



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, October 23, 2022

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

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### Faith Under Lockdown by J. Snell

Elijah was a man of action who boldly confronted Israel's king. He raised a boy from the dead and called down fire from heaven. But in this scripture, he was locked down at the Brook Cherith. Due to the king's anger, God told Elijah, "Go and hide."

Now, isolated from society and deprived of luxuries, he couldn't go out to eat or even to the store. And how long did this last? Until the brook ran dry. This must have driven a man like Elijah just a little bit crazy. Wasn't he supposed to preach and perform miracles? How could anything good come from this major disruption in his life? Yet under lockdown, Elijah's faith grew as he experienced:

**God's provision.** Elijah's had a natural source of water — a babbling brook, but a supernatural source of food — Raven Delivery Service. Either way, all that Elijah needed came from God. Elijah experienced God as Jehovah Jireh, "My Provider," for God knew of Elijah's needs and was able to provide for him. He can meet yours as well.

**God's guidance.** God first led Elijah to the king, then the brook, and then to a widow. With every step God showed him the way. Perhaps he remembered God's promise: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (Prov. 3:5-6). God will guide His children as we trust Him and seek His way.

**New challenges.** Although Elijah had to adjust, at the brook he had all he needed. But then the brook ran dry. What he had depended on was gone. Without God's help, the prophet would die of thirst. With his resources dried up, Elijah now had a choice. Would he panic or would he still trust God? Would He worry about the future or remember the faithfulness of God to him in the past? Like Elijah, we will always have new challenges in life. Yet they will never be greater than God.

**A greater God than he had previously known.** The Lord told Elijah to go to Zarephath near Sidon, the hometown of Queen Jezebel and the center of Baal worship. Here a poor widow, by way of a miracle, would feed the prophet. By doing this, God showed Elijah that He could provide in the most unlikely of places and from the most unlikely of sources. And he saw that though his problem had changed, his God did not.

Elijah experienced a God who could provide for him and guide him. And though he faced new challenges, he came to know a God who is far greater than anything he had ever experienced. And through it all, his faith grew. Are you trusting God? What is God trying to teach you today?

Proverbs 3:5-6 – "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

### Praise & Prayer Requests

**Jeff & Shayla Clark:** Congratulations on the birth of Mulan Luvianna born on Oct. 20 at 2:05 pm. She was 6 lbs 15 oz and 20 inches long.

**Ed & Sue Maynard:** Ed was admitted to the hospital with pneumonia; Sue has a sinus & ear infection.

**Patty Conway:** tested positive for Covid.

**Chelsea Brasefield:** pray for a safe and full-term pregnancy.

**George & Jan Adair:** both have significant health concerns.

**Anna & Melinda Baluk:** injured in a car accident.

**Marlin & Marcia Johnson:** traveling for 2-3 weeks.

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

**Carla, Serena, Jessica & Cory Bartschi:** health & other needs; **Danni Brown:** various needs.

**Ken Essex:** health; **Doug Essex:** health & 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](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**

### **Children's Church**

Children ages 3 years old through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will meet downstairs in the yellow room during today's sermon.

### **Winterfest – February 17-19, 2023**

The Winterfest sign-up sheet is posted on a bulletin board in the lobby. Students in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to participate. A few chaperones will also be needed. All students and adults who are interested in going should put your names on the list. Registration forms and information about the cost of the trip are coming soon! Speak with Lisa Reed if you have questions.

### **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 bring 1 or 2 extra canned items to help stock our food pantry.**
- **Friday, November 11 – Sight & Sound** – If you have not already done so, please pay for your tickets as soon as possible. Give your payment to Fern Davis and she will give you your tickets! **If you are willing to be carpool driver, please let Fern know.**

## **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** – Study of Romans - led by George Kirkland. Attend in person or join through Facebook or this Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpQT09>

**Spanish – Thursdays @ 6:30 pm** at Greenbank. Contact Domingo Reyes for more information.

**Ladies – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month @ 11am** on Zoom – led by Crystal Reyes. Contact Crystal for the Zoom link.

**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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 2pm** – hosted by George & Sherry Kirkland and Walter & Susan Johnson.

**Married Couples – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month @ 7pm** in the blue room – led by Domingo & Crystal Reyes.

**Newport – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 12:30pm** – hosted by Mike & Judy Barker.

**North Wilmington – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 3:00pm** – hosted by Eileen Khan.

**Singles – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays @ 7pm** – The Five Love Languages Singles Edition. Attend in person or join online with this Zoom link: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87670702282?pwd=Sy8xYTAyZThkRHpqY1hmbzYrZk4ydz09>

**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: 142 Contribution: \$7,203**