



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, December 25, 2022

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

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### The Streets of Bethlehem by Katy Kauffman (edited)

Bethlehem, your streets are filled tonight with travelers and donkeys, tired and anxious. They look for a warm place to stay. Rooms fill up quickly as lamplight glows in windows.

Bethlehem, your streets are filled tonight as one couple seeks a place to sleep. The girl is near her time, her betrothed knows it. But they don't walk here alone.

Bethlehem, your streets are filled tonight with visitors unheard and unseen. God's guardians encompass the lone couple, a wall of protection from evil's sly forces.

Bethlehem, your streets are filled tonight as an invisible power follows the world's Hope. Hatred and violence fill his evil soul, and he waits for the holy Child to be born.

Bethlehem, your streets are filled tonight. Glory and singing overwhelm the shepherds. A Savior has come, Glory to God Most High! Sandaled feet run to find Him.

Bethlehem, your streets are filled tonight with the passing of time and the giving of gifts. Wise men travel back to the East, contented that they met heaven's King.

Bethlehem, your streets are filled tonight. Horses' hooves and Herod's men enter every alley. Cries are heard throughout the village. Violence has revealed itself; the pain is great.

Bethlehem, your streets are empty tonight of the Hope that was born there. God sent His Son into safety, destined to die a different night.

Bethlehem, your streets are filled tonight. Pilgrims gather once again to honor the Lord who came to us, the One who was born so He may die for us.

Bethlehem, your streets are filled tonight. The heart of every believer is transported there as the Christmas story is read and cherished. Hope lives on and He now resides in every believing heart.

### Praise & Prayer Requests

**Marlin Johnson:** pray for health and strength as he begins the process of finding a kidney donor.

**Moises Phillips:** pray for peace at his new group home.

**Kyle Abosch:** recovering from an illness.

**Virginia Clark:** struggling with a lingering cough.

**Brenda McCleary:** please pray for my husband's health.

**King family:** continue to keep them in prayer.

**Robin Johnson:** needs exploratory surgery; pray for guidance and peace.

**Oxford Church of Christ:** sudden passing of a young member, Victor Perez Velazquez.

**Shelley Irwin:** undergoing chemotherapy.

**Lillie West:** recovering from breast cancer surgery; pray for complete healing.

**Kristin Farraday:** has breast cancer; undergoing chemo to reduce tumors before having surgery.

**Hoopes family:** father still in hospital; the son who was his caretaker passed away last week.

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

**Doug Essex:** continuing to recover from surgery; **Ken Essex:** health has worsened.

**Bartschi families:** struggling with health and other 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](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**

### **Special Contribution for Oxford Church – December 25<sup>th</sup>**

We will take a special collection to help members of the Oxford Church of Christ raise money to send their recently deceased member, Victor Perez, to Mexico for a family burial. Please make checks out to Greenbank Church of Christ and put “Oxford” in the memo. Envelopes are available for cash. Please also mark them for “Oxford.”

### **Food Pantry Needs**

We need more volunteers for food distribution on Thursday evenings, and we also need additional van drivers to do food pickups on weekday mornings. Sign-up sheets have been posted on the bulletin board. If you have questions about either need, speak with Wilma Blue or Sue Maynard.

### **Baby Shower – Sunday, January 8 – 12:30pm**

We are hosting a baby shower for new members, Jessica Ice & Hunter Brons, to welcome their first baby who is due in late January. All are invited to attend this event (yes, men too!) which will be held in the fellowship room following our morning service. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Lisa Reed by Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. Jessica’s baby registry can be found at this link: <https://www.babylist.com/baby-jessica-ice>

### **Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, January 15**

Our annual meeting will be held immediately following our worship services on Jan. 15. All members are asked to attend. For those who cannot attend in person, the meeting will be streamed on Facebook Live.

### **2023 Communion Preparation**

There are several months still available on our list for communion preparation. Please stop by the bulletin board to sign up. If you have not done this before and would like to learn how, speak with Susan Johnson.

## **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. Attend in person or join through Facebook or this Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSUZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpQT09>

**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.

**Singles** – on hiatus in December; will resume the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in January for the study of “So, You Want to be Like Christ” Zoom link: <https://us02web.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: 153 Contribution: \$5,506**