



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, February 5, 2023

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

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The Power of Giving

Have you ever stopped to think about the power of giving? It's not just about money. It can be giving of your time, your talents, or your resources. Whatever it may be, giving has the power to transform not only the person receiving it, but also the person doing the giving.

In 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, the Bible says, *“Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

In Matthew 6:21, Jesus says, *“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”* Our giving reflects where our hearts truly are. Is your heart fixed on God and His kingdom or on the things of this world?

And in Acts 20:35, the apostle Paul reminds us, *“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”*

When we give freely and joyfully it shows that we trust in God's provision and that we are willing to surrender all we have to Him. Our giving should come from a heart filled with gratitude, recognizing all that God has done in our lives and the blessings He has given us.

As we give, we also receive. When we give to others, we open ourselves up to the blessings of God. We may not see the results immediately, but over time, we will reap the fruit of our generosity.

Let us each ask the Lord to give us a heart of generosity and lead us in the ways we can give. Let us sow the seeds of kindness, love, and sharing, and watch as God multiplies our efforts and blesses us in return.

In His love and grace, *Domingo*

Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise! We rejoice that two new sisters have been added to the Lord's family and our Greenbank family. Please pray for **Maira Gonzalez Pérez** and **Blanca Estela Alvarenga** as they begin their walk with Christ.

Poole family: grieving the loss of their father, Robert Poole, and a nephew that passed suddenly.

George Kirkland: ill with Covid; pray for complete healing.

Kelly & Cameron Thomas: both are sick.

Longoria family: the dad was diagnosed with terminal cancer (their son played baseball with Kyle Cox).

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

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

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 for a kidney.

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.

Office Hour Modification

For the next two weeks, Feb. 6-17, the office will be open on Mon, Wed, *Thurs*, 9am-3pm. Please have all newsletter items submitted by 9:00am Thursday morning. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, Feb. 20.

Thursday Evening Youth Bible Study

A new Bible study will begin on February 9th at 6:30pm for students ages 6 and older. All of our kids are encouraged to attend. Speak with Domingo Reyes or Eileen Hence if you would like more information.

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.

Elders / Deacons / Ministry Leaders Meeting – February 18th

The elders request the presence of all deacons and ministry leaders on Saturday, February 18th at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please let one of the elders know.

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

There is still room for more volunteers for food distribution on Thursday evenings and additional van drivers for food pickup on weekday mornings. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. If you have questions about either need, contact Wilma Blue or Sue Maynard.

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 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: 142 Contribution: \$3,072 Weekly Average: \$4,448