



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, March 26, 2023

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

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Finding Hope in Difficult Times by Samuel Mills (edited)

Finding hope in difficult times can be a daunting task, especially when we feel alone and depressed. However, help is available through placing our trust in God. In the Bible, God has proven his faithfulness by delivering his people from all their predicaments and troubles, and He will, likewise, never leave or forsake us. When we place our faith in Him and the resurrection of Jesus, we trust Him to care for our earthly needs and to take us to Heaven.

The born-again Child of God has the unique privilege of talking to and hearing from God, but this is often neglected. Christians are encouraged to pray, even in the darkest moments when we do not feel His presence, because He is there listening and is an ever-present help in times of trouble.

Trusting God through uncharted waters takes faith and courage, and it is worth the effort. The path of His choosing is the only one that leads to true happiness. The promise that those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, soar on wings like eagles, run and not grow weary, and walk and not be faint is a wonderful promise to hold onto.

A shining example of living with hope is Viktor Frankl, who found himself stripped to a naked existence in a Nazi prison camp. Despite losing every possession and value, he transcended the hopeless and meaningless world and found purpose in God. In one of his darkest moments, he sensed His Spirit piercing through the enveloping gloom, and from somewhere he heard a victorious “Yes!” in answer to his question of the existence of an ultimate purpose.

Truly, hope in God is the light that guides us through even the darkest moments. Through trust and faith, we can find peace and assurance that our Heavenly Father will continue to deliver 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.

Shelley Irwin: last chemo treatment has been postponed twice due to low platelet and immunity levels; pray for improvement so she can proceed with treatment.

Doug Johnson: has battled Parkinson’s for several years and is now in a nursing home after a series of seizures and is not doing well; he is Walter Johnson’s brother.

Faye Gillespie: diagnosed with kidney problems; pray for complete healing.

King family: keep them in prayer as they face several challenges.

Rose Lovelace: keep her in prayer; she is a friend of Patti Burke.

Ken Essex: has been moved to an assisted living facility, but may be entering hospice care soon.

Alfredo Arce: in a nursing home with advanced Alzheimer’s disease; he is Yani Normand’s father.

Sonnie Normand: she is being moved into hospice care; she is Yani’s mother-in-law.

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

Shelley Irwin, Lillie West, Kristin Farraday, Pam Dahlström: 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 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

March is Manatawny Month

This is the last week for our special collection for Camp Manatawny. Thank you for your generous support of this mission field for young people. Please write checks 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.

Clothed in Love

Our clothing closet is now open! Feel free to look around and select something for yourself or someone you know who is in need. Because of space restrictions, we ask that you contact Dawn Grabowski to make arrangements for donations. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please speak with Dawn.

Easter Candy Donations

Please bring in your candy donations by next Sunday, April 2nd and place them in the box located in the lobby. Our children's Easter party will be on April 9th.

Camp Manatawny Events

Kitchen Workdays - March 31-April 1: Help get the kitchen and dining hall ready for spring and summer events. More information can be found at www.manatawny.org/kitchenworkdays. Register to let them know you are coming.
Summer Sessions: This is the last week to receive a discount and a free t-shirt when you register and pay in full for a camp session. Students who have completed grades 1-12 are eligible to attend summer sessions. Financial assistance is available for those in need. Additional information is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby or 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 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 1 Corinthians; 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 login information.

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 @ 7pm – hybrid class (in person & Zoom); current study – "So, You Want to be Like Christ"

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87670702282?pwd=Sy8xYTAyZThkRHhpqY1hmbzYrZk4ydz09>

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: 152 Contribution: \$8,456 Weekly Average: \$5,195 Weekly Budget: \$5,540