



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, February 12, 2023

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

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### The Roman Road to Salvation (Author Unknown)

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.”* Romans 1:16

In the book of Romans, the apostle Paul writes about the gospel of Jesus Christ and how it offers salvation to all people, both Jew and Gentile. In the ancient world, Rome was a powerful empire, and its roads were a symbol of its dominance and control. However, the road Paul refers to is not physical but rather, a spiritual one.

Just as the Roman roads connected different parts of the empire, the gospel of Jesus Christ offers a way for people from all walks of life to be connected to God. In the same way that the Roman roads were well-maintained and reliable, the gospel is steadfast and dependable, providing a sure path to salvation.

The ancient Greeks valued wisdom and knowledge, and they believed in living a good life based on reason and philosophy. However, they did not have a clear understanding of the way of salvation. In contrast, through faith in Jesus Christ, we have access to the wisdom of God and the knowledge of how to have eternal life. The gospel offers us not only a path to salvation but also the wisdom to live a fulfilling life here on earth.

So, just as the Roman roads connected the empire and allowed for the spread of ideas and commerce, the gospel of Jesus Christ offers a way for people from all cultures and backgrounds to be connected to God and experience the richness of his love and salvation. And like the well-maintained roads of the Roman empire, the gospel is steadfast and dependable, offering a sure path to eternal life.

### Praise & Prayer Requests

**Carroll Blue:** his sister, Clois Green, passed away; her funeral will be on Feb. 25 in Arkansas.

**Mark Yurkovich:** in ICU at Christiana Hospital; he is a friend of Robert & Ruthalee Carroll.

**Chelsea Brasefield:** back at home after a brief hospital stay; pray for a healthy and full-term pregnancy.

**Shelley Irwin, Lillie West, and Kristin Farraday:** all are battling 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](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

#### **It's a Girl!**

Congratulations to Jessica Ice & Hunter Brons on the birth of their daughter, Penelope Marie, on Feb. 4 at 4:11pm. The baby was 8 lbs 3 ozs and 20 inches long. Keep this young family in your prayers as they adjust to a new routine.

#### **Office Hour Modification**

The office will be open this week 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**

We have begun a new Bible study at 6:30pm on Thursday evenings for our school age students ages 6 and older. All students are encouraged to attend. Speak with Domingo Reyes or Eileen Hence if you would like more information.

## **Winterfest Meeting - TODAY**

All who are registered for the trip need to attend this important meeting immediately after our morning service. We will cover trip details and answer any questions you may have. The final payment will also be due. We will meet on the “table side” of the chapel. Speak with Lisa Reed if you have any questions.

## **Elders / Deacons / Ministry Leaders Meeting – February 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **GriefShare – Spring Events**

Our Loss of a Spouse seminar will be held on Feb. 27, and our Spring Sessions will begin on Mar. 13. All sessions will be held on Monday evenings via Zoom at 6:30pm EST. To register, please go to [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) and search for Greenbank Church of Christ then select the event. If you have any questions, speak with Judy Barker.

## **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](mailto:dandreagrabowski@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](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=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWnjd1djNpQT09>

**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 chapel – 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 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](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: 128 Contribution: \$6,444 Weekly Average: \$4,781 Weekly Budget: \$5,540**