



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, August 27, 2023

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

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Anger Transformed by Paul Michael Vacca (edited)

There are so many angry people in the world today. Are you one of them? Some people are angry at God for the way they were made. Others are angry about the way their lives have turned out. Some people are angry because their expectations have not been met. Others were raised to be angry. Some use anger to manipulate others. Then there are those who just seem angry about everything, never content, and always complaining.

The Bible does not condemn all anger. In fact, Jesus was angry regarding sin. He angrily ran the money changers out of the temple in Matthew 21:12-13, but what is the difference between godly anger and simply lashing out? Godly anger is first directed toward sin in our own lives leading to holiness. Sadly, the anger we usually see in this world is not godly anger. The anger most of us experience from others is fleshly, self-centered, and ungodly. In other words, it is an anger that does not bring glory to God or build others up.

Lashing out in ungodly anger says more about the condition of our own hearts than the person or situation our anger is directed toward. What does ungodly anger tell us about ourselves? (1) Ungodly anger reveals pride in our own hearts: We feel we have the right to be angry and hateful toward others. (2) Ungodly anger is not love. God loves people and died for them. If you hate people, you don't have the heart of God. (3) Ungodly anger asserts your rights over the rights of others. This anger is selfish and self-centered. This is not the way of Jesus.

Look at Ephesians 4:31-32: *“Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another; tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”* Verse 31 is a good description of a life that has not been transformed by Christ. Verse 32 describes how a transformed life looks. (1) How can we move from living verse 31 to living verse 32? (2) What role does God play in moving us from v. 31 to v.32? (3) What does an angry life that has been transformed look like?

Godly anger is first directed toward sin in our own lives. This type of anger results in transformation. It produces a life that reflects Jesus to a greater degree than before. Ungodly anger lashes out without regard for others and does not reflect the heart of God. Being transformed into the image of Christ is not always easy. It demands a denial of self. Anger transformed is ultimately a work of the Holy Spirit as we surrender to His will. He transforms us day by day as we humbly deal with our own sins first and intentionally demonstrate the attitude of Christ toward others.

Praise & Prayer Requests

Sue Maynard & family: continue to keep them in prayer as they mourn Ed's passing.

Bob & Linda Crusco: Bob continues rehab at Cadia in Pike Creek; Linda is also dealing with some health issues.

Virginia Clark: double mastectomy is scheduled for August 30th; please keep the Clark family in prayer.

Lillie West: pray her October mammogram is cancer free.

Jared Swearingen: in a rehab program; pray he receives the tools he needs to overcome his addiction.

McMickens-Blair family: pray for a smooth transition as they relocate to Ohio.

Derrick & Ana Miller: pray for their marriage to be strengthened.

Delores Hoosier: upcoming surgery.

Dotty Noel: struggling with bipolar disorder.

Ken Essex: now in hospice care; pray for him and his family during this difficult time.

Liz Cox: continue to pray for the healing of her left shoulder.

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, Lillie West, Pam Dahlström, Joann Walker: battling 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 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

Song Leader Meeting – Saturday, September 9th, 9am

All song leaders are asked to attend this meeting. If you have any questions, please speak with Ed Greenwood or George Kirkland.

Small Groups Resume in September

Our small groups will resume meeting on Sunday, September 10th. We would like to continue to provide a group centrally located to the church building but are in need of a host. If you would be willing to host this group, please contact the office. Signup sheets for the existing groups are posted on the bulletin board near the chapel. Please add your name to the group you'd like to attend.

Sight & Sound – Friday, September 22nd, 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!

13th Annual Reflect Campus Missions Golf Classic – Saturday, September 23rd

This yearly golf tournament will once again be held at Chesapeake Bay Rising Sun Golf Club (120 Karen Drive, Rising Sun, MD) with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. The cost of \$135 per golfer includes 18 holes, golf cart, range balls, lunch, and prizes. To register, or if you would like to sponsor the event, go to www.refelctmissions.org/golfouting.

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=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 – 3rd Saturday each month @ 10am at Greenbank led by Paul King.

Young Ladies – on summer break; will resume in the fall; led by Eileen Hence.

SMALL GROUPS

Bear/Glasgow – resumes Sunday, Sept. 10 – hosted by George & Sherry Kirkland and Walter & Susan Johnson.

Married Couples – resumes Tuesday, Sept. 12 @ 7pm – led by Domingo & Crystal Reyes.

North Wilmington – begins Sunday, Sept. 10 @ 6pm with a potluck meal – hosted by Chrissi Steiner.

Singles – 2nd & 4th 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 – 1st 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. Click on the “Donate” button and follow the instructions. (Note: there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)

Last Week: Attendance: 176 Contribution: \$5,039 Weekly Average: \$5,118 Weekly Budget: \$5,540