



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, January 8, 2023

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

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Loving Like Jesus by Domingo Reyes

Matthew 22:39 – “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Loving others can be difficult at times, especially when we are faced with people who are difficult to love. But as Christians, we are called to love others selflessly just as Jesus loved us. The command to love our neighbor as ourselves is part of Jesus’ response to a question about the greatest commandment. He tells us that the greatest command is to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and the second is like it: to love our neighbor as ourselves.

This command to love others is not optional. It’s not something we can pick and choose to do only when it’s convenient or when we feel like it. It’s a command that we are called to obey every day, in all circumstances. But how do we love selflessly? Here are five ways to love others like Christ in 2023:

1. Practice Selfless Love: Christ loved others selflessly, always putting their needs before his own. Follow his example by putting the needs and well-being of others before your own desires.
2. Show Compassion: Christ was known for his compassion and kindness toward others, particularly those in need. Show compassion by being understanding, empathetic, and caring toward others.
3. Forgive: Christ taught us to forgive others when they have wronged us. Practice forgiveness by letting go of grudges and showing kindness toward those who have hurt you.
4. Serve: Christ spent much of his time serving others whether it was healing the sick or feeding the hungry. Follow his example by looking for opportunities to serve others and meet their needs.
5. Love Your Enemies: Christ taught us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Practice this difficult but important lesson by showing kindness and compassion toward those who may not deserve it.

Dear God, thank you for your command to love others selflessly. Help me love my neighbors as myself, even when it is difficult. Give me the strength and compassion to serve others and put their needs above my own. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Praise & Prayer Requests

Lillie West: recovering from additional surgery to check lymph nodes for cancer; pray for healing.

LaKeisha Smith & family: dealing with health concerns and other challenging situations.

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

King family: pray for health and healing.

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

Shelley Irwin: undergoing chemotherapy.

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

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

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

Deacon & Ministry Leader Recognition

After our service this morning, we will recognize those who serve our congregation as deacons and leaders of our ministry areas. We will also welcome two new deacons to this group. Join us in giving homage to those who work to meet the needs of our congregation and the community.

Children's Church

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

Ice-Brons Baby Shower

We are looking forward to honoring Jessica & Hunter as they prepare to welcome their first child in a few weeks. The shower will begin, roughly, at 12:30pm, after the conclusion of this morning's worship service.

Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, January 15

Our annual meeting will be held immediately following our worship service on Jan. 15. All members are asked to attend. For those who cannot attend in person, you will be able to connect online as you would for worship.

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.

2023 Communion Preparation

Thank you to all who have signed up for communion preparation. There are just a few months left. Stop by the bulletin board and add your name to the list! Speak with Susan Johnson if you have any questions.

Mozambique & Camp Manatawny Updates

We are pleased to announce that we were able to send \$3,200 to support the Westerholm family in their mission work in Mozambique. Thank you for your generous donations.

Camp Manatawny registration for Spring and Summer events opens on Sunday, January 15. Spring events include Jr/Sr High Retreat, Golden Age Retreat, Church Leaders Workshop, Family Camp, and Camp Sonshine. Also, take advantage of early bird discounts and receive a free t-shirt if you register for a summer session before March 31st.

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; hybrid class (in-person & online) Facebook Live 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 upstairs classroom – led by Domingo & Crystal Reyes.

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

Singles – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays – hybrid class (in person & Zoom); current study – “So, You Want to be Like Christ”

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87670702282?pwd=Sy8xYTAyZThkRHpqY1hmbzYrZk4ydz09>

Teens – 1st Friday each month @ 7pm in the upstairs classroom; 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: 121 Contribution: \$3,738