



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, September 3, 2023

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

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The Power of Positive Words (Author Unknown-edited)

Proverbs 15:4 (NIV) *“The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit.”*

Our words wield immense power – they can uplift or wound. As Christians, we are called to use our words in ways that mirror Christ’s love. In this devotional, we’ll explore the impact of choosing positive words on our relationships and the world.

Recall a time when words deeply affected you. Words can heal or harm, build up or break down. Our speech shapes perceptions and emotions. Proverbs 18:21 reveals that *“the tongue has the power of life and death.”* Our words create change. Choosing positive words aligns us with Christ’s love and kindness. As God’s words shaped creation, our words can foster change. Rather than speaking impulsively, we are to consider our words’ impact. Are they kind? Encouraging? Respectful?

Reflect on Ephesians 4:29 (NIV) *“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”*

What actions can we take to ensure we use our words well?

- **Pause Before Speaking:** Ensure your words embody kindness, love, and respect.
- **Practice Encouragement:** Purposefully uplift others. Offer genuine compliments.
- **Replace Negative Words:** Swap hurtful words with positive ones.
- **Listen Actively:** Listen well and respond with words that address other’s feelings.
- **Reflect Daily:** Review your interactions. Gauge the impact of your words. Aim to communicate love.

Positive words obey and mirror Christ’s love within us. Let’s uplift and encourage, building up others. In this way, we share God’s love and grace.

Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise! D.J. Anderson was baptized into Christ on August 20! Keep D.J. in prayer as he begins his Christian walk and his first year at the University of Delaware.

Virginia Clark: recovering from surgery and awaiting next steps in her treatment for breast cancer.

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

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

Dawn Grabowski: guidance as she steps into a new career journey.

Moises Phillips: peace & blessings in his group home.

Lillie West: pray for her October mammogram to be cancer free.

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

Delores Hoosier: upcoming surgery.

Yvonne & Crystal Perry: adjusting as Yvonne has recently moved into a nursing home.

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.

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

Youth Night Resumes on Friday, September 8th

Our monthly youth group activities will resume on Friday, Sept. 8, at 7pm. All students in grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend. Invite your friends!

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 Next Sunday

Our small groups resume meeting on Sunday, September 10th. To join a group, sign up on one of the lists posted on the bulletin board. Additional information for the first meeting of these groups is included on the sign-up sheet. If you would like to host a group in your area, please contact one of the elders or the church office.

Sight & Sound – Friday, September 22nd, 7pm

Tickets have been reserved for “Moses” at Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA at a cost of \$77/each. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for those wanting to go to the show. Several tickets are still available. Sign up today!

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

The 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 to sponsor the event, go to: www.refelctmissions.org/golfouting.

Babysitter’s Training in First Aid & CPR

On Saturday, October 7th a class will be conducted to train young people who want to babysit in basic skills of childcare, first aid, and CPR. These are excellent skills to have that help parents know they are leaving their children in qualified, caring hands. This class is being offered to Greenbank youth at a discounted price. Contact the church office for the discount code to be used when you register online at www.tfclifesavers.com. More details about the class are posted on the bulletin board. If you have questions, speak with Anna DaCunha.

Sunday Meeting Times

In-Person Bible Classes @ 9:30 a.m. – including a Spanish-speakers class for adults.

In-Person Worship Services @ 10:30 a.m. – English & Spanish

The English service is livestreamed 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) **Zoom:** Meeting ID: 862 5363 5838 Passcode: 123456; Phone In: (301) 715-8592

Bible Studies

English Mid-Week – Wednesdays @ 7pm – Study of 1 Corinthians; hybrid class (at Greenbank & online)

Facebook Live or Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpOT09>

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

Ladies – resumes on October 14 @ 9am via Zoom – led by Crystal Reyes. This year’s study is “Strength in the Struggle” by Lauren Ibach. Get a book from Crystal or purchase one on Amazon. The first lesson will be Deliverance from Fear.

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 @ 2pm – hosted by George & Sherry Kirkland.

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

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

Singles – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 7pm – hybrid class; “7 Myths about Singleness” led by Rick Mickowski.

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

Teens – resumes on Friday, Sept. 8 @ 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: 150 Contribution: \$5,343 Weekly Average: \$5,121 Weekly Budget: \$5,540