



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, April 23, 2023

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

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A Life of Ministry by Domingo Reyes

As someone who has been impacted by Dr. Charles Stanley's ministry, it was with great sadness that I learned of his passing this week. Dr. Stanley was not only a pastor, but also a teacher and mentor to millions around the world through his TV and radio broadcasts, as well as his many books. I first started listening to Dr. Stanley's teachings during a difficult time in my life when I was searching for answers and guidance. His practical, Christ-centered approach to teaching helped me better understand and apply biblical principles in my daily life. His messages have been a source of comfort and inspiration to me and, I believe, to many of you over the years. He will be deeply missed.

One of the things I appreciated most about Dr. Stanley was his focus on obeying God and leaving the consequences to Him. He taught that we are to trust in God's plan for our lives, even when we face adversity and personal hardships. His own life was a testament to this principle, as he overcame many obstacles and challenges in his own journey of faith. He not only talked the talk but walked the walk. He taught that prayer is not just a religious practice, but a powerful tool that can transform one's life and relationship with God. He emphasized the importance of having a consistent prayer life and approaching prayer with humility, faith, and a desire to align our will with God's.

To the family and friends of Dr. Stanley, I offer my deepest condolences. May you find comfort in the knowledge that he touched so many lives and that his legacy will continue to impact others for years to come. And to Dr. Stanley, I just want to say thank you for using your life to inspire and encourage others. While we may not share the same biblical interpretations, we do share the same hope. Rest in peace.

"Not only so, but we also glory in our suffering, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope." Romans 5:3-4

Praise & Prayer Requests

Bud Polk family: he passed away on Tuesday; please keep his wife and family in prayer; he is Judy Barker's brother.

Richard Lewis: now in Manorcure on Foulk Rd for rehab; he came through surgery well, but recovery will take time.

Virginia Clark: diagnosed with breast cancer; she meets with the doctor on May 1 to discuss her treatment plan; pray for complete healing.

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

Georgina Buchanan: grieving the loss of her aunt and cousin.

Clark family: please keep sister-in-law, Nettie, in prayer for health concerns; also, our children, Jocelyn & Jeff, Jr.

Ed Maynard: taken to Wilmington Hospital for some tests.

Paul King: released from the hospital, but still undergoing tests.

Kamal & Elisha Wall: pray for wisdom in upcoming decisions.

Brasefield family: continued prayers for Alijah's growth, Chelsea's recovery, and strength for the whole family.

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

Doug Johnson has Parkinson's Disease and is now in a nursing home; he is Walter Johnson's brother.

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

Youth Leaders Meeting – Monday, April 24 – 6PM

The leaders of our children's and youth ministries will meet to discuss the ministry and plan future events. Those who need to attend should have received an email. Anyone with questions should speak with Crystal Reyes.

5th Sunday Bilingual Service & Potluck Fellowship – April 30

Next Sunday 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!

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.

Greenbank Ladies' Luncheon

Our ladies' luncheon will be on Saturday, May 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Sis. Denise Moore Revel will speak on the topic of Beloved Daughter: A Quest to Understand Your Worth & Value in Christ. Our program will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Please arrive early enough to settle in. Lunch will be served immediately after. Sign up at the Welcome Center with your name and those who will be coming with you so we will know how to plan.

Camp Manatawny April Events

Middle/High School Retreat – April 28-29 – “Though You Are Young” – \$45 includes all meals, snacks, activities, and lodging. Don't miss out, register soon! www.manatawny.org/jrsrhighretreat.

Ladies' Retreat – May 5-6 – “A Place of Grace: God's glory and vision” - \$45 includes all meals, program, all activities, and 1 night seasonal cabin lodging; upgraded lodging available at additional cost; Girls 12 and under only \$10. Register at <https://www.manatawny.org/ladiesretreat>

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=Rkp6Z3VYSzZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpQTog>

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: 132 Contribution: \$5,221 Weekly Average: \$5,119 Weekly Budget: \$5,540