



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, February 19, 2023

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

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The Power of Forgiveness by Domingo Reyes

As a Christian and a minister of the Gospel of Christ, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of forgiveness. It is a powerful act that can bring healing and reconciliation to even the most broken of relationships. For me, forgiveness has been a journey of growth and transformation, and it is one that I am still on today.

In my ministry, I have seen the devastating effects of unforgiveness. I have seen families torn apart, friendships destroyed, and communities divided. But I have also seen the beauty of forgiveness, the way it brings people together, restores relationships, and brings healing to even the most broken of hearts.

As a Christian, I believe that forgiveness is not just a choice, but a commandment. Colossians 3:13 says, “Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” This passage reminds us that forgiveness is not just about letting go of our anger and resentment, but also about extending grace and mercy to others, just as God has done for us.

Forgiveness is a difficult and emotional journey, but it is one that can bring incredible healing and transformation to individuals and communities alike. It can be a painful process, especially when we have been deeply hurt by someone, but it is a journey that we must take if we want to experience true healing and reconciliation.

I believe forgiveness is one of the most powerful acts we can take as Christians. It has the power to transform lives, heal relationships, and bring hope to even the most broken of situations. As we extend grace and mercy to those who have wronged us, we create space for healing and reconciliation, and we allow ourselves to experience the fullness of life that God intends for us.

Remember, forgiveness is not just a commandment, it is a journey of growth and transformation and is essential to our faith and well-being. It is an emotional journey that can bring us peace, joy, and freedom, and it is one that we must all be willing to take if we want to experience the fullness of the life God intends for us.

Praise & Prayer Requests

Greenbank Congregation: pray for godly wisdom and guidance as we consider options to finance the repair/replacement of our cedar-plank wall.

Alijah Brasefield: born several weeks premature; he is in good health but will be in the NICU while he continues to grow and gain strength. Also keep **Marc, Chelsea, and big brother Avion** in your prayers.

Patty Conway: was admitted to Christiana Hospital with double vision and difficulty walking.

Ed Maynard: in Christiana Hospital; tests being run to try to determine what is going on.

Winterfest Travelers: pray for safe travel and a time of spiritual growth for all who attend the event.

Faye Hatfield: is in declining health and is homebound.

Remember all our members who are homebound or have limited mobility: George & Jan Adair, Bob & Linda Crusco, Agnes Ignudo, Ed & Sue Maynard, Christy Mickowski, Bob & Penny Pennington.

Marlin Johnson: recovering from hernia surgery.

King family: keep them in prayer as they deal with several concerns.

Jermaine Dugger: pray for him to have peace in his life.

Carroll Blue: his sister, Clois Green, passed away; Carrol & Wilma will be traveling to AR for her funeral.

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

Shelley Irwin, Lillie West, and Kristin Farraday: all are battling cancer.

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

It's a Boy!

Congratulations to Marc & Chelsea Brasefield on the birth of another son, **Alijah Avery**, born on 2/12/23 at 11:25pm. He weighed in at just 2 lbs. and is 13.5 inches long. As mentioned above, please keep this family in your prayers.

Children's Church

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

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.

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 and search for Greenbank Church of Christ then select the event. If you have any questions, speak with Judy Barker.

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=Sy8xYTAyZThkRHpqY1hmbzYrZk4ydzog>

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: 163 Contribution: \$5,061 Weekly Average: \$4,821 Weekly Budget: \$5,540