise & Prayer Requests

Several of our number have COVID-19: Paul & Sharon King; Sherry Kirkland, Lucas Kirkland & his mom; Mike Barker; Domingo, Crystal, Aleah & Ania Reyes; Karolina & Kass Toribio

Bill Betit Jr: undergoing radiation treatments on his vocal cords.

Russell Miller: in hospital with sepsis and heart/blood pressure issues.

LaKeisha Smith: medical concerns

Patty Conway asks for prayers for Terri, Lucas, Larry, & Danny.

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

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

**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 Events**

### **Office Closure**

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> and will reopen on Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Aid for Tornado Victims**

We continue to accept contributions to aid families whose lives were affected by the recent tornadoes in Kentucky and other states. Checks should be made out to Greenbank and put "tornado relief" in the memo. Cash should be put in an envelope with "tornado relief" written on the outside. All funds collected will be sent to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort.

### **Winterfest**

For those making payments, the next one is due on January 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have not filled out a registration form, please do so ASAP. You cannot go on the trip if we don't have your signed form. If you would like to sponsor a student to attend Winterfest, speak with Boyd or Lisa Reed.

### **Potluck Fellowship Meal**

Lord willing, we will be able to hold our potluck fellowship meal on January 30<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to this renewed time of church-wide fellowship enjoyed over a shared meal.

## **Sunday Meeting Times**

**In-Person Classes & Services are suspended this week.**

**January 2, 2022 Online Schedule:**

9:30 a.m. – Spanish Service

10:30 a.m. – English Service

**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 on Sunday.

**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: 138 Contribution: \$5,646 Weekly Average: \$4,955**