

A Place Called Calvary – by Charles Hicks

"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him..." Luke 23:33

When the time came that God was ready to reconcile the world to himself, he sent his only son, Jesus, into the world. Jesus went about teaching and doing good (Acts 1:1). There were some who received him, but the great masses of people rejected him, scorned him, falsely accused him, and treated him in a shameful manner. Then one day he was led from Gethsemane to be tried, condemned, and crucified. But the tomb could not hold him. He arose from the grave to live forevermore as our mediator and redeemer (Heb. 7:25, 1 Tim. 2:5). Because he lives, we can face tomorrow with no fear.

What an honor, what a blessing it is to be a child of God. Listen to John as he says, "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." Be impressed because this blessing, this honor, did not come without tremendous cost attached to it. First, God gave his son (John 3:16). Secondly, Jesus gave his life (Rom. 5:8). Thirdly, the church was purchased with the blood of Christ (Acts 20:28, Eph. 5:25).

I sometimes wonder, what manner of love do we show to the Father and the Son? How deep, how high, how wide is our love for them? Do we love God and his Son so much that they come first in our lives (Mark 12:30, Matt. 6:33)? Does our love for them come before family or friends (Matt. 10:37)? Does our love for them come before possessions and material things (Matt. 6:19-21, 1 John 2:15-17, Col. 3:1-2)? Are we still, in many respects, babes in Christ when we should be full grown (Heb. 5:12-14, 1 Pet. 2:2, 2 Pet. 3:18)?

Just what is the size of our inward man? What are our goals? Do we stand fast in the faith? How far does our love extend toward God, the church, our homes, each other, and our fellow man? What are we doing as a child of God? Is our light shining before men? Are we like a candle or a great floodlight?

We may say that we love God. We may say that we love Jesus. But words spoken are insufficient. We show our love through the measure of commitment we make to them. I just have to wonder, is our commitment to them such that they are impressed with our love for them?

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. **Boyd & Lisa Reed:** traveling to Florida this week to help Ethan move into his apartment.

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 <u>office@greenbankcoc.org</u> 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 <u>www.greenbankcoc.org</u>.

<u>Announcements and Events</u>

Happening Sunday, May 29

- <u>Military Service Recognition</u> We will take a moment to recognize our members who have served or are currently serving in the US military.
- **Children's Church** Kids from 3 years old through 3rd grade will meet for Children's Church in the yellow room during today's sermon.
- <u>High School Senior Recognition</u> Congratulations to Aleah Reyes who will be graduating from Hodgson Vo-Tech in just a few days! She plans to attend DelTech to study dental hygiene. A box is on the table outside the auditorium in which to place cards for her.
- **Potluck Luncheon** All are invited to stay after our worship service today for a time of food and fellowship. There is always plenty of good food. Please join us!

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 need attention, contact George Kirkland.

Serving at Greenbank

As a follow-up to the Ministry Sunday we had a few weeks ago you will be receiving, in the next week or two, a document that lists all of our ministry areas, who leads each ministry, and the type of work each ministry entails. It is our hope that this will help you see where you can use your skills and talents to serve the Lord while serving the Greenbank church and surrounding community. Keep an eye on your "snail mail" for this information.

MEN – SAVE THE DATE!

There will be a men's breakfast on <u>Saturday, June 18</u>. 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: <u>www.greenbankcoc.org</u> Click on the Facebook Live tab on the menu bar at

the top of the page. You do <u>NOT</u> 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) – <u>Wednesdays @ 7pm</u> – The Greek of the New Testament led by George Kirkland. Zoom Link: <u>https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpQT09</u>

Mid-Week Online – <u>Wednesdays @ 7pm</u> – The Parables of Jesus led by Domingo Reyes. Connect as on Sunday. **Spanish** (In-Person) – <u>Thursdays @ 6:30 pm</u> – 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 – <u>3rd Saturday each month @ 11am</u> 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://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88051700840?pwd=bVNsUnlkSnRXNlkyUiguaVVyNG5kZz09
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 – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 7pm – in person and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 876 7070 2282 Passcode: 263755
https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87670702282?pwd=Sy8xYTAyZThkRHpqY1hmbzYrZk4ydz09
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 <u>www.greenbankcoc.org</u>. Click on the "Donate" button and follow the instructions. (<u>Note</u>: there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)