



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, June 19, 2022

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

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### The Power of Surrender – Glen Elliott

Surrender hardly seems powerful. The concept is counter intuitive. Surely, we have to be in charge – in control and on top of things! This is power. But is it really? And, how enduring is such power? We can all think of those who once were on top of things only to have it crumble and fall apart because of unforeseen circumstances or moral weaknesses.

Many have worn Proverbs 16:18 as their epitaph, *“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling.”* One does not have to be among the politically elite or the rich and famous to wear this label. It is as common as our failure to surrender – our failure to acknowledge the Creator and yield to His will. Someone has said, *“You are only as strong as your willingness to surrender.”*

From a biblical perspective, power is given to those who surrender. This is a common theme in so many of our favorite Bible stories from the crossing of the Red Sea under the leadership of Moses to David’s victory over Goliath. Ultimately, faith is trusting God to do for us that which we cannot do for ourselves.

When Paul could hardly see past his infirmity of the flesh, he prayed to the Lord three times and heard the Lord answer him, saying, *“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness”* (2 Cor. 12:9). His conclusion regarding all sorts of difficulties he suffered for Christ’s sake was this: *“when I am weak, then I am strong”* (vs. 10). Peter strikes upon a similar conclusion, saying, *“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you”* (1 Peter 5:6-7).

In the final analysis, we are but flesh. We must come to know that *“the Lord Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves...”* (Ps. 100:3). Any power we possess comes from the acknowledgement of this fact and our corresponding surrender to Him. *“Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might”* (Eph. 6:10).

### Praise & Prayer Requests

**Tucker & Hutzell families:** Rebecca’s brother, Steve Hutzell, passed away suddenly; his funeral is on Monday.

**Steve DaCunha:** being deployed to Romania; he serves in the Army.

**Dennis Nichols family:** Dennis passed away suddenly last week; he was a friend of Anna DaCunha.

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

**War in Ukraine:** pray for a peaceful resolution to be desired and pursued; pray for all who have been displaced.

**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](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

#### Special Collection for Ukraine

For the remainder of the month of June we will be receiving donations to send to those helping in war torn Ukraine. As you normally would for a special donation, make checks out to Greenbank Church of Christ with “Ukraine” noted in the memo. If giving cash, please place it in an envelope marked for “Ukraine.” Funds will be sent to support “Let’s Love,” a Ukrainian-led effort to provide food and other supplies to those in hard hit areas.

#### Bible Class Teachers

The teacher roster has been posted on the teacher’s bulletin board for the months of July through December. We need teachers for all grades. Please stop by to see what is available and sign up for a month (or two!). Speak with Crystal Reyes if you need more information.

## **School Supply Drive**

As this school year ends, we are already planning for the next one and our backpack giveaway. A list of needed supplies is posted on the bulletin board. Please stop by and sign up for a few items to donate. Speak with Fern Davis if you have any questions.

## **Serving at Greenbank**

We have mailed a document that lists all of our ministry areas, who leads each ministry, and the type of work each ministry entails, as well as additional information. If you did not receive this document, please contact the church office so we can get one to you. 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.

**Congratulations** to Brielle Betit who graduated high school in Middletown, MD. Brielle will be attending Towson University in the fall and plans to become a history teacher. She is the daughter of former Cedars members Bill & Kelly Betit. There is a graduation announcement with photos of Brielle posted on the bulletin board.

## **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](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**

**Mid-Week (hybrid class) – Wednesdays @ 7pm** – The Greek of the New Testament led by George Kirkland.

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpQT09>

**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 – on hiatus for summer; will resume in October** – led by Crystal Reyes.

**Men – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month @ 10am** at Greenbank led by Paul King.

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

## **SMALL GROUPS**

**Bear/Glasgow – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 2pm** – led by George & Sherry Kirkland

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

Zoom link: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88051700840?pwd=bVN5UnlkSnRXNlkyUiguaVVyNG5kZz09>

**Married Couples – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month @ 7pm** in the teen room – led by Domingo & Crystal Reyes; current study: Love and Respect by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs

**Newport – on hiatus for summer; will resume 9/25** – hosted by Mike & Judy Barker

**North Wilmington – on hiatus for summer** – hosted by Eileen Khan

**Singles – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays @ 7pm** – in person and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 876 7070 2282 Passcode: 263755

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87670702282?pwd=Sy8xYTAyZThkRHpqY1hmbzYrZk4ydz09>

**Teens – 1<sup>st</sup> 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](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: 143 Contribution: \$6,421 Weekly Average: \$5,329**