



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, August 13, 2023

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

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### **Drawing Near to God in Worship by Domingo Reyes**

In the midst of our busy lives, have you ever felt the pull to pause and connect with God in a greater way? That's the essence of authentic worship – a genuine offering of ourselves to our Creator who knows us intimately.

You see, God isn't after elaborate rituals or grand displays. He seeks our hearts. Remember what David wrote in Psalm 51:17? "My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, you God, will not despise." In other words, a humble heart, laid bare before God, is what truly matters. It's in our vulnerability that we find a real connection.

Think about the last time you sang a worship song or said a prayer. Jesus's words in John 4:24 ring true: God wants us to worship Him in spirit and truth. Authentic worship isn't about pretending or as stated earlier, about rituals. Instead, it's about being real and letting God's truth sink deep within to change and connect us to God.

And don't forget the power of surrender. Romans 12:1 paints a vivid picture of offering ourselves as living sacrifices. Surrender paves the way for transformation – letting go of our plans to make space for His.

Next time you're in that quiet moment, think of Psalm 95:6. It's an invitation: "Come, let's bow down in worship." Let's infuse our worship with authenticity, and dialogue with the One who knows us best. It's in authenticity that we draw nearer to the heart of God.

### ***Praise & Prayer Requests***

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

**Ed Maynard:** Passed on Wednesday. Pray for Sue and family. The funeral will be on August 19. The visitation will be from 10:00 to 11:00 with the service starting at 11:00.

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

**Susan Johnson:** has kidney stones; pray for a quick and easy resolution for her.

**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.

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

**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.

**Anna DaCuhna:** Pray for son, Anthony, as he goes through some struggles.

**Alethia Johne:** Jermaine Dugger has health concerns, Delores Hooster, Tamara & Zion Harley.

**Roland Mohsen:** Donna Holloway who is in a coma from renal failure. Joe Holloway, SR in hospital also.

**Varissa McMckens-Blair:** pray for the family of Greg McCollum who died tragically from an accident last week.

**Virginia Clark, Shelley Irwin, Lillie West, Kristin Farraday, Pam Dahlström, Joann Walker:** cancer.

**Remember our members who are homebound or have limited mobility: Jan Adair, Bob & Linda Crusco, Faye Hatfield, Agnes Ignudo, 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**

### **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.

### **Transportation Needed**

Our sister, Angelica Maisuh, is in need of transportation on Sunday mornings. She lives in Newark near UD. If you live in this area, or if you are willing to travel a little out of your way, and can help with this need, please contact the church office as soon as possible. If we have enough volunteers, we can set up a rotation schedule .

### **Pack Your Own Backpack!**

On Sunday, August 20th, school age students will be able to pack their own backpack with free school supplies. Backpacks will be provided and are also free. If your child's school has provided you with a list of needed supplies, please bring it with you. If you don't have one, we will have a list of items generally asked for in each grade. Join us in the fellowship room after worship to pack your backpack!

### **Sight & Sound – Friday, September 22, 7pm**

Tickets have been reserved for "Moses" at Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. Ticket price is \$77/each. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for those interested in going to the show. Tickets are limited, so claim yours today!

### **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>

## **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=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpOT09>

**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: 139 Contribution: \$6,378 Weekly Average: \$5,212 Weekly Budget: \$5,540**