



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, December 11, 2022

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

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Parents Must Live It by Alan Smith

At one point during a game the coach said to one of his young players, “Do you understand what cooperation is and what teamwork is all about?” The little boy nodded in the affirmative. “Do you understand that what really matters is not whether we win or lose, but that we play together as a team?” The little boy nodded yes.

“Good,” the coach continued, “And, when a strike is called, or you’re thrown out at first base, you don’t argue, curse, attack the umpire with a bat, or throw dirt in the opposing team member’s faces. Do you understand all that?” Again, the little boy nodded, “Well, sure, coach. That’s what you taught us.”

Good,” said the coach. “Now, please go over there and explain all that to you mother.”

I’ve been to a few Little League games when the above conversation needed to take place! It is sad to see parents who act in an irresponsible manner because you know they are teaching their children (and other’s children) to behave in a similar manner. God has given those of us who are parents an awesome responsibility: not only to teach our children what is right, but to live in such a way so they can see we are willing to practice what we’ve been teaching them to do.

Moses told the Israelite parents to take the laws which God had given them and “teach them diligently to your children...” (Deut. 6:7). But before telling parents to do that, he warned them, “Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it...” (Deut. 6:3).

Before we can teach a love of God and love of others to our children, it must be in our own hearts. May God bless those of you who are parents as you strive to do just that. May your life be so filled with a desire to follow God that your children will be open to hear all that you have to say to them.

Praise & Prayer Requests

Greenwood family: continue to lift them in prayer as they mourn Pat’s passing.

Deborah Bullock & Eileen Hence: release from the hurt of a difficult upbringing so they can love freely.

Shelley Irwin: undergoing chemotherapy.

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

Judy Barker: continued prayers for good results from cardio testing.

Paul & Sharon King: please pray for our family.

Ron & Dominick Cox: both have been ill.

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 surgery & not doing well; **Ken Essex:** health has worsened.

Baluk and Bartschi families: struggling with health concerns.

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 December Schedule

Children ages 3 years old through 3rd grade will meet downstairs during the sermon. They will also meet next week for a special session and holiday party.

2023 Budget Planning

As a reminder to deacons and ministry leaders, if you have not submitted your budget proposal for the new year to the elders, please do so as soon as possible so they can work with the treasurer to complete the overall budget.

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

If you have not done so, please pick up your registration forms today! Completed forms and first payment of \$75/person are due next 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.

Save the Date

Our annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, January 15th immediately following our morning service. All members should make plans to attend.

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=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpQTog>

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://us02web.zoom.us/j/87670702282?pwd=Sy8xYTAyZThkRHpqY1hmbzYrZk4ydzog>

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: 132 Contribution: \$6,805