



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, June 4, 2023

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

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### **Hey Graduates, Don't Graduate!** (author unknown)

This is the time of year when graduation notices start coming in the mail, graduation parties are being hosted, graduation pictures start to flood social media, and graduates start to move on with their lives to bigger and better things. Congratulations to all the graduates! Now, I just have one plea to make to you – DON'T GRADUATE! Please!

At the root of the definition of the word “graduate” is the concept of “completing” or “finishing” something. When you finish school, you walk away from it (often with great celebration). Graduates, while you have finished some things and while you are walking away from some things, please, oh please, don't finish, walk away, and graduate from those things that are of eternal worth!

- Don't graduate from seeking wisdom (Proverbs 4:7). Continuously pursue wisdom, for it is a precious treasure that will guide you throughout your life's journey.
- Don't graduate from personal growth (Philippians 3:12-14). Embrace the process of personal growth, pressing forward with determination and perseverance, knowing there is always room for improvement.
- Don't graduate from kindness and compassion (Ephesians 4:32). Let kindness and compassion be the foundation of your interactions. They have the power to transform lives and bring healing to a broken world.
- Don't graduate from making a positive difference (Galatians 6:9-10). Even in the face of challenges and setbacks, persist in doing good, knowing that your efforts to make a positive impact will bear fruit in time.
- Don't graduate from gratitude (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Cultivate a grateful heart, recognizing that every circumstance presents an opportunity for thanksgiving, and gratitude opens the door to abundant blessings.
- Don't graduate from dreaming big (Jeremiah 29:11). Hold onto your dreams and aspirations, knowing that God has plans to prosper you and give you hope for a bright and fulfilling future.
- Don't graduate from what truly matters (Matthew 6:33). Prioritize seeking God's kingdom and His righteousness above all else, for when you do, everything else will fall into place.

So, graduates, as you celebrate this significant milestone, remember that it is not an end point but a stepping-stone to a lifetime of growth and impact. Embrace the journey, stay hungry for knowledge, nurture your character, and never stop pursuing the things that truly matter. Congratulations, and here's to a future filled with endless possibilities!

### *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.

**Elton Okley:** Thanking God for seeing him through his graduate studies.

**Richard Lewis:** now at home on hospice care; pray he will be able to receive additional services from the VA.

**Anna DaCunha:** in Christiana Hospital with an abscess that needs to heal before she can have her appendix removed.

**Ed Maynard:** in the hospital to have surgery to remove bladder stones.

**Virginia Clark:** latest news from the doctor is that the cancer may have spread more than initially thought.

**Kristin Farraday:** finishing chemotherapy; surgery is scheduled in July to be followed by radiation.

**Bill Hackett:** on dialysis, recent heart attack, and now diagnosed with cancer; pray for him, his family, & friends.

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

**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.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.greenbankcoc.org).

## **Announcements and Events**

### **High School Graduate Recognition – Sunday, June 4**

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

### **Special Contributions for The Wall Project**

The elders have designated the month of June as our time frame for giving special donations to offset the cost of the resurfacing of the front cedar wall. There are envelopes available in the back of the auditorium for cash donations. Checks should be made out to Greenbank Church of Christ with “The Wall” written in the memo.

### **Closing of the Lower Parking Lot**

Access to the lower parking lot will be closed off after we receive delivery of construction materials for the wall later this week. Please do not try to enter the lower lot. If you do, you risk damage to the materials and to your vehicle. The lot will be closed for the duration of the project, which should only be a couple of weeks.

### **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**

Summer camping sessions begin in just a few weeks! The schedule for each session is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby. Camp is a wonderful way for your child to grow in relationship with Jesus while making life-long friends. If you need financial assistance to cover the cost of camp, please speak with Rick Mickowski or Lisa Reed.

## **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](http://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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month @ 11am** on Zoom – led by Crystal Reyes. Contact Crystal for the Zoom link.

**Men – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month @ 10am** at Greenbank led by Paul King.

**Young Ladies – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month @ 11am** at Greenbank led by Eileen Hence.

## **SMALL GROUPS**

**Bear/Glasgow – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 12:30pm** – hosted by Mike & Judy Barker.

**Singles – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays @ 7pm** – hybrid class (in person & Zoom); current study: various topics led by Mark Ray.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87670702282?pwd=Sy8xYTAyZThkRHpqY1hmbzYrZk4ydzog>

**Teens – 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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: 131 Contribution: \$4,830 Weekly Average: \$5,304 Weekly Budget: \$5,540**