



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, April 9, 2023

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

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The Cross by Rebeca Reyes King

How many people reading this know how it feels to be lost?
Well, the roadmap to salvation is in the shape of that man on the cross.
How many of y'all understand, I mean truly comprehend,
That the resurrection marks the beginning, but it also marks an end?
The beginning is a new life, the salvation of our souls,
Assurance we'll meet the Father, and see those streets paved with gold.
The end, not of our sins, but of utter condemnation,
The end of spiritual emptiness and the end of obeying Satan.
Jesus Christ was born, lived, and died, so that we'd all be blessed.
And how did we repay him? Each one of our sins drove yet another nail into his flesh!
He's not the Easter Bunny, and at Christmas, he doesn't transform into Santa Claus.
Those are just false idols for us to worship; they want us to forget about the cross.
They beat him unmercifully, they spat in his face.
And some of the ones who once loved him cheered as his life slipped away.
But it didn't end on the cross – man can't finish the story when God is the author.
Jesus lived, died, and rose, and now intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father.
If you can finally feel his presence, and you don't want this feeling to ever end,
Turn your back on the devil forever, open your heart, and let Jesus in.

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.

PRAISE! Shelley Irwin has completed chemotherapy! Pray this treatment was effective against her cancer.

Moises Phillips has been sick; pray for healing.

Bud Polk was diagnosed with cancer and is in hospice care; he is Judy Barker's brother.

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

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 has been 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 is 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 today's service. Their session will be extended so they can enjoy their Easter party. Parents can pick up their children at Noon.

Clothed in Love

Fall and winter items will be moved out of our clothing closet at the end of the month to make room for spring and summer clothes. Please look at what is available and take what you want. If you have any questions, speak to Dawn Grabowski.

Young Girls Class

Our meeting this month will be in person on Saturday, April 22nd from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Greenbank church building. All young ladies who are currently attending the class, or have attended in the past, are welcome to participate. A jewelry packet will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the lobby so we can know how to plan. If you have questions, please speak to Eileen Hence.

5th Sunday Bilingual Service & Potluck Fellowship

On April 30th we will have a combined worship service with our Hispanic brothers & sisters followed by a potluck fellowship meal. We encourage everyone to attend and enjoy this time of fellowship that will strengthen our congregation. Please bring food to share!

Camp Manatawny April Events

Work & Worship Weekend – April 21-23 – Help us clean and make repairs around camp to prepare for our spring and summer events. There is work available for all skill levels, indoors and out. Be sure to register to reserve lodging and to help the Camp prepare for the number of people attending. If you cannot stay overnight, please come up for the day on Saturday. For more information and to register go to www.manatawny.org/workandworship.

Junior/Senior High Retreat – April 28-29 – “Though You Are Young” – \$45 includes a light dinner on Friday, snacks, all other meals and activities, and lodging. Don’t miss out, register soon! www.manatawny.org/jrsrhighretreat.

Ladies – 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 coming soon. We hope you will be able to attend.

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: 154 Contribution: \$6,772 Weekly Average: \$5,333 Weekly Budget: \$5,540