



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, July 31, 2022

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

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Next Sunday we will be collecting names of men you believe are qualified to serve as elders or deacons. Elders and Deacons play a crucial role in the health of a congregation as they serve as church leaders. While today's preacher has a more public and visible function, the importance of Elders and Deacons cannot be overemphasized. Having godly men who are capable of leadership and serving in the church is essential.

The Bible teaches that there are two offices in the local church: elders and deacons. The elders, also known as overseers, bishops, or pastors in the New Testament, are the primary spiritual leaders of a congregation. Elders teach or preach the Word and shepherd the souls of those entrusted to them. While Deacons, serve over specific tasks or ministries (Eph. 4:11-14; 1 Tim. 3; Titus 1:5-9; Heb. 13:17; 1 Tim 5:17, Acts 6:1-6).

The men who are to serve as Elders and Deacons should live lives that reflect a commitment to God, family, community, and the church. These men should not be seeking power and authority. Instead, they realize that being great in God's eyes comes from faithful service. After all, Jesus came "Not to be served but to serve" Matt 20:28

Here are some general guidelines:

- He must be a lover of God
- He should desire to serve
- He should not be a novice
- He should have a good reputation in and out of the church
- He should have a commitment to the growth of Greenbank church

Of course, this is not an exhaustive list. Instead, something to get you thinking.

I want to ask Greenbank to do a few things in this as we begin this process of looking for our next leaders.

1. Pray - before any big decision we must ask God to lead us.
2. Read scriptures regarding elders and deacons.
3. Meditate on the Word - deeply reflect on the qualities that scripture teaches regarding church leaders.
4. Ask questions- call the elders or me if you have any questions.

Domingo Reyes

### *Praise & Prayer Requests*

**Ed Maynard:** At home recovering from hip surgery.

**Jimmy Viola:** health struggles; he is Eileen Khan's brother.

**Bryant Bond:** had a heart transplant last week; he is Penny Price's grandson.

**Hickson family:** pray for Terrence Sr's health, and for justice for the family.

**Lawrence McLaughlin:** pray I stand strong to walk and talk as Christ would have me.

**Leila Rahman:** 11-year-old undergoing radiation treatments for cancer.

**Cory Bartschi:** blood clots in his leg.

**Doug Essex:** Carla & Cory Bartschi, and Doug health issues. Ken, Essex now in Assisted Living.

**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**

### **Workday – Saturday, August 6 – 8am**

There are several projects that need to be done before our community day. We will be working inside and out. Please plan to come help. Questions? Speak with George Kirkland.

### **Community Family Fun Day – Saturday, August 13 – 11am-3pm**

We need two pop-up canopies for our fun day. If you have a canopy we can borrow, please contact the church office. We also need lots of help to oversee game stations, food stations, and help with the backpack giveaway. This is a great community outreach opportunity. If you are available to help, 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](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=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** – 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** – on hiatus for summer – 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://us02web.zoom.us/j/88051700840?pwd=bVNsUnlkSnRXNlkyUiguaVYyNG5kZz09>

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87670702282?pwd=Sy8xYTAyZThkRHhpqY1hmbzYrZk4ydz09>

**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: 121 Contribution: \$5,645 Weekly Average: \$5,274**