



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, July 2, 2023

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

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Practicing the Golden Rule by Andy Sochor

“In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets” (Matthew 7:12). Most people, religious or not, recognize the “golden rule” – do unto others as you would have them do unto you. This is based upon Jesus’ statement in our text above. We know the statement, but how do we put it into practice? Let us consider a few thoughts.

Take the initiative: Show love to others regardless of how they treat you. Turn the other cheek and respond with kindness even when faced with mistreatment or persecution.

Understand the reasons: Obey God's command to love others and recognize the inherent value in each person. All individuals are made in God's image and worthy of love and respect.

Treat others with respect: Put others first, be willing to forgive, strive for peace, and help those in need. Show kindness and generosity to all, especially fellow believers.

Share the truth gently: Teach others as you would want to be taught, with gentleness and humility. Lead them to the truth with grace and respond to each person's needs.

Help others in need: Treat them as you would want to be treated. This includes doing good to all people, especially those in the household of faith, and being like the compassionate Samaritan who helps those in need (Galatians 6:10, Luke 10:30-37, James 2:14-17).

Practice the golden rule by leading others to the truth. Just as we would want someone to correct and teach us, we should teach others with gentleness and humility. This involves speaking with grace and knowing how to respond to each person (2 Timothy 2:24-25, Titus 3:2-3, Matthew 7:1-5, Matthew 7:13-14, Colossians 4:6).

Regardless of how others treat us, we should treat them with love and respect. By practicing the golden rule, we demonstrate our love for others and open ourselves to receiving the same love, mercy, and kindness from the Lord.

Thank you to my church family for helping during my health struggle. I will hopefully know soon when my next surgery will be. ~ Anna DaCunha

Congratulations to Tommy and Katie (Bower) Kempiski, and big brother Tommy, on the arrival of Tara Lynne born on June 22nd. Dave Bower is the proud grandpa!

Praise & Prayer Requests

Richard Lewis family: continue to remember Mary and the family in prayer as they mourn Richard’s passing.

Paul King & family: pray for Paul who is having some health concerns; also pray for family who are having struggles.

All who are traveling: safety to their destination and home again.

Heather & Kyle Abosch: pray for both to have strength and wisdom as they go through some life changes.

Virginia Clark: double mastectomy is planned for the second week of August.

Pam Dahlström: surgery was unsuccessful in removing the tumor; she will begin additional chemo in a few weeks.

Ed Maynard: back at home and continues to recover from this latest health concern.

Mike & Judy Barker: prayers for a smooth transition to an independent living facility on July 6th.

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

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

Office Hours This Week

The office will be closed on Monday, July 3, in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Regular office hours will resume on Wednesday, July 5.

Front Wall Repair

The materials for resurfacing the wall have arrived and the work is slowly beginning. We do have limited access to the lower parking lot. Please be careful and use discretion when considering where to park.

Youth Night – Friday, July 7 @ 7pm

All students in grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend this month's youth night. Invite your friends and come have fun while learning more about following Jesus!

Church Workday – Saturday, July 8 @ 8:30am

We will be working on projects inside the building during this workday. Please bring cleaning supplies and tools to do repairs with you as we don't have enough on hand for everyone. We thank you, in advance, for helping us catch up on projects that need to be done.

SAVE THE DATE – ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual picnic will be held on Saturday, July 29, from 4-7 p.m. at Brandywine Springs Park – Rudy Williams pavilion. More information is coming soon! ***Please Note:** We will NOT have a bilingual service or fellowship luncheon on Sunday, July 30th.

Note from Camp Manatawny

Dear Greenbank Church Family,

Thank you so much for your continued support of Camp Manatawny and for your recent donation of \$1,800. We couldn't accomplish all that we do without generous dear friends like you. Thank you for your partnership throughout the years and for helping us make a difference in the lives of the many children who attend Camp.

You are truly a blessing to our camp ministry, and we really appreciate you helping us advance our mission of Transforming Lives for Christ. Thanks again for your support!

With love & gratitude,

Dave Garrett

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=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpQTog>

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

Ladies – on summer break; 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 – on summer break – hosted by George & Sherry Kirkland and Walter & Susan Johnson.

Married Couples – on summer break – 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=Sy8xYTAyZThkRHpqY1hmbzYrZk4ydz09>

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: 117 Contribution: \$3,950 Weekly Average: \$5,316 Weekly Budget: \$5,540