



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, January 22, 2023

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

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Many Members, Yet One Body by Jay Buck (edited)

Fall is my favorite time of the year. Mornings are crisp with a shadow of things to come. The mums are out, the apples are in, the days are shorter, soon the leaves will be changing, and yes, football is in the air! We all have our traditions but for me, football, and crockpots full of chili are among my favorites. Speaking of football, I was recently reminded of a quote that was famously used by a coaching legend to help inspire his team.

It goes something like this: “It’s the name on the *front* of the jersey that matters most, not the name on the *back!*” This is such a great message because it conveys a spirit of unity, a common purpose, and a reminder that there is a bigger goal that far outweighs any individual contribution.

We can make a spiritual application here as well. We, too, are working together, in unity, striving for something bigger than individual glory. We share a common purpose, a higher calling, that defines us to our very core. It centers us throughout this life, it shapes who we are, and it certainly requires individual effort. As we, collectively, give our best, the result is something far better than anything we can achieve on our own.

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul stresses a similar concept. He uses an analogy of a body with many parts, functioning as one. 1 Cor. 12:12-14 reads: “*For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free – and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many.*” Later, in verse 26, we also read: “*And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.*”

The takeaway here is that we each have a role to play. We each have talents, we each have something to offer, and every member is vital to this body. We are connected one to another in the most important way possible – in Christ. Sometimes we win together and sometimes we lose together, but either way, we go through it together and it makes us stronger. And let us never forget... when we suit up, the name we wear is CHRISTIAN! To God be the glory forever!

Praise & Prayer Requests

Anita Delp family: Anita passed away unexpectedly last week; she was a member of the Newark church.

Pattie Taylor: health concerns.

Bob McCleary: battling cancer; pray for healing.

Shelley Irwin & Kristin Farraday: both are undergoing chemotherapy.

Lillie West: pray for a clear path forward for treatment of breast cancer.

Marlin Johnson: pray for a smooth process to getting on the transplant list.

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 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

Children 3 years old through 3rd grade will meet in the yellow room downstairs during today’s sermon.

Winterfest

For those making payments, the second amount of \$50/person is due today. All attendees should plan now to attend a very important pre-trip meeting on Sunday, February 12th after worship. We will go over trip details and answer any questions you may have.

Greenbank Clothing Closet

We will be opening a community clothing closet in the next few weeks. "Clothed in Love" will hold clean, gently used, seasonal clothing. All items will be free and available to anyone who needs them. Contact Dawn Grabowski directly if you are interested in assisting or making donations (dandreagrabowski@gmail.com or 302.359.8228) Due to space limitations, we ask that you do not drop off donations at the church building without contacting Dawn first.

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.

January Girl's Class – Rescheduled

Our monthly online girl's class has been rescheduled. We will meet on Saturday, January 28 at 11:00 a.m. Meeting ID is 453 692 1103 and Passcode is 987817. If you have any questions, contact Eileen Hence.

5th Sunday Bilingual Service and Fellowship Meal

On January 29th 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.

Northeast Church of Christ Fellowship

The Northeast church in Wilmington is holding an area-wide fellowship event on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 3PM. You can also join in online. Zoom ID 321 450 0301 Passcode 1618 or on Facebook www.facebook.com/5thSundays.

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=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 chapel – 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 chapel; 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: 152 Contribution: \$7,991 YTD Average: \$4,744