

The Power of Our Silent Influence by Mike Riley

On a recent beautiful warm Saturday morning, a Christian friend and I were having breakfast at a local restaurant. At a nearby table, we noticed a young woman sitting quietly reading her Bible. She was absorbed in the text, occasionally looking up to consider what she had read. She never said a word, but her heart and priorities were visible to everyone in that restaurant. It was a gentle, positive, and silent influence.

She was not ashamed of Christ nor of His New Testament (Heb. 9:11-15). She neither preached a sermon nor sang a song. She was willing to be identified with the Savior, yet she did not need to announce that allegiance.

In our attempts to share the message of Jesus, we must eventually use words, because ultimately words are needed to present the gospel (John 14:23; Acts 2:14, 11:11-14, 16:14; 2 Pet. 3:1-2; Jude v. 17). But we can also learn from the example of this woman.

There are times when the quietness of our everyday actions speaks louder than our words, revealing our love for the Lord (Phil. 1:21-27). In our desire to share Christ with a sinful world, let's not ignore the power of our silent influence (cf. 1 Thess. 1:5-8).

<u>Praise & Prayer Requests</u>

Shelley Irwin: recovering from surgery; pray for clear direction on next steps in treatment.

Lillie West: pray for good results from biopsy; also, prayers for guidance and decision making. **Dawn Grabowski:** continued progress to good health.

Heather Abosch's friend: her uncle had a heart attack and is in a medically induced coma.

Ed & Sue Maynard: They have been in isolation this week for exposure to Covid. Pray for continued negative tests and for healing of other health concerns.

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

George & Jan Adair: both have significant health concerns.

Carla Bartschi: having surgery on Monday.

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

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

Anna & Sophia Baluck: both are ill with the flu.

War in Ukraine: pray for a peaceful resolution to be found soon.

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

Meal Train for Brasefield Family

We want to support this family while Chelsea needs to take it easy in these early weeks of her pregnancy. Click on this link <u>https://mealtrain.com/9moqrk</u> and sign up to take them a meal. If your schedule doesn't allow you to cook a meal and drop it off, there is also an option to purchase a gift card for restaurant delivery. Please consider what you can do to help them out.

Winterfest! - February 17-19, 2023

The Winterfest sign-up sheet is posted on a bulletin board in the lobby. Students in 6th – 12th 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.

"David" at Sight & Sound – Friday, November 11

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! The show begins promptly at 7:00pm. Please arrive early to find your seats. **If you are willing to be carpool driver, please let Fern know.**

November is Mozambique Missions Month

We will begin taking collections next Sunday for the Chad Westerholm family who are missionaries in Mozambique. Envelopes will be available for cash donations. Be sure to mark them for Mozambique. If you write a check, make it out to Greenbank Church of Christ and put Mozambique in the memo. You can drop your donations in the collection boxes at the back of the auditorium.

November Birthdays

1 – Shelley Irwin, Anna DaCunha	18 – Liz Cox
4 – Bob Crusco	19 – Darrin Anderson, Felicia Johnson, Jason Grabowski
6 – Lillie West	20 – Christian Smith
8 – Elton Okley	21 – Enoc Reyes
9 – Eileen Hence, Jese Ortiz	22 – Crystal Reyes, Lorraine Martin
13 – Devon Bolden	29 – Marely Martinez
14 – Chelsea Brasefield	30 – Knowledge Reyes
November Anniversaries	
11 – Darrin & Janell Anderson	21 – Francisco Paguada & Delmis Reyes

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) – <u>Wednesdays @ 7pm</u> – Study of Romans - led by George Kirkland. Attend in person or join through Facebook or this Zoom Link: <u>https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpQTo9</u> **Spanish** – <u>Thursdays @ 6:30 pm</u> at Greenbank. Contact Domingo Reyes for more information.

Ladies – 2^{nd} Saturday each month @ 11am on Zoom – led by Crystal Reyes. Contact Crystal for the Zoom link. Men – 3^{rd} Saturday each month @ 10am 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>2nd & 4th Sundays @ 2pm</u> – hosted by George & Sherry Kirkland and Walter & Susan Johnson. **Married Couples** – <u>1st Tuesday each month @ 7pm</u> in the blue room – led by Domingo & Crystal Reyes.

Newport – 2^{nd} & 4^{th} Sundays @ 12:30pm – hosted by Mike & Judy Barker.

North Wilmington – 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 3:00pm – hosted by Eileen Khan.

Singles – <u>2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 7pm</u> – The Five Love Languages Singles Edition. Attend in person or join online with this Zoom link: <u>https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87670702282?pwd=Sy8xYTAyZThkRHpqY1hmbzYrZk4ydzo9</u> **Teens** – <u>1st Friday each month @ 7pm</u> 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 <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.)