



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, July 3, 2022

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

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Courage to Try Something New – Mark Finn

I HAD A GIRLFRIEND in college who was a Christian but didn't take the Lord seriously. She told me, "You have that gift of faith; I don't." I explained that faith is not a gift; it's a daily decision to follow the one who is the gift. Back to John 3:16... "God so love the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whosoever believes in him will not perish." Who is the gift there? Not belief, but the Son. Jesus is the gift, and faith is our response. She didn't accept that, so we finally went our separate ways.

Even when you know something is not working, it's easier to stay stuck than to change, not just in dating, but with the Lord. We endlessly believe in our own capacity to figure everything out. Jesus' beatitudes in Luke say the poor, hungry, weeping, and excluded are the most blessed. Why? Because those with the most problems usually get to the end of themselves the quickest and thus wake up to realize the answer is not in them but in HIM, the gift.

Jesus had the greatest success in reaching people who were the most desperate and therefore most aware of their need for new life. The barriers to faith are pride and fear. We want to appear that we have it together and we know what we are doing. We don't like that disorienting feeling of living a whole new way. We pause at the starting line of faith thinking, "What if this doesn't work?" If you are desperate you leap over all such barriers.

You make the barrier, or you move it. Jesus said, "Behold I stand at the door and knock" (Rev. 3:20). It's our choice on whether we open the door to our heart. Aren't you tired of talking warily to the Lord through the locked screen door, as if he were a door-to-door salesman? He is the royal answer to your deepest need, the fulfillment of your greatest hopes. And there he is right in front of you. You can bring your questions and problems to him rather than trying to answer and solve everything yourself. Do you have the courage to try something new?

Praise & Prayer Requests

Ed Maynard: recovering from surgery to repair his broken hip.

Grace Matoy: in Rockford Center.

Virginia Clark: still experiencing health issues after having Covid last month.

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 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

Special Collection for Ukraine

This is the last day to contribute to the relief efforts in Ukraine. These 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. 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."

NOTICE: Office Closure

The office will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of the national holiday.

School Supply Drive

A list of needed supplies is available at the Welcome Center. We need to know by Sunday, July 10 who is going to be purchasing items from the list. Please stop by and sign up for some items to donate. Bring your items in no later than Sunday, July 17. Speak with Fern Davis if you have any questions.

Youth Night – Friday, July 8

Our monthly youth night will be held this Friday, July 8 at 7:00pm. This event is for students in middle and high school. We encourage your kids to invite their friends.

Blue Rocks Night – Sign Up Today

Our annual outing to the Blue Rocks game is scheduled for Friday, July 29th. There will be fireworks after the game. Tickets are \$15/person. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign up by July 17. You can pay when you receive your tickets. Please make checks out to Greenbank and put “Blue Rocks” in the memo.

“Thank You” from Camp Manatawny

I just want to thank you for your continued support of Camp Manatawny and for your recent donation of \$1,461. We couldn't accomplish all that we do without dear friends like you. Thank you for your partnership and for making a difference as we strive to advance our mission of Transforming Lives for Christ! We are looking forward to having lots of children at camp this summer. Thanks for making a difference in their lives. With love & gratitude, Dave Garrett

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://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpQTog>

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 – 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=bVNsUnlkSnRXNlkyUiguaVVyNG5kZz09>

Married Couples – 1st 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 – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 7pm – in person and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 876 7070 2282 Passcode: 263755

<https://us02web.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 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: 135 Contribution: \$4,680 Weekly Average: \$5,257