



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, March 20, 2022

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

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Too Busy to Pray? by M. Munroe

The great Reformation leader Martin Luther said something like this: “When I have a lot to do in a day, I spend more time in prayer, because more work is done by prayer than by work itself.” He was right. If you are too busy to pray, you are too busy.

We can never be too busy to pray because prayer makes our lives much more focused, efficient, and peaceful. Learning this principle has been essential to me. When I have many things on my heart and mind, or when I face overwhelming circumstances, I don’t try tackling these problems myself. I go to God in prayer, and He gives me the wisdom and guidance I need.

The church today struggles to understand this truth. We spend just a few minutes with God, and then we try to do many hours of work in His name. We often sing, “This is the day that the Lord has made.” God is asking us, “If this is My day, then why don’t you come and talk to Me about it?”

We do many things in God’s day that He didn’t plan for us, so we must ask Him for His agenda. One hour with God in prayer can accomplish ten hours of work because it eliminates trial and error. God will tell you what is really important, and He will give you wisdom for the circumstances in your life.

Prayer enables you to think clearly and wisely. It gives you spiritual discernment that you would otherwise lack. Jesus knew what was important because He spent time with the Father. Hours with God make minutes with men effective.

Prayer: *Father, help me to realize that my own efforts can be wasted if I haven’t heard from you. Give me Your agenda for my day as I come to You in prayer. In Jesus’ name, amen.*

Praise & Prayer Requests

Robyn Bower family: Robyn passed away last week after a steady decline in health. Pray for Robyn’s husband and daughter, Walt Bower and Erica Boulden. Robyn was Dave Bower’s sister-in-law.

Grace Arrowood: in ICU at A.I. DuPont Hospital; pray for healing, and for peace for parents David & Ashley.

Paul King: continue to pray for fully restored health.

Beverly & Kayla Abosch: traveling this week.

Stephany: had a lumpectomy on 3/17; she is a friend of Liz Cox.

Penny Pennington: health struggles.

Kathie Book: daughter, Adelia, has not been heard from since 2/27; pray she is safe and will be found soon.

Evalyn Kline: adjusting to new home in Cleveland, OH and recuperating from a fall; she is Judy Barker’s sister.

Pray for Ukraine: especially lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ as they continue to serve their communities.

World Leaders: pray for God to intervene and guide their decisions and actions.

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.

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 Events

Reflect & BHC Campus Missions

Today we welcome Casey Coston and Connor Brown who will give us an update on the outreach efforts of Reflect Campus Missions and Blue Hens for Christ. We look forward to hearing how God is working in these ministries.

March is Manatawny Month

We are accepting donations for Camp Manatawny through Sunday March 27. Make checks payable to Greenbank Church of Christ and write “Manatawny” on the memo line. If you are giving cash, please place it in an envelope and write “Manatawny” on the outside.

Ministry Sunday – March 27

All are encouraged to attend this service which will highlight each of our ministry areas. Be praying about how God might be calling you to use your talents to serve His church at Greenbank.

Camp Manatawny

Register your child now for summer sessions! Receive a discount and a free t-shirt when you pay in full by March 31st. Contact Rick Mickowski to inquire about “Campship” assistance. Summer sessions are for students who have completed grades 1-12. Register at this link: <https://www.manatawny.org/summercamp>

Youth Night is Back! – April 1

We are not fooling when we say we are ready to restart this activity with our young people! We will meet on the first Friday of each month at 7:00pm. Parents are encouraged to drop off their teens for a special time of fun, games, and study of God’s word.

Bilingual Worship & Fellowship Luncheon – April 3

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this bilingual service followed by a potluck luncheon. We are excited to spend this time together in fellowship and worship of our awesome God who unites us through His Spirit.

Young Kids Egg Hunt – April 3

We will have our annual egg hunt on Sunday, April 3. Can you provide candy for our event? Please bring your donations in by next Sunday, March 27, and drop them off in the basket located in the foyer.

NEW Small Group for Married Couples

This group will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm here at Greenbank in the teen classroom. The first meeting will be on April 5. To help with planning, please sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board by March 27. Contact Domingo or Crystal Reyes for additional information.

50th Anniversary Celebration – April 9

The children and grandchildren of George & Sherry Kirkland would like to invite you to a 50th anniversary reception on Saturday, April 9th from 1:00-4:00pm in the Greenbank fellowship room. Please join us to make this a special and memorable day. RSVP by email vastkirkland@gmail.com (Jenn Kirkland) or call/text (302) 690-8705 (Jamie Kirkland). No gifts please.

Men’s Leadership Class

A 5-session training program for future elders and deacons in the Lord’s church is being planned. This group will meet on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. beginning on May 14th. This training is for men who aspire to be leaders or to better understand biblical leadership. If you are interested in attending, please contact Domingo Reyes via email: minister@greenbankcoc.org or call/text (302) 981-0163. There is also a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Food Pantry

We provided food for 50 families this week made up of 180 souls. The Lord blessed us by holding off the rain while we loaded food boxes into cars. We are always looking for more volunteer help. If you would like to become involved in this community service ministry, speak with Sue Maynard.

GriefShare

Our Spring session is underway. Meetings are on Mondays at 6:30pm on Zoom and are open to anyone experiencing grief. Register at any time at www.griefshare.org. If you have questions, contact Mike or Judy Barker.

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 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

Mid-Week In Person – Wednesdays @ 7pm – John’s Epistles led by George Kirkland.

Mid-Week Online – Wednesdays @ 7pm – The Parables of Jesus led by Domingo Reyes. Connect as on Sunday.

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.

SMALL GROUPS

Bear/Glasgow – 1st & 3rd Sundays after morning worship – hosted by George & Sherry Kirkland

Ladies Online – 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 4pm – hosted by Alethia Jones; current study: Bind Us Together

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88051700840?pwd=bVN5UnlkSnRXNlkyUiguaVVyNG5kZz09>

Married Couples – 1st Tuesday @ 7pm in the teen room – hosted by Domingo & Crystal Reyes; current study: Love and Respect (book by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs)

North Wilmington – every other Sunday after morning worship – hosted by Eileen Khan

Singles (hybrid meeting) – every Tuesday @ 7pm in the blue room – hosted by Mark DaBaldo;

Zoom Meeting ID 817 0171 6780 Passcode 123321

Teens – 1st Friday @ 7pm in the blue room; led by Domingo Reyes

3 Ways to Give

We appreciate those who have been able to maintain regular giving.

- 1) **In Person:** Place your offering in one of the wooden boxes located in the back of the auditorium.
- 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: 129 Contribution: \$6,182 Weekly Average: \$5,301