



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, May 28, 2023

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

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Challenges in Evangelism by Kevin Cauley

Jesus was an evangelist. “Now after John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God” (Mark 1:14). He said, “For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10). Jesus did an amazing job of evangelizing others, however, even Jesus had challenges when it came to evangelism. He told the parable of the sower (Matthew 13) to explain what some of those challenges are. Some will refuse to hear (the wayside soil). Some will hear but gain no depth (the rocky soil). Some will hear but leave for the world (the thorny soil). Some, however, will hear and bear fruit (the good soil).

How many flat out refused to hear Jesus? There were many Pharisees who rejected the counsel of God. “But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected for themselves the counsel of God, being not baptized of him” (Luke 7:30). Some would not confess Jesus because of peer pressure. “Nevertheless, even of the rulers many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, lest they should be put out of the synagogue” (John 12:24). Some could not handle the difficulty of Jesus’ teaching. “Upon this many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him” (John 6:66). Jesus never let this phase Him because He knew some would hear and repent.

Do we allow the challenges of evangelism to prevent us from evangelizing? Jesus did not. We must continue the effort even when many fail to respond. God will see those efforts and recognize them even if man does not.

Praise & Prayer Requests

High School and College Graduates: may they trust in God to guide them as they move on to their next stage in life.

All Our Students: for a great finish to the school year.

Ed Maynard: he will need to have surgery to remove bladder stones.

Robin Garvin: pray for healing and that she will not need surgery.

Paul King: continue to pray for healing and strength.

Richard Lewis: weakened condition after having Covid; still at Manorcare for rehab after hip surgery.

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.

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.

June Birthdays

2 – Vita Reyes; Cameron Thomas

3 – Doug Essex; Mabel Galeano

4 – Osdel Bautista; Francisco Paguada

5 – Alexis Velasquez

7 – Pedro Lainez

8 – Delma Martinez

9 – Hunter Brons; Jahzair Johnson

11 – Dominick Cox

12 – Junior Reyes

15 – Faye Gillespie

17 – Boyd Reed; William Holland

18 – Kimberly Diaz

20 – Jazlina Clark

21 – Kelly Thomas; Mary Lewis; Elder Aguilar Bonilla; Wilmer Aquilar

24 – Domingo Reyes; Manuel Galeano

25 – Dwain Asbell

26 – Agnes Ignudo; Sergio Reyes; Tania Aguilar

27 – Robert Carroll

June Anniversaries

11 – Marvin & Doris Welsh

20 – Jim & Linda Friederichsen

22 – Mike & Jane Phillips

24 – Mike & Judy Barker

25 – Virginia & Jeffrey Clark, Sr.; Angel & Shuleika Reyes

26 – Shala & Jeffrey Clark, Jr.

28 – Robert & Ruthalee Carroll

Announcements and Events

Modified Office Hours This Week

The office will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. We will resume regular office hours on Wednesday and Friday, 9am-3pm.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, June 3 – 9:00AM

All men interested in attending the breakfast should sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board so we will know how to prepare. If you will be bringing others, please indicate how many. Deadline to sign up is TODAY!

High School Graduate Recognition

At the end of our service on Sunday, June 4, we will recognize our 2023 high school graduates: D.J. Anderson, Maria Gallegos, and Nicole King, followed by a cookie reception. Card boxes for each graduate are in the lobby for you to leave a note of congratulations and a little gift to help with college expenses.

Blue Rocks Baseball!

Our fellowship committee has planned an outing to the Blue Rocks on Friday, June 23. There will be fireworks after the game. Tickets are \$14/person. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up by June 11. You can pay when you receive your tickets. Please make checks out to Greenbank and write "Blue Rocks" in the memo.

Events at Camp Manatawny

Camp Sonshine – June 3-4 – Camp Sonshine is two days and one night of camp experience for children ages 8 to 18 with special needs that prevent their participation in traditional summer camp. Everything is customized to make camp accessible, from specially trained staff, to activities, to meals. We meet varying needs of campers diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities who may also use wheelchairs, walkers, or crutches. Our goal is for campers to be engulfed by God's love and to have the time of their lives! To register a camper or to volunteer for Camp Sonshine, go to <https://www.manatawny.org/campsonshine>.

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 at Greenbank led by Eileen Hence.

SMALL GROUPS

Bear/Glasgow – 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 2pm – hosted by George & Sherry Kirkland and Walter & Susan Johnson.

Married Couples – on break for the summer; will resume in September – 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: various topics led by Mark Ray. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87670702282?pwd=Sy8xYTAyZThkRHhpqY1hmbzYrZk4ydzog>

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: 103 Contribution: \$5,230 Weekly Average: \$5,327 Weekly Budget: \$5,540