



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, July 10, 2022

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

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Vision by Glen Elliott

According to Jonathan Swift, “Vision is the art of seeing things invisible.” In this respect, vision is related to faith. In his wonderful description of faith, the inspired author of the book of Hebrews says, “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Heb. 1:1). Because they are unseen (Rom. 8:24), things hoped for require faith. Thus, in a manner of speaking, faith becomes our eyes into the future as well as the past.

As to the past, it is by faith that “we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible” (Heb. 11:3). God provides an extensive account of Creation in the first two chapters of Genesis. Other passages confirm that God “Spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast” (Ps. 33:9). Our vision into the past is inseparably connected to our faith in the inspired record. For this reason, Paul says that “faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ” (Rom. 10:17).

The salient features of the gospel – the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ – along with every bit of information chosen by the Holy Spirit to be included in the inspired historical record, provides the basis of the faith upon which our hope rests. Such vision into the past leads to confident faith in the future. By faith, we see how God keeps His promises (2 Cor. 1:20; Heb. 11). Faith gives rise to hope and His hope does not disappoint us (Rom. 5:5).

So far as God has spoken in His word, we have vision into the future. We know the final outcome. God wins! Those who are with Him are “the called and chosen and faithful” (Rev. 17:14). Many of the details concerning the future are yet unknown and will likely remain unknown. But we have what we need to trust in Him and obey His word (2 Cor. 5:7). In the meantime, our vision is set on that “city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God” (Heb. 11:10).

Praise & Prayer Requests

Ed Maynard: continues to recover from hip surgery; he has also developed a kidney infection.

Patty Conway and **Pattie Taylor** are both having some health issues.

Katherine Shepherd: pray for improvement of her health.

Tori McCullough: experiencing neurological problems.

Essex family: Ken’s wife, Joyce, passed away; also, Doug is experiencing some health issues.

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

NOTICE: Change in Office Hours This Week

Susan Johnson will be working in the office while Lisa is on vacation. Susan’s hours this week will be 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Monday/Thursday/Friday.

School Supply Drive – Make Your Selections Today

There are still several items needed for our school supply drive. Please stop by the Welcome Center to look at the list and sign up for what you are able to purchase. Bring your items next Sunday, July 17. Speak with Fern Davis if you have any questions.

Blue Rocks Night – Sign Up by July 17

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.

5th Sunday Fellowship

On Sunday, July 31st we will have a combined worship with our Spanish-speakers followed by a fellowship luncheon. Please plan to bring food to share – main dishes, salads/vegetables, and desserts! We look forward to this time of worship and fellowship together.

SAVE THE DATE – Community Family Fun Day

Our 2nd annual fun day is scheduled for Saturday, August 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will need lots of help to oversee game stations, food stations, and help with the backpack giveaway. Also, if anyone has a pop-up tent that we could borrow (we need a couple of them), please let us know. If you are available to help or if you have questions, contact Marlin Johnson.

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 – on hiatus for summer – 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 blue room – led by Domingo & Crystal Reyes

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: 129 Contribution: \$6,434 Weekly Average: \$5,301