

Witnessing by Henry Mahan

"Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee." Mark 5:19

The Lord had shown great mercy to this poor sinner, setting him free from demons and from sin. Now He tells him to go home to his family and friends and be The Lord's Witness.

Do not go home and begin to preach. Do not go home and take up the great doctrines of grace and expound them. Do not go home and strive to bring everyone to your views and beliefs. Do not go home and condemn all who do not see what you see. Go home and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you! Not what great things you have read or heard, but what great things you have experienced! This is the way to begin our witnessing.

There never is a more interesting story than the story a person has experienced, lived, and felt. If you would really interest others and get their attention, tell them what great things the Lord has done in you and for you!

Notice, the Lord said, "Tell them what great things the Lord hath done." It is a story of grace. Not what WE did, willed, or gave, but what HE did for us by his own free, sovereign, and undeserved love. We will not convince them nor change them, anymore than another man could convert us. But the Lord, who did great things for us, can do great things for them if He is so pleased. And He is pleased to use the faithful witness of those who go and tell, "how great things the Lord hath done for thee."

Praise & Prayer Requests

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

Johnny White (Janell Anderson's dad): heart attack on Tuesday; will have double bypass surgery on Sept. 1 Marc Brasefield: pray his reintegration to home life will be smooth and speedy.

Ed Maynard: back at home but still on IV antibiotics; please keep Ed and Sue in prayer.

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

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

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

Doug Essex: pray for Ken Essex-health; Carla, Cory & Jessica Bartschi-health; my own health & other needs. **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 <u>office@greenbankcoc.org</u> 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 <u>www.greenbankcoc.org</u>.

Announcements and Events

John Arnold Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service for former Cedars member John Arnold today at 1:30 p.m. Anyone who knew John is invited to attend and stay for a meal that will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Camp Manatawny in John's memory. They can be mailed to: Delaware Valley Christian Camp, 33 Camp Road, Douglassville, PA 19518.

Labor Day Event

On Monday, Sept. 5th the singles group is hosting a gathering for all church members at the home of Christine Steiner. This will be a come and go event from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. You are asked to bring your own meat for the grill and side dishes to share. Parking is limited so carpooling is encouraged. Christine's address is 379 Appleton Road, Elkton, MD 21921.

Church-Wide Picnic – September 11

Our annual picnic is Sunday, September 11 immediately after our morning service. There has been a change in location and the picnic will now be held here under a tent in our parking lot. There will be a moon bounce for the kids and other games for all to enjoy. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. Please sign up at the bulletin board to let us know how many from your family will be attending and what side dish or dessert you will bring. If you have any questions, speak with Fern Davis.

Marriage & Singles Conference

"Building on a Strong Foundation" is the theme for this event geared to strengthen our relationships whether we are single or married. All are invited to attend this conference on Saturday, October 22 from 8am – 12pm. We will have special speakers and break out sessions in both English and Spanish. Breakfast and lunch will be served, and the event is free. Register online at: <u>https://qrco.de/bdGYFe</u>

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**: <u>www.greenbankcoc.org</u> Click on the Facebook Live tab on the menu bar at the top of the page. You do <u>NOT</u> 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) – <u>Wednesdays @ 7pm</u> – The Greek of the New Testament led by George Kirkland. Zoom Link: <u>https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpQTo9</u>

Mid-Week Online – <u>Wednesdays @ 7pm</u> – The Parables of Jesus led by Domingo Reyes. Connect as on Sunday. **Spanish** (In-Person)– <u>Thursdays @ 6:30 pm</u> – Contact Domingo Reyes for more information.

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

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

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

<u>SMALL GROUPS</u>

Bear/Glasgow – <u>on hiatus for summer</u> – led by George & Sherry Kirkland
Ladies Online – 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 4pm – hosted by Alethia Jones; current study: Bind Us Together
Zoom link: https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88051700840?pwd=bVNsUnlkSnRXNlkyUi9uaVVyNG5kZzo9
Married Couples – 1st Tuesday each month @ 7pm in the blue room – led by Domingo & Crystal Reyes
Newport – <u>on hiatus for summer; will resume 9/25</u> – hosted by Mike & Judy Barker
North Wilmington – <u>on hiatus for summer</u> – hosted by Eileen Khan
Singles – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 7pm – in person and on Zoom. Meeting ID: 876 7070 2282 Passcode: 263755
https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87670702282?pwd=Sy8xYTAyZThkRHpqY1hmbzYrZk4ydz09
Teens – 1st Friday each month @ 7pm in the blue room; led by Domingo Reyes

<u>3 Ways to Give</u>

- 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 <u>www.greenbankcoc.org</u>. Click on the "Donate" button and follow the instructions. (<u>Note</u>: there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)