



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, May 7, 2023

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

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Light It Up: Shining a Brighter Path in a Dark World by A. Coffey

We live in a world where darkness seems to be prevailing. Everywhere we look, there are conflicts, pain, suffering, and evil. It's easy to get consumed by all the negativity and lose hope. But there's a way to fight back against the darkness and bring light into the world. And that's by letting our light shine.

As Christians, we have the light of Christ within us, and it's our duty to let it shine brightly for all to see. We are called to be the light of the world, as Matthew 5:14-16 says, "A city on a hill cannot be hidden." Our light should be so bright that it illuminates every dark corner of this world.

But how do we let our light shine? It's simple; by showing love, kindness, and compassion to those around us. Acts of kindness, a smile, a warm greeting, a helping hand, are all ways to let our light shine. We may never know how much our actions can impact someone's life, but we can be sure that it makes a difference.

Galatians 5:22-25 lists the fruits of the Spirit, which are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are the qualities that we should strive to embody in our daily lives. It's not always easy, but with Christ's help, we can do all things.

Our light can also shine through the way we live our lives. It's important to walk the talk and let our actions speak louder than our words. People are watching us, and we may be the only encounter with Christ that they have. Let's make it count.

As Ephesians 5:8-10 states, "For at one time, you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light." We were once lost, but now we are found. Let's not forget where we came from and let our light shine as a testament to the transforming power of Christ.

In a world that desperately needs hope, let's go out and light it up. Let's shine our light so bright that it cannot be hidden. Let's be the city on a hill that illuminates the way for others. We have a duty to be the light of the world, so let's live up to that calling.

Praise & Prayer Requests

Cathy Servas: pray for Christian medical coverage acceptance.

Anna DaCunha: pray for her Uncle Jim who is in the hospital with kidney failure and seizures.

Alethia Jones asks for prayers for Delores Hoosier and family.

Richard & Mary Lewis: both have Covid, pray for healing; Richard continues to rehab after hip surgery.

Ed Maynard: pray that he will regain his strength after his recent hospital stay.

Paul King: continue to pray for healing and strength.

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

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

MEN – SAVE THE DATE!

Our annual men's breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 3, at 9:00 a.m. Food will be provided. Please sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board so our cooks will know how many to prepare for.

May Birthdays

3 – Tina Barksdale; Jeymi Galeano; Erika Aguilar
4 – Adriana Moreta
6 – Nancy Lackford
14 – Allan Guillen
15 – Jennifer Rivera; Jeffrey Clark, Jr.
16 – Bob Pennington
18 – Madelin Velasquez

19 – Linda Crusco; Dustin Lackford; Joey Normand
22 – D.J. Anderson; Oscar Garcia
23 – Nyah Jones; Carolina Franco
25 – Jeremias Reyes
26 – Neris Velasquez
31 – Nicole King; Lincoln Maartinez

May Anniversaries

4 – Arturo Gallegos & Maria Aguilar
5 – Rory & Shelley Irwin
14 – Paul & Sharon King

20 – Jose Martinez & Yolanda Hernandez
22 – Yanitza & Bill Normand

Camp Manatawny Events in May

Family Camp – May 26-29 – If you are not familiar with Camp Manatawny, this is the perfect opportunity to introduce yourself and your family to Camp. Enjoy summer camp activities and re-energize your family's walk with God. The cost is \$130 for a family of 4 – includes summer cabin lodging, meals, and all activities. (+\$20 for each additional family member ages 5 and older) Upgraded lodging is available for an additional cost, and there are also options for camping in your own tent or RV. Additional information, a sample schedule, and a link to register can be found here:

<https://www.manatawny.org/familycamp>

Open House – Saturday, May 27 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – If you are unable to attend the full weekend of Family Camp, consider Camp for a Day. During your visit, camp staff will be happy to give you a tour of the camp and answer any questions you may have. Rain or shine! No reservations are required. For more info go to:

<https://www.manatawny.org/openhouse>

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=Rkp6Z3VYSzZpY4cXZWNjd1djNpQTog>

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: 133 Contribution: \$5,114 Weekly Average: \$5,251 Weekly Budget: \$5,540