



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, April 2, 2023

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

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4 Steps to Achieving Christian Unity by Charles Morris (edited)

Christian unity is a biblical principle that is based on the Holy Spirit's work to bring believers together as one body in Christ. It is essential to understand that, as a Christian, you are united with Christ and every other believer in the world. In Ephesians 4:2-3, Paul calls for unity by urging Christians to be humble, gentle, patient, and bear with one another in love. Here are four biblical steps that can help us achieve Christian unity.

Step 1: Be Completely Humble. Humility means putting the needs of others before our own. It requires us to realize that we are all human, and we all sin. Christians need to humble themselves, realizing that they are not better than anyone else.

Step 2: Be Gentle. Gentleness flows from realizing how completely dependent we are on God. When we understand how gently God has been with us, who have sinned against Him, we can begin to be gentle with other Christians, even those with whom we disagree.

Step 3: Be Patient. Being patient means being quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. It requires self-control and a willingness to put aside our own needs and desires while striving to listen to and understand others.

Step 4: Be Forbearing. Believers are called to bear with one another in love, even those who are too opinionated or who annoy us. Christ said, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There are no exception clauses here.

Christ set the ultimate example of humility and gentleness, showing us how to love and serve one another. He came down from heaven and humbled himself, even to death on a cross, for our sakes. He is gentle and lowly in heart, and He calls us to follow in His footsteps.

Friends, Christian unity is essential, and in following these four steps we can achieve it. We must continually work to put them into practice in our lives, and we must rely on Christ and the Holy Spirit to help 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.

Normand Family: Yani's mother-in-law, Sonnie, passed away last week; please keep the family in your prayers.

Ed Maynard: has a couple of kidney stones in his bladder; he is in Christiana Hospital, room 3C24B.

Shelley Irwin: last chemo was postponed again; pray for improved numbers so treatment can proceed.

Lillie West: undergoing radiation for breast cancer and physical therapy after being rear-ended by a bus.

Christine Steiner: pray for success in her new role with ADT Security and that she will be a light for Jesus to others.

Cathy Servas: pray for medical insurance situation to be resolved.

Tammy: a friend of Raelene Cox who is struggling with chemo treatments and is having problems at work.

Lamatu Sue Browne: pray for healing of her back pain and peace at her job.

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.

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.

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

Children's Church

Children ages 3 years old through 3rd grade will meet downstairs during the sermon. They will also meet next week for a special session and Easter party.

Easter Candy Donations

If you brought candy for our Easter baskets, place it in the box in the lobby. Thank you to everyone who donated!

Ladies, Please Save the Date

Mark your calendars for a luncheon to be held on Saturday, May 6. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Denise Moore Revel. More details to come. We hope you will be able to attend.

April Birthdays

2 – Edith Reyes	21 – Eileen Khan
3 – Bety Benitez; Anderson Lopez	22 – Isaias Lainez
4 – Cathy Servas; Moises Phillips	23 – Nahaman Villatoro; Denis Ramirez
6 – Marlin Johnson	24 – Norma Hughes
9 – Sue Jones	25 – Kenssy Romero
14 – Yvette Curcio	26 – Charles Brummett
15 – Ana Aguilar	27 – Sharon King
17 – Estefani Luna	28 – Paul King; Erika Grant
19 – Susan Regester	29 – Marcia Johnson

April Anniversaries

8 – Mike Anderson & Nancy Lackford; George & Sherry Kirkland	22 – Fred & Norma Hughes 26 – Glen & Sue Jones
16 – Kamal & Elisha Wall	28 – Jamie & Tina Jones

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

English Mid-Week – Wednesdays @ 7pm – Study of 1 Corinthians; hybrid class (in-person & online) Facebook Live or this Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpQTog>

Spanish Mid-Week – 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=Sy8xYTAyZThkRHpqY1hmbzYrZk4ydzo9>

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: \$5,547 Weekly Average: \$5,222 Weekly Budget: \$5,540