



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, December 4, 2022

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

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A Little Sin by Glen Elliott

On the slope of Long's Peak in Colorado lies the ruins of a giant tree. It had stood there for four hundred years. It had been struck by lightning fourteen times. The storms of the years had repeatedly broken over it. It had resisted all of nature's blows. But now it lay in ruin.

A small beetle had entered into that giant tree. The beetle had brought his little friends with him. The insect was so small that a man could crush it between his thumb and forefinger, yet with the help of his companions, it felled the forest giant.

Sin is regarded lightly by many in our society. It is frequently the object of humor and ridicule. Yet, even the smallest of sins, as we refer to them in human terms, can produce the most devastating effects. The Bible warns us that the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23). It is sin which separates one from God who is the source of all life and goodness (Isa. 59:1-2; Jas. 1:17). It is imperative that we take careful thought and consideration about sin as it influences our lives. Never underestimate the power of sin.

We must lay aside sin as we are cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ (Heb. 12:1-2; Rom. 5:1). Only as we obey the truth will the blood of Jesus purify our souls and enable us to live strong and healthy lives in the sight of God (1 Pet. 1:22; 1 Jn. 1:7).

Praise & Prayer Requests

Pat Greenwood: in Christiana Hospital ICU being treated for RSV.

Shelley Irwin: undergoing chemotherapy.

Lillie West: breast cancer surgery is scheduled for Dec. 14; pray for healing.

Samuel Agbeta: grandfather passed away; pray for smooth preparations for the funeral.

Judy Barker: pray for good outcome from cardiologist appointment.

Ron & Dominck Cox: both have been ill.

Linda Jones: recovering from eye surgery.

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

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

George & Jan Adair: both have significant health concerns.

Doug Essex: recovering from hernia surgery & having kidney trouble; **Ken Essex:** health issues.

Jessica Bartschi: sick & very stressed; **Baluk family:** health issues; **Carla & Cory Bartschi:** recent surgeries.

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.

A Note from Shelley Irwin

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the love you have shown me during this difficult road of cancer. Your prayers, well wishes, and cards have brought me great peace and kept my spirits high.

I had my first chemo treatment on Dec. 1 from 8am-3pm. Everything went well, and I am thankful that I have very few side effects. I have great hope that I can continue to do what I love and by June I will be completely healed.

2 Cor. 4:17 "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all." Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations.

I am forever grateful for your love and support during this difficult time.

Deepest thanks, Shelley Irwin

[Announcements and Events](#)

News from Blue Hens for Christ

Praise God for a new brother in Christ! UD student, Hutton, was recently baptized by campus minister Casey Coston. Hutton's journey started during the pandemic when he found a Bible by a trash can and began reading it. He is a philosophy major and interested in law school. He decided the Christian worldview made the most sense. Keep Hutton in your prayers as he begins his walk with God.

Adult's Christmas Party – December 10

Sign up today for our holiday party! We will meet downstairs in the fellowship room this Saturday at 6:00pm. Please bring finger foods or desserts to share. We will have a gift exchange -- ladies bring a gift for a lady; men one for a man (limit \$25). The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up with the food you will bring.

Children's Church December Schedule

Children's church will NOT meet this week. They will meet on Sunday, Dec. 11 and again on Dec. 18 for a special session and holiday party.

2023 Communion Preparation

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for communion preparation in 2023. Stop by and sign up to provide this service to the congregation. If you have never done this before and would like to learn how, speak with Susan Johnson.

Winterfest! – February 17-19, 2023

Please pick up your registration forms this week! Completed forms and first payment of \$75/person are due on Sunday, December 18. This will also be the last day to sign up to go on the trip. If you have concerns about the cost of the trip, speak with Lisa Reed. Financial assistance is available.

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. 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 – on hiatus in December; will resume the 2nd Tuesday in January for the study of “So, You Want to be Like Christ” Zoom link: <https://uso2web.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: 135 Contribution: \$4,485