



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, August 7, 2022

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

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Lessons from a Puppy by Brian Ketchem (edited)

There is a new dog in my household. My wife and I went into PetSmart on a Saturday in desperate need of cat food, and, in a moment of weakness, we walked out with a new puppy named Oakley. As you can probably imagine, this turned our lives upside down. Now we have a dog bouncing off the walls that cannot keep her mouth free of something forbidden for more than 10 seconds. It got me thinking of those (somewhat cheesy) Hallmark cards that have lessons from animals. So here are my (very cheesy) spiritual lessons from a puppy.

Be curious and excited. Puppies are eager to experience the world fresh and new. I believe most Christians have felt this way at one point or another in their walk. Sometimes, however, we seem to lose our excitement. We need to be like the author of Psalm 119 and be excited about God's word and how it impacts our lives.

Give 100%. If you have seen any new puppy, you know they are either all gas or all brake. Everything Oakley does requires her full attention and effort. Likewise, God wants our entire heart. Matthew 22:37b – "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." And Proverbs 3:5 – "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding."

Have fun! If you have never had a puppy, you are missing out on something extremely fun. They are hard work and sometimes a hassle, but they know how to have fun. Christianity is sometimes hard work, and we like to talk about and think about how miserable we are on behalf of Christ. We need to remember, however, that we live the best life. Romans 14:17 – "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

I know not everyone is a dog person, but hopefully, you see that this article is not about the dog. God has called us to be people who live for Him, and we have a lot to celebrate. Let's always seek to find out what he wants for our lives and be enthusiastic about telling others about our faith.

Praise & Prayer Requests

Greenbank Church: as we consider names of men to serve as elders.

Ed Maynard: readmitted to the hospital due to infection in his hip; he had surgery on Friday to clean it out.

Paul King: pray he will be restored to full health.

Bud Polk: health issues; he is Judy Barker's brother.

Georgina Buchanan: her Aunt Elvira passed away in New York.

Caroline Kennedy: pray for improvement of mental health.

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

People with ongoing health concerns: **Doug Essex, Ken & Joan Essex; Carla & Cory Bartschi**

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

Office Hours This Week

The office will be open 9am – 3pm on Monday, Thursday, and Friday this week. Susan Johnson will be filling in while Lisa is volunteering at Camp Manatawny.

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

We need several volunteers to oversee game stations, food stations, and help with the backpack giveaway for our fun day. This is a great community outreach opportunity. If you are available to help, contact Marlin Johnson.

Save the Date!

Our church-wide picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 11 immediately after our morning service. Mark this on your calendar and plan to attend. More information will be shared as the date draws near.

Funds for Ukraine

We are pleased to be able to send \$5,000 to the Let's Love ministry in Ukraine. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations in support of this work.

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=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 – 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: 105 Contribution: \$2,585 Weekly Average: \$5,188