



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, January 15, 2023

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

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### Keeping the Faith in Trying Times by Domingo Reyes

Living a life of great faith can be a challenge at times, but through the strength and guidance of the Lord we can persevere. One of the most important things when it comes to having great faith is trusting in the Lord with all our heart. When we place our trust in God, He becomes our strength and shield. *“The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”* Psalm 18:2

Another crucial part of living with great faith is giving thanks to God in all circumstances. Even during trials and struggles, we can choose to give thanks to God for his constant presence and love. This attitude of gratitude helps us see the blessings in our lives and keep a positive perspective. *“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”* 1 Thes. 5:18

In addition to that, it is also important to obey what God commands us to do and say which can be done by reading the Bible daily and asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This will give us strength to face the doubts and fears that often try to shake our faith. *“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”* Joshua 1:8

Living with great faith is all about trusting in the Lord with all our heart, giving thanks in all circumstances, obeying his commands, and seeking his guidance through prayer and study of the Scriptures. Remember that with God all things are possible, and we can have the strength to face any obstacle that comes our way. *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”* Phil. 4:13

### Praise & Prayer Requests

**Dwain & Betty Asbell:** Dwain’s younger brother, Fred, passed away last week.

**Cloise Green:** placed in hospice care last week; she is Carroll Blue’s sister.

**Marlene Patterson:** end-stage cancer; pray for blessed time with family in these final weeks.

**Paul King & Ed Greenwood:** both have Covid.

**Shelley Irwin & Kristin Farraday:** both are undergoing chemotherapy.

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

**Sallis, Blake, & Kelly families:** all have experienced the loss of loved ones recently.

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

**Bob, Carlton & Montana Reece:** all are recovering from Covid and the flu.

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

**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](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

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

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

## Winterfest

For those making payments, the second amount of \$50/person is due next Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. And plan now to attend a very important pre-trip meeting on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. We will go over trip details and answer any questions you may have.

## Food Pantry Needs

We still need additional 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, contact Wilma Blue or Sue Maynard.

## Camp Manatawny

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 Sunshine. Also, take advantage of early bird discounts and receive a free t-shirt if you register for a summer session before March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Bilingual Service and Fellowship Meal

On January 29<sup>th</sup> we will have a combined service with our Spanish brethren and a potluck fellowship meal afterward. We encourage everyone to attend and enjoy this time of fellowship that will strengthen our congregation.

## 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; 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** – 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 upstairs classroom – led by Domingo & Crystal Reyes.

**Newport** – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 12:30pm – hosted by Mike & Judy Barker.

**Singles** – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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** – 1<sup>st</sup> 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](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: 155 Contribution: \$2,504**