



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, September 17, 2023

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

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Be the Light: Illuminating the World

In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, it's easy to forget the powerful message from Matthew 5:14-16: "You are the light of the world." These words resonate with timeless wisdom, inviting us to shine our light, not hide it under a bushel.

Imagine a pitch-black room, and you're the one with a candle. Your small flame doesn't have to be as bright as the sun, however, it can dispel darkness and provide guidance. Just like that, our lives can impact the world in meaningful ways.

But being the light isn't always easy. It requires courage. It means being kind when others are not, offering hope when despair looms, and showing love in the face of hate. Our actions, no matter how small, can ripple out and touch countless lives.

So, here's the challenge: Be the light in your family, your community, and your workplace. Make it a daily mission to spread kindness, lend a helping hand, and share a smile. Remember, the world is a better place when we embrace our role as light-bearers.

Let your light shine, and together, we can brighten the darkest corners of this world. In doing so, we honor the One who is the source of all light. Amen.

May your light shine brightly today and always.

With love and blessings, Domingo

Praise & Prayer Requests

PRAISE! Keily Marely Reyes Martinez was baptized on September 7th. We rejoice with the angels and ask you to pray for her as she begins her new life in Christ.

Bob Carroll family: Bob's brother, Gary, passed away last week; please keep the family in prayer.

Royalty Fields: chemo started last week; she will have surgery this Thursday, Sept. 21, to remove her eye.

Yani Normand's father-in-law: recovering from surgery.

Frieda Johnson: diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.

Hank Crick: undergoing testing to determine treatment for a kidney issue.

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

Doug Essex: 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 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.

Dear Greenbank church,

Thank you so much for the beautiful planter. It is lovely and will remind us of our loving church family. Thank you also for the love and support given to us at this difficult time following George's passing. We are blessed.

In Christian love, Janice Adair, Kathy Acuff, and Kelly Adair-Naseery

Announcements and Events

Children's Church

All kids who are 3 years old up to the 3rd grade are welcome to attend children's church. Dismissal will be before the sermon, and the group will meet downstairs in the yellow room. Speak with Jane Phillips if you have questions.

Clothed in Love – Clothing Closet

Spring/summer clothing will be removed from the closet on September 19th and will be replaced with fall/winter items. Browse through 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.

GriefShare

Our fall sessions have begun. If you or someone you know is in need of grief support, encourage them to give GriefShare a try. Register at any time at www.griefshare.org. Speak with Judy Barker if you have any questions.

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

Tickets are here! Please pick them up today and pay for them if you haven't already. As a reminder to attendees: arrive 45 minutes prior to the start of the show to ensure being seated, and please do not bring any containers or packages into the building. Nut allergy alert: almonds are roasted and served in the theatre lobby. If you have any questions, please speak with Fern Davis.

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.

Hymn Sing – Sunday, October 15th, 3-5pm

Invite friends and neighbors to join us for an uplifting afternoon of music and worship in Spanish and English. We encourage all who will attend to RSVP to <https://tinyurl.com/GreenbankHymnsing>.

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 (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 – 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 – 1st 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 – 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: 113 Contribution: \$4,438 Weekly Average: \$5,094 Weekly Budget: \$5,540