



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, January 30, 2022

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

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### Life in Proper Perspective by Orpheus Heyward

My devotion this morning was James 4:14-15, which approaches the brevity of life. James describes life to his audience as a "vapor." To accent the nature of that "vapor," he states that it appears for a little while, and then vanishes away. All around us are reminders of the brevity of life. James writes in a contextual framework of encouraging unity among believers and developing intimacy with God. This section has a loose connection to the previous context yet accents the idea that your existence is temporary and without longevity.

James echoes the voices of the O.T. sacred texts. They state:

"Psalm 39:5 (NASB95) "Behold, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my lifetime as nothing in Your sight; Surely every man at his best is a mere breath. Selah."

Psalm 144:4 (NASB95) "Man is like a mere breath; His days are like a passing shadow."

Determine this day what you will do with your vapor. The privilege of a tomorrow rests in the hands of a sovereign God. As you move in this life, respect that time cannot be saved or stored. It can only be spent. It is incumbent upon you to spend wisely.

### **Vapor Focus**

- 1) Invest in your Intimacy with God. Your relationship with him is the only thing with eternal consequence.
- 2) Serve God with the unique gift he placed in your possession. Your potential to make an impact is connected to your becoming aware of what God has placed inside you.
- 3) Shape your life after righteousness while depending on God's grace. Live right without becoming arrogant about right living. His grace still carries you.
- 4) Fly high enough so you cannot hear chickens cluck. Focus on the height to which God wants you to fly and you will be less distracted by those who seek to clip your wings.
- 5) Every day, pause to thank God you are not where you started. Don't be so focused on the destination that you do not celebrate how far you have traveled.
- 6) Serve people from a posture of genuine love. Be clear about your "Why".
- 7) Fail Forward. Learn and grow. It is a tragedy for you to drown in what God has forgiven.
- 8) Engage in consistent self-evaluation. You can't win a race focused on other runners. Learn that your greatest opponent is yourself.
- 9) Spread the gospel of Jesus Christ so that people in your life's reach can come into salvation. They need the same good news you received.
- 10) Seek God's affirmation. It is all that matters. Your approval ratings will always fluctuate among people. Jesus was perfect, celebrated when he entered Jerusalem on Sunday, and was killed by Friday.

### *Praise & Prayer Requests*

**Sharon Rood family:** Sharon passed away on Tuesday; she is Wilma Blue's sister.

**Cameron Fore family:** Cameron died on Tuesday night following a car accident; he is Boyd & Lisa Reed's nephew.

**Michele Holland:** in ICU with pneumonia (non-Covid) and anemia.

**Brittany Brown:** her grandmother passed away after a battle with cancer.

**Paul King:** being treated for a blood clot in his lung.

**Pat Greenwood:** has shingles.

**Jayla Anderson, Mariany Clark, Jeffrey Clark III, Mark DaBaldo, Patty Conway:** continue to recover from Covid-19.

**Bob Reece:** continues to struggle with his health.

**Bill Betit Jr:** having difficulty swallowing as a result of radiation treatments on his vocal cords.

**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

### **Children's Church**

Children 3 years old through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will meet today in the yellow room downstairs during the sermon.

### **Winterfest – Pre-Trip Meeting**

All Winterfest attendees are asked to stay after worship on Sunday, Feb. 13 for a brief meeting about the trip. This is an important meeting. Please do your best to attend. If you are making payments, the final one is due the same day. Anyone who would like to sponsor a student to attend Winterfest, please speak with Boyd or Lisa Reed.

### **Greek Class**

George Kirkland will begin a class on April 6<sup>th</sup> teaching the Greek of the New Testament. This class will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the blue room. It will be our online class as well. We need to know how many study books to order, so if you want to participate in the class, please write your name on the list posted on the bulletin board or contact the church office so we can add you. Cost of the study book will be about \$20.

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

1 – Thomas DeShields	15 – Mark DaBaldo
4 – Dilver Serrano	19 – Stacey Toribio
6 – Rory Irwin	21 – Kyle Hence
7 – David Regester	22 – Tatiana Hedgepeth, Jayla Anderson, Melissa Diaz
8 – Shala Clark	25 – Ethan Ramirez
12 – Mark Ray, Yeri Galeano	26 – Aaron Paguada

### **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY**

16 – Richard & Mary Lewis

### **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**

**Singles – Tuesdays @ 7pm** – led by Mark DaBaldo; currently meeting via Zoom.

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

**Online – Wednesdays @ 7pm** – 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: 96 Contribution: \$4,849 Weekly Average: \$5,084**