



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, March 27, 2022

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

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Finding God's Plan for Your Life by Samuel Mills (edited)

God has a special purpose for your life, and you will feel the most complete and content when you allow Him to make and mold you in His plan. Rich spiritual blessings are possible only when you are centered in God's plan.

God, speaking to a nation that refused to follow Him, said: "... Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand..." (Jer. 19:3-6). God has the power to destroy the clay and rebuild His work to accomplish His purpose, but He won't. We know that is not His plan because he tells us in His Word, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jer. 29:11)

The Creator knows what it takes to make His children happy. Even if it were possible to coerce Him into exchanging His plan for ours (which I do not think will happen), the sense of total satisfaction and spiritual reward would be lost because that can only come from being in His perfect will.

Christians often speak of having a personal relationship with God but have a problem developing and maintaining such a relationship. James 4:8 promises that when you "Draw nigh to God, he will draw nigh to you." To know Him personally requires quiet time alone, praising, praying, meditating on Scripture, and listening for His promptings.

Jesus wants us to know His desires and to use us in His service. Discovering and walking in the path of His choosing is the secret to a long purposeful life on earth. He wants us to worship Him not only in our devotional times, but in all we do throughout each day.

Surrender your life to Him... all of it. Read His Word and attempt to understand that He loves you enough to die on the cross to pay for your sins. From the bottom of your heart say, "Yes, Lord, have your way in my life. You are the potter; I am the clay. Show me your plan." Expect Him to answer. He will not let you down.

It doesn't matter if you are young, or not so young, it's never too late. Set your heart on receiving the path the Holy Spirit reveals to you and make a commitment to follow Him for the rest of your days. Whether He is calling you to the mission field or to be the CEO of a prestigious company, you will find a sense of passion, excitement, and fulfillment when you are in His will.

Praise & Prayer Requests

Paul King: continue to pray for fully restored health.

Penny Pennington: health struggles.

Kathie Book: on IV antibiotics for an infection, pray for healing; also pray for her missing daughter, Adelia.

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

Pray for Ukraine: pray for the refugees and vulnerable citizens; pray that God will bring an end to the invasion.

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

Greenbank church: Godly guidance for our elders, minister, deacons, and ministry leaders as they lead us.

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

Ministry Sunday

We are excited to present information about Greenbank ministries this Sunday morning. Be praying about how God might be calling you to use your talents to serve His church at Greenbank.

March is Manatawny Month

This is the last day to donate to Camp Manatawny. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to Greenbank Church of Christ and write "Manatawny" on the memo line. If giving cash, please place it in an envelope with "Manatawny" on the outside.

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

This is not an April Fool’s joke! 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.

Children’s Church and Egg Hunt – April 3

We will have our annual egg hunt on Sunday, April 3, following a special children’s church that will meet for an extended time. They will begin at 10:45 a.m. and have their egg hunt before joining their parents for lunch.

Greek Bible Study Begins April 6

George Kirkland will be teaching this study of the Greek language in the New Testament. The class will be a hybrid format meeting both in person and virtually. If you are unable to attend in person, you can join using this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84709609077?pwd=UVlvOVJlN3dlcHFpUkxPN3pwazRnZz09> Meeting ID: 847 0960 9077
Passcode: 123321

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 55 families this week made up of 200 people. The Lord blessed us by holding off the rain while we loaded food boxes into cars. Join us in serving our community. Contact Sue Maynard for more information.

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.

Small Groups

Have you checked out our small groups? Connecting with fellow Christians in a smaller setting strengthens the whole church. Meeting times and locations for all groups are posted on the bulletin board near the blue room.

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: 144 Contribution: \$3,914 Weekly Average: \$5,186