



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, June 18, 2023

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

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Love Gives by Glen Elliott

“You can give without loving but you cannot love without giving.” Love is essential to a life of meaning and purpose. The need to love and be loved is as important to us emotionally and spiritually as food and water is to us physically. In fact, so keenly felt is our need for love that we will do almost anything to fill the void when it is gone. Herein lies both danger and opportunity.

Acceptance by others can become so important to us that we are willing to compromise our values in order to get it. This is one of Satan’s biggest lies. You don’t ever have to turn your back on your values in order to find genuine love. Real love and friendship will never ask you to do that which is contrary to God’s word.

Despite its dangers, there are also great opportunities associated with our great need for love. People need to be introduced to the good news that all of us are loved with the perfect love of our Father in heaven. This love is ours in spite of our shortcomings. God deeply cares for us even when it seems that no one else in the world is concerned. One of the greatest verses in the Bible, packed with depth and wonder, is John 3:16 where Jesus says, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” God loves you. The expression of His love is seen in the act of giving his Son so that you might be saved. In another wonderful passage, the Bible says, “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8). Now we can know something about the nature of love. Love is about giving. John explains our ability to love in these words: “We love because he first loved us” (1 Jn. 4:19). Our love for others will be expressed in giving. We give financially. We give our time and energy. And, most of all, we give of ourselves. But, make no mistake about it, love demands a gift. This may be love’s greatest mystery; that, in the act of giving, we always receive the greater blessing. Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). A life given to love is a life given to God and others. It is, therefore, life at its best – a life filled with purpose, meaning, and joy.

Praise & Prayer Requests

Richard Lewis family: please keep Mary and the family in prayer as they mourn Richard’s passing.

Carroll & Wilma Blue: pray for safe travel as they go to Arkansas for Carroll’s sister-in-law’s funeral.

Glenda Schinnerer: in rehab to regain strength after a brief hospital stay; she is Lisa Reed’s mother.

Anna DaCunha: on antibiotics to heal the abscess so she can have her appendix removed.

Ed Maynard: still in the hospital while fluid on his lungs is being slowly cleared.

Virginia Clark: undergoing testing to help determine the best treatment plan for her cancer.

Mike & Judy Barker: prayers for a smooth transition to an independent living facility on July 1st.

Bill Hackett: on dialysis, recent heart attack, and now diagnosed with cancer.

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: continue to pray for Alijah’s growth 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.

To my Greenbank family,

“God stands fast as your rock, steadfast as your safeguard, sleepless as your watcher, valiant as your champion.” (Charles Spurgeon)

I have been battling MMMT cancer since September 2022. I’ve had surgery, six cycles of chemo, five weeks of external radiation, and three rounds of internal radiation. I’m excited to announce my last treatment was Tuesday, June 13!

Being sick has been a great reminder we can all do something small with great love that makes a big difference in someone’s life. Eph. 3:20 – God always brings blessings out of tragedy.

Everyone here at Greenbank has helped me fill my life with peace, love, and goodness.

Thank you. I’m feeling very blessed.

Shelley Irwin

Announcements and Events

Blue Rocks Baseball – Friday, June 23, 6:00 p.m.

We still have some tickets available for Friday's game. See Sherry Kirkland today! If paying with a check, please make it out to Greenbank and write "Blue Rocks" in the memo. Each ticket is \$14.

Richard Lewis Memorial Service – Saturday, June 24, 10:30 a.m.

A memorial service for our brother, Richard Lewis, will be held on Saturday, June 24 at 10:30 a.m. here at the church building. A dessert fellowship will be held after the service. All are welcome to attend.

Let's Go Bowling! – Saturday, June 24, 2:00 p.m.

Before their break for summer, the Kirkland small group wants to invite you to go bowling on Saturday, June 24th at 2:00pm at Pleasant Hill Lanes in Newport. If you would like to join them, please contact George Kirkland georgekirkland1216@gmail.com by Wednesday, 6/21, so he can reserve the correct number of lanes.

Audio-Visual System Training – Sunday, June 25

We are in need of additional people to help run our AV system on Sunday mornings. Training will be offered next Sunday, June 25th, after the morning service. Lunch will be provided. Please let the office know by 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 23rd, if you will be participating.

Special Contributions for The Wall Project

To date we have collected about \$6,000 toward offsetting the expense of our front wall repair. The month of June has been designated for this special contribution. Envelopes are available for cash donations. Checks should be made out to Greenbank Church of Christ with "The Wall" written in the memo. Thank you for your generosity.

Closing of the Lower Parking Lot

As soon as we receive delivery of the construction materials, we will notify you of the closure of the lower parking lot. Stay tuned...

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 Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpQT09>

Spanish Mid-Week – Thursdays @ 6:30 pm at Greenbank. Contact Domingo Reyes for more information.

Ladies – on break for the summer; will resume in October – led by Crystal Reyes.

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.

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=Sy8xYTAyZThkRHpqY1hmZjYrZk4ydz09>

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: 124 Contribution: \$6,535 Weekly Average: \$5,421 Weekly Budget: \$5,540