



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, May 22, 2022

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

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What Every Christian Needs – by David Gibson

His name was Joseph, but the apostles called him Barnabas – “son of encouragement” (Acts 4:36). As we read about what he did, it’s no wonder they named him that! When the Jerusalem church heard that many Gentiles had become disciples, whom did they send to strengthen them? You guessed it, Barnabas!

The Pattern:

“When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose” (Acts 11:23).

Barnabas and Saul (Paul) were selected by the Holy Spirit to go on a mission (Acts 13:1-4). In one city “many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to “continue in the grace of God” (Acts 13:43).

As they revisited some of the churches they had established, they were “strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God” (Acts 14:22).

Note the Pattern:

- Barnabas “exhorted them all to REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THE LORD with steadfast purpose” (Acts 11:23).
- Barnabas and Paul “urged them to CONTINUE IN THE GRACE OF GOD” (Acts 13:43).
- Barnabas and Paul were “encouraging them to CONTINUE IN THE FAITH” (Acts 14:22).

And we?

Obviously new Christians need a lot of encouragement to stay faithful. And don’t we all?!

But who will do the encouraging? Mutual encouragement is a Christian duty, and this is a major value of our assemblies (Hebrews 3:12-14; 10:24-25). Encouraging one another is something we all can and should do.

I don’t recall ever knowing anyone named Barnabas, but I have been greatly blessed by those who have encouraged me. Haven’t you?

Praise & Prayer Requests

Clark Family: Virginia, Jeff Jr., Shala, and baby Jeffrey all have Covid-19. Pray for protection for the rest of the family.

Lorraine Martin requested prayers for her grandson, **Marely**, who struggles with depression.

Faye Hatfield: she is back at home, but now has tested positive for Covid-19.

Mike & Judy Barker: safe travel to Ohio this week for a wedding and a visit with Judy’s sister, Evalyn.

Ethan Reed: moving to Florida this week. Boyd & Lisa will travel next weekend to help him move into his apartment.

George Adair: pray he will regain his strength; also remember Jan and Kelly as they care for him.

Layla Rahman: 11-year-old undergoing chemotherapy; pray her arm will not need to be amputated.

Kyle Abosch: needs prayer for strength and peace.

Greenbank church: Godly guidance for our elders, minister, deacons, and ministry leaders.

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

Congratulations to Kristal Moreta!

Kristal graduated from Widener University with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology/Pre-Med. Pray for her as she navigates her next steps. Congratulations, Kristal!

Communion Preparation

We need someone to sign up for communion preparation beginning in June through the rest of the year. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the blue room. If you have questions, speak with Susan Johnson.

Sunday, May 29th

- **Military Recognition** – We would like to recognize our members who have served or are currently serving in the military. We ask those members to contact the church office with the military branch you serve/d in, years served, and your rank. If you would like to provide a photo of yourself in uniform, we would love to include that as well. We are so thankful for all the men and women who have and do serve our country and want to show our appreciation.
- **High School Senior Recognition** – Congratulations to Aleah Reyes who will be graduating from Hodgson Vo-Tech in just a few weeks! She plans to attend DelTech to study dental hygiene. A box is on the table outside the auditorium in which to place cards. (There are a few cards on the table if you forgot to buy one.)
- **Potluck Luncheon** – All members are invited to attend the luncheon that will follow our morning service. Please bring food to share – main dishes, veggies, salads, and desserts.

Workday – June 4th

A workday has been scheduled for Saturday, June 4th from 8am – 2pm. The focus will be on outdoor projects. If you know of areas that needs attention, contact George Kirkland.

MEN – SAVE THE DATE!

There will be a men's breakfast on Saturday, June 18. All men are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring your sons, grandsons, fathers, fathers-in-law, etc. More information coming soon!

SUNDAY MEETING TIMES

In-Person Bible Classes for All Ages @ 9:30 a.m. including a Spanish-speakers class (adults).

In-Person Worship Services – 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 (hybrid class) – Wednesdays @ 7pm – The Greek of the New Testament led by George Kirkland.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84709609077?pwd=UVlvOVJ4N3dlcHFpUkxPN3pwazRnZz09>

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 Paul King.

Young Ladies – 3rd Saturday each month @ 11am on Zoom led by Eileen Hence. Contact Eileen for the Zoom link.

SMALL GROUPS

Bear/Glasgow – 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 2pm – led 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=bVNsUnlkSnRXNlkyUiguaVYyNG5kZz09>

Married Couples – 1st Tuesday each month @ 7pm in the teen room – led 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 – every Tuesday @ 7pm – hybrid meeting: in person and on Zoom. Meeting ID 817 0171 6780 Passcode 123321

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

3 Ways to Give

- 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: 122 Contribution: \$5,346 Weekly Average: \$5,343