



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, March 12, 2023

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

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### Living with Purpose (author unknown)

A young man was struggling with his purpose in life. He had recently become a Christian and was excited about his new faith but did not know what he was supposed to do with it. He began to pray and read his Bible more diligently, asking God to reveal his purpose.

One day, while reading the book of 1 Peter he came across the verse, “*But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light*” (1 Peter 2:9). This verse resonated with him, and he felt a sense of clarity about his purpose. He realized that his purpose was to proclaim God’s excellencies and share the good news of salvation with others.

As born-again believers, it is essential that we understand our purpose in life. Many of us may have misconceptions about our purpose, such as living for the moment or focusing on this life’s pleasures. However, our purpose is not limited to this life but extends into eternity. We are citizens of heaven, eagerly awaiting the return of our Lord (Philippians 3:20).

The book of 1 Peter reminds us that we are born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us (1 Peter 1:3-4). While we wait for our eternal inheritance, we are called to fulfill God’s purpose for our lives on this earth.

Peter instructs us to prepare our minds for action, be alert and focused on the mission, keep a long-term perspective, and realize that God has entrusted us with the priceless resource of time (1 Peter 1:13-16). These instructions are essential for us to fulfill our purpose on this earth.

Knowing our purpose in life is vital for a satisfying and meaningful existence. As believers, we must be prepared for action, stay focused on our mission, and keep a long-term perspective knowing that God has entrusted us with time. Let us passionately fulfill our purpose on earth, eagerly awaiting the return of our Lord as citizens of heaven.

### *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.

**Brasefield family:** continue prayers for Chelsea’s recovery and baby Alijah’s growth in NICU.

**Charlie Mahs family:** he passed away suddenly at the age of 30.

**Bill Betit, Jr.:** recovering from open heart surgery; Bill is a former Cedars member.

**Pam Dahlström:** recovering from cancer surgery and will begin chemo soon; she is Boyd Reed’s stepmom.

**Patty Conway:** now in Buena Vista rehab center; pray she will regain her strength quickly.

**Cathy Servas:** pray for improvement in her health.

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

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

**Greenbank church:** Godly guidance for our elders, minister, deacons, and ministry leaders.

**Greenbank missions:** Eduar Morales (Oxford, PA), Chad Westerholm (Mozambique), Edmund Borfay (Liberia), Samuel Agbeta (Ghana), Camp Manatawny, Reflect Campus Missions/BHC.

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*

#### **March is Manatawny Month**

Each year we designate the month of March to collect donations in support of Camp Manatawny. The camp’s mission is to be “a Christian camp Glorifying God and Transforming Lives for Christ for a Lifetime.” We will accept donations for Camp Manatawny through Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Make checks out to Greenbank Church of Christ and write “Manatawny” in the memo. If you would like to give cash, please place it in an envelope designated for Camp Manatawny.

## **GriefShare – Spring Events**

Our Spring Cycle begins on Mar. 13. All sessions will be held on Monday evenings at 6:30pm EST via Zoom. 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.

## **Singles Cultural Heritage Potluck**

All single adults are invited to a potluck meal on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm. If you can, bring food that relates to your cultural background, or just bring something delicious for all to enjoy! Feel free to also bring games and enjoy a time of fellowship with other single adults. Please use the door to the downstairs dining area for access to the event. If you need more information, speak with Rick Mickowski, Mark DaBaldo, or Mark Ray.

## **Clothed in Love**

The clothing closet will be open for use by the congregation on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. We ask that you continue to hold on to your donations to allow current items to be cycled out. Based on this turnover, we will determine days & times for donations to be dropped off. We are still seeking additional volunteers. If you are interested or have questions about this ministry, please speak with Dawn Grabowski.

## **Easter Candy Donations**

In just a few short weeks we will be hosting our annual Easter party for our children. We are asking members to donate individually wrapped candy for this event. Please bring in your delicious donations by Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and place them in the box located in the lobby.

## **Other Manatawny News**

Camp Manatawny has several events this spring for adults, students, and families. In addition, registration is open for summer sessions for students who have completed grades 1-12. Pay in full by March 31 to receive a discount and a free t-shirt. Information is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby. Financial assistance is available. If you have any questions, speak with Rick Mickowski or Lisa Reed.

## **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 Meeting ID: 862 5363 5838 Passcode: 123456**

## **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 – 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 login information.

## **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=Sy8xYTAyZThkRHpqY1hmbzYrZk4ydzog>

**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: 168 Contribution: \$6,838 Weekly Average: \$4,995 Weekly Budget: \$5,540**