



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, September 10, 2023

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

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### Seven Essential Guidelines for Effective Bible Study by Mike Riley

The Bible is a profound and sacred text that holds the key to understanding God's will and deepening our spiritual connection. Profitable Bible study goes beyond reading its pages; it demands a deliberate approach to uncover its wisdom and apply it to our lives. In this article, we'll explore seven crucial guidelines to enhance our study of God's Word.

1. **Consistent Time:** Successful Bible study requires consistency. Allocate a dedicated, uninterrupted time for study. By establishing a regular slot for God's Word, you prioritize its teachings.
2. **Seek Divine Guidance:** Before diving in, seek God's help to understand the text. Pray for wisdom, inviting the Holy Spirit to illuminate the Scriptures.
3. **Reflect Thoughtfully:** Not all treasures are apparent. Like miners, dig deeper, considering historical and cultural context, symbolism, and metaphors.
4. **Understand Historical Context:** To apply teachings today, grasp the author's intent for the original readers.
5. **Practical Application:** Jot down one truth or principle for daily life. The Bible's teachings guide righteous living.
6. **Explore Various Translations:** Diverse translations offer fresh perspectives.
7. **Perseverance and Encouragement:** Bible study can be challenging. Don't be discouraged; the Bible contains understandable wisdom.

By committing to these guidelines for effective Bible study, may your understanding of God's Word deepen. Embrace the opportunity to draw closer to God through His Word and share its transformative power with your church community. Blessings to all on this enriching journey of studying the Scriptures.

### Praise & Prayer Requests

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

**Royalty Fields:** her cancer has returned, and she will likely lose her eye; pray for this little one to endure the pain, for the doctors who treat her, and her family to effectively meet her needs.

**Kyle & Kayla Abosch:** guidance as they begin their junior year at the University of Maryland.

**Doug Essex:** this is his last Sunday with us; pray for a smooth transition as he makes a permanent move to Arizona.

**Paul King & family:** continue to pray for Paul's health to improve; also pray for struggling family members.

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

**Lillie West:** pray that 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.

**Dotty Noel:** struggling with bipolar disorder.

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

**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](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).

*To my church family,*

*Thank you, not only now, but during the last few years, for your thoughts, prayers, visits, and gifts. You have been my support through all you have done. Your support while my family was here was such a help to us and allowed us to spend time together. Thank you to all who brought food, and to Lisa and Domingo who were such a help. The flower planter from the church is lovely.*

*Love you all, Sue Maynard*

### Announcements and Events

#### Guest Speaker Today

We are happy to welcome Edmund Borfay, missionary in Liberia, to our assembly today. He will present this morning's lesson and will give an update on the Lord's work in Liberia.

### **Small Groups Resume September 10<sup>th</sup>**

Our small groups begin meeting today. To join a group, speak to the group leader or sign up on the list 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.

### **Clothed in Love – Clothing Closet**

Spring/summer clothing will be removed from the closet on September 19<sup>th</sup> and will be replaced with fall/winter items. Take a look at what is available and grab some things for next year! Remember that the clothing closet is always open for you to shop for new-to-you clothing.

### **Sight & Sound – Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm**

For those who have reserved tickets for “Moses” at Sight & Sound, please bring your payment as soon as possible. Tickets will be distributed as soon as we receive them. We still have tickets available if you want to attend.

### **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Reflect Campus Missions Golf Classic – Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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](http://www.refelctmissions.org/golfouting).

### **Babysitter’s Training in First Aid & CPR**

On Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](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) **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 (in person & online) on 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. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88946018992> If you do not have internet access, you can dial in on your phone to connect. (301) 715-8592 Enter Meeting ID 889 4601 8992

**Men – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month @ 7pm in the teen room**– led by Domingo & Crystal Reyes.

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

**Singles – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](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: 127 Contribution: \$4,782 Weekly Average: \$5,112 Weekly Budget: \$5,540**