



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, November 20, 2022

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

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ThanksLiving by Don Owsley (edited)

THANKS! Isn't this what this month is all about? Isn't this what the national holiday is all about? Certainly, we view and celebrate Thanksgiving Day in so many different ways. Well, except for the turkey! I suspect most in the United States are grateful for the time off from work, great food, and time with family and friends.

Sometimes, the origin of the tradition is recalled. You know, the pilgrims and Native Americans having a big feast together and all that. But, from God's point of view, what is the essence of Thanksgiving or even thankfulness? God wants us to be people who are always giving thanks and who are always living thanks. In other words, we are called to a life of thankfulness, or as I call it – "thanksgiving".

Here's why: There are many places in the Bible that talk about praising and thanking God. Especially in the Psalms. Psalm 100 is a premier example. In fact, there are a set of Psalms dedicated to giving God praise and thanks. Psalms 30, 32, and 34 flow from hearts of individuals grateful to God. Corporate praise and thanks can be read in Psalms 67, 96, 106, and 124. Even the Psalms of lament and Lamentations complain to God about life's challenges and travesties, but at the end is the complainer's promise that says something like, "Nevertheless, I vow to praise and thank God for he is good."

Psalm 33 is a good example of how we are to thank God. It commands believers to rejoice in the Lord. Then it tells us how and why. God calls us to be thankful because of 1) God's awesome character (Psalm 33:4-5, 20-22); 2) God's mighty works (Psalm 33:5-12); 3) God's redemptive acts (Psalm 33:13-19). These are weighty reasons for praise and thanks. So much grander than answered prayers, food, or a turkey dinner, wouldn't you agree? This is why the Old Testament true believers of the awesome God were called God-fearers.

They were also known as God thankers. Paul reflects on that in Romans 1:21. Unbelievers are not thankful to God. In fact, they are often characterized by thanklessness as a general disposition. True followers of the Lord are thankful to God for who he is and what he does. They are also characterized by a life of thankfulness. Is that true of you?

Praise & Prayer Requests

Shelley Irwin: her port for chemotherapy was put in this week; treatment begins on Dec. 1.

Damon Littlejohn family: Damon's father passed away recently; Damon and Tracy are former members.

Zachary Hatfield: in the hospital with liver issues; he is Faye Hatfield's grandson.

Ed & Sue Maynard: continue to pray for Ed's health to improve and strength for Sue as she cares for him.

Frank & Joann LaBella: Frank has pneumonia and Joann was just diagnosed with cancer.

Pat Greenwood: recovering from breast cancer surgery; pray for quick healing and a good outcome.

Lillie West: diagnosed with breast cancer; pray for healing and guidance for the physicians and surgeons.

Alexa: serious health struggles; she is the King's granddaughter.

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

George & Jan Adair: both have significant health concerns.

Bud & Betty Polk: both are experiencing severe health issues.

Carla Bartschi: recovering from surgery; **Cory Bartschi:** surgery on Monday.

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

Children's Church

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

No Wednesday Bible Study This Week

Wednesday Bible class will not meet this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Our next class will be on Nov. 30.

Thanksgiving Day Potluck

The Greenbank Singles Group invites everyone to share in a Thanksgiving potluck at the church building on Thanksgiving Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the fellowship room. Park in the lower lot and enter through the fellowship room door. Please bring a potluck dish or dessert to share. Games, fellowship, and good conversation are an added bonus to the wonderful food we will share as we give thanks for God's bountiful blessings!

November is Mozambique Missions Month

We received an update from Chad on the work in Mozambique. Here are some items to praise God for as well as prayer requests. **Praise:** progress is being made on translation of the Psalms; approval of Jane's documents; protecting the Christians from insurgent attacks. **Prayer:** protection of churches in rural areas affected by the attacks; farmers to be able to work safely in their fields; wisdom for decisions regarding our security situation; Maggie's paperwork to be approved. We will take donations for this work through the end of November. Envelopes are available for cash donations, mark them for Mozambique. Make checks 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.

Winterfest! – February 17-19, 2023

Registration forms are now available! See Lisa Reed. Students in 6th – 12th grades are invited to participate. All students and adults who are interested in going should put your names on the sign-up sheet posted in the lobby. Deadline to sign up is December 18. Speak with Lisa Reed if you have questions.

Meal Train for Brasefield Family

Marc & Chelsea need our support during the next few weeks of her pregnancy. Click on this link: <https://mealtrain.com/9moqrk> and sign up to take them a meal. There is also an option to purchase a gift card for restaurant delivery. Please consider what you can do to help them out.

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. 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 – 2nd Saturday each month @ 11am on Zoom – led by Crystal Reyes. Contact Crystal for the Zoom link.

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 – 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 2pm – hosted by George & Sherry Kirkland and Walter & Susan Johnson.

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

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

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

Singles – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 7pm – The Five Love Languages Singles Edition. Attend in person or join online with this 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: 157 Contribution: \$7,214