



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, January 29, 2023

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

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Seeing People the Way God Sees Them by Dr. James Merritt (edited)

“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’” Luke 15:4-6

In this well-known parable, Jesus shows us why, if we have the heart of God, we will have a heart for that one person who doesn’t know God; for that one person who needs to hear the gospel; for that one person who is lost and needs to be found. The problem at the time of Jesus’ ministry was that the religious crowd only cared about the people who were in the temple while on the other hand, Jesus cared about the one that was outside the temple.

The religious crowd built walls; Jesus built bridges. The religious crowd locked the doors to the church. Jesus took the doors out because He was looking out for the one. I want to challenge you today to begin looking out for the one like Jesus did.

The first step in looking out for the one is to properly visualize our one. The reason the Pharisees didn’t understand why Jesus hung out with sinners and welcomed them is not only because they didn’t see themselves as sinners, but they didn’t see sinners the way God sees them. God sees everyone who doesn’t know Him as someone who is lost. We need to begin to see a person far from God the same way we see a child of ours who is lost. Then you will see your one in a totally different light.

It’s not about what they’ve done to mess up or all the ways they’ve fallen short. At the end of the day, if they don’t know Jesus, they’re lost, which means they are far from God. We need to see them as people who are in need of a Savior. When we begin to see them like God sees them, we will not only have compassion and grace for them, but we will experience a sense of urgency in sharing our faith with them so they can come to know Jesus like we know Jesus.

Dear Lord, help me to see other people the way you see them. I don’t want to have the same attitude toward others as the Pharisees. I want to see people like Jesus saw people. Give me your eyes to see those who are far from you and give me strength and courage to share the gospel with them when the time comes. In Jesus name, amen.

Praise & Prayer Requests

Crystal Reyes & Tina Barksdale: their father, Robert Poole, passed away on Tuesday.

Jessica Ice: baby is due any day; pray for safe delivery.

Marc & Chelsea Brasefield: continue to pray for a safe and healthy pregnancy.

Marjorie Pulliam family: lift them in prayer following Marjorie’s passing.

Anita Delp family: Anita passed away unexpectedly on Jan. 15; she was a member of the Newark church.

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.

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.

5th Sunday Bilingual Service and Fellowship Meal – January 29th

This morning we will have a combined service with our Spanish brethren and a potluck meal afterward. We encourage everyone to attend and enjoy this time of fellowship that will strengthen our congregation.

Winterfest Meeting – February 12th

All who are registered need to attend an important pre-trip meeting on Sunday, February 12th after worship. We will go over trip details and answer any questions you may have. The final payment will also be due. Check with Lisa Reed to see what your remaining balance is **before** Feb. 12.

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 (dandregabowski@gmail.com or 302.359.8228) Due to space limitations, we ask that you do not drop off donations at the church building before contacting Dawn.

Food Pantry Needs

We can still use more volunteers for food distribution on Thursday evenings, and additional van drivers for food pickup 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.

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: 147 Contribution: \$4,934 YTD Average: \$4,792