



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, July 30, 2023

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

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### Finding Rest in Christ: Embracing His Invitation (author unknown)

In Matthew 11:28, Jesus extends a comforting invitation, saying, “*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*” These words resonate across time, reminding us that we don’t have to face life’s challenges alone. Jesus calls us to come to Him, casting our cares upon His shoulders and finding solace in His presence. Surrendering our burdens to Christ, we experience a profound rest – a rest that rejuvenates our souls and grants us the strength to face life’s trials.

The weariness and burdens Jesus speaks of encompass not only physical fatigue but emotional, spiritual, and mental strains that can overwhelm us. Yet, in the midst of our struggles, Jesus stands as our ever-present refuge. His invitation remains open to everyone, regardless of our past mistakes or shortcomings. Welcoming us with open arms, He offers the rest and peace we desperately need. In Christ, we find a safe haven for solace, healing, and renewed hope.

To find rest in Christ, we must actively draw near to Him through prayer, seeking His guidance, and trusting in His promises. By releasing our burdens and allowing Him to lead our lives, we can experience rest in His unconditional love, forgiveness, and grace. As we find rest in Christ, let us share this invitation with others who may be burdened. Through acts of compassion and encouragement, we can help others discover the rest and peace that only Jesus can provide.

### Praise & Prayer Requests

**George Adair family:** please keep them in prayer as they mourn his passing.

**Liz Cox:** fell on Wednesday and fractured her left shoulder; pray for ease of pain and quick healing.

**Patricia Huevo:** asking for prayers for her dad who had emergency heart surgery.

**Susan Johnson:** pray for complete healing of her back.

**Peter Johnson:** pray for a clear diagnosis of his intestinal issues.

**Cathy Servas:** pray for the doctors to determine what is wrong with her eyes.

**T.J. Hook:** husband of Liz Hook, a co-worker of Rick Mickowski, had an aneurism and is in ICU.

**Marissa Mechling:** preterm birth of twins, one passed away and the other is in the NICU.

**Nicole King:** recovering from having her tonsils removed.

**Faye Gillespie:** having some trouble with her vision; pray for quick resolution.

**Anna DaCunha:** recovering from having her appendix removed.

**Carolyn & Chris Grabowski:** pray they can move to DE soon, and for a good outcome of Chris’ angioplasty.

**Ed Maynard:** back at home; pray for his healing and renewed strength.

**Antony & Nicole DaCunha:** keep them in prayer during a difficult time.

**James Clark, Sr:** health concerns; he is Jeff Clark, Sr’s dad.

**Virginia Clark:** double mastectomy is scheduled for August 30<sup>th</sup>; please keep the Clark family in prayer.

**Doug Essex:** experiencing hip pain.

**Melinda and Charles Baluk:** both are very ill; they are neighbors of Doug Essex.

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

**Kyle Abosch:** pray for him to have strength and wisdom as he goes through some life changes.

**Virginia Clark, Shelley Irwin, Lillie West, Kristin Farraday, Pam Dahlström, Joann Walker:** 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](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**

### **Backpacks & School Supplies**

We are still in need of several items for our school supply give away. The list is available at the Welcome Center. Please take a look to see if there is something you can purchase. The deadline to bring items in is next Sunday, August 6th.

### **Office Closed Notice**

Lisa will be out of the office on Monday, July 31, and will return on Wednesday, Aug. 2.

### **New Address**

Please note the new address for Mike and Judy Barker:  
1912 Marsh Road, Apt. IL109, Forwood Manor, Wilmington, DE 19810

### **New Blue Rocks Date – Friday, August 25**

There are only two tickets left! Get them while you can! See Fern Davis if you are interested. Those who need to exchange tickets from the rained-out game should also see Fern to do that as soon as possible.

### **Reflect Campus Missions News**

The annual golf tournament to raise funds for Blue Hens for Christ and Reflect Campus Missions will be held on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Chesapeake Bay Rising Sun Golf Club. Save the date and be looking for more information to come soon.

Also, if you would like to receive the monthly “PrayUD” e-newsletter please register online at:

<https://ReflectMissions.org/pray>

### **Communion Preparation Needed**

We are in need of someone to prepare communion for the month of October. If you would be able to fill this role, please contact Susan Johnson or the church office.

## **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 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 summer break; will resume in October – led by Crystal Reyes.

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

**Married Couples** – on summer break – led by Domingo & Crystal Reyes.

**Singles** – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays @7pm – hybrid class; NEW study: “7 Myths about Singleness” led by Rick Mickowski.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87670702282?pwd=Sy8xYTAyZThkRHpqY1hmbzYrZk4ydz09>

**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 the collection plate as it is passed during our service.
- 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: 147 Contribution: \$3,985 Weekly Average: \$5,242 Weekly Budget: \$5,540**