



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, October 9, 2022

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

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Ignoring the Manual by Unknown Author

Jeremy wrestled with the machine before him. He *would* figure out how to make this engine work if it was the last thing he did! (Which, based on his progress so far, looked very likely.) How could something so simple be so complicated?

“Still puzzled over it?” The voice came from his older brother Andy. Jeremy nodded. “Puzzled as ever. This is just such a difficult mess. I do wish someone would write about the particular problem I’m facing here. It seems everything I can find deals with other aspects of engines.”

Andy pulled a book off the worktable and blew the dust off it. “What’s this?” he asked. “That’s the instruction manual Dad wrote,” Jeremy replied.

“Are you reading it?” Andy asked. Jeremy cringed. Truth to tell, he had been reading it, but he’d basically read it out of duty rather than really expecting it to help. “Sort of,” he replied.

“Didn’t Dad design the engine... and write the manual for those working it?” Andy asked. “Ummm... yes,” Jeremy replied sheepishly. Why did Andy have to ask such tough questions?

“I see,” Andy commented. “Well, maybe it would have some answers.” With that word of advice, Andy left the room.

Jeremy pulled back out his manual. Here he’d been complaining rather than seeing what his dad had to say. Although his particular problem didn’t seem to be addressed in the index, Jeremy remembered his dad telling him that the manual contained all he would need to know – and *all* would include guidance for this glitch.

Over the next several days, Jeremy poured over the manual. In doing so, he learned much about his father’s heart and plan for the engine. He began to see the problem he faced in a whole new perspective. As he gazed upon his father’s incredible design and the care with which he did everything, he began to change. And slowly but surely, he began to understand clearly what steps to take. What a precious gift his father had given him in that manual!

“O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.” Psalm 119:97-99

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Praise & Prayer Requests

Jocelyn Clark: pray for good results from an upcoming test.

Linda Jones: recovering from eye surgery.

Brian King: please keep him in prayer.

Rick Mickowski: safe travel on Oct. 13-18 to the Global Missions Conference in Texas.

Richard Lewis: in the hospital with pneumonia.

Bud & Betty Polk: both are experiencing severe health issues; they live in Florida.

Ken Essex: in the hospital with heart problems; **Doug Essex:** health and other needs.

Cory Bartschi: having another blood clot procedure on Monday.

Carla & Serena Bartschi: health and other needs.

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](#)

Ladies Bible Study

Our annual ladies bible study has begun. We will be using the book *Strengthening Your Grip* to guide our discussions. We will continue to meet via Zoom on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m. from now through May. If you would like to be a part of this study, contact Crystal Reyes.

Marriage & Singles Conference – Saturday, October 22 – 8am-12pm

Our theme, “Building on a Strong Foundation,” will encourage us to strengthen our relationships whether we are single or married. We will have special speakers and breakout sessions in both English and Spanish. Breakfast and lunch will be served. All are invited. Register for this free event at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/396739607847>

Greenbank Fellowship Events

- Saturday, October 29 – Fall Harvest Dinner – Each person is asked to bring a can of vegetables to put into a pot of delicious stew, which will be our main dish for this meal. Also bring breads, salads, and desserts to share. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board so we can know how many to prepare for. Please note, this event will replace our usual 5th Sunday luncheon.
- Friday, November 11 – Sight & Sound – Today is the **last day** to commit to attending “David” at Sight & Sound. The sign-up list is at the Welcome Center. There are 40 tickets available: \$70/each. We will be releasing all unclaimed tickets on Monday, Oct. 10. Please plan to pay for your tickets as soon as possible. Give your payment to Fern Davis or Lisa Reed.

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 – Study of Romans - led by George Kirkland. Join through Facebook (see above) or this Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpQT09>

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 – resumes in October on the 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 2pm – led by George & Sherry Kirkland

Married Couples – 1st Tuesday each month @ 7pm in the blue room – led by Domingo & Crystal Reyes

Newport – resumes in October on the 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 12:30pm – hosted by Mike & Judy Barker

North Wilmington – resumes in October on the 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 3:00pm – hosted by Eileen Khan

Singles – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 7pm – The Five Love Languages Singles Edition; in person and online.

Zoom link: <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: \$10,066