



## **Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, September 24, 2023**

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

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### **The Little Boat That Could** (author unknown)

Once upon a time, in a quiet coastal village, there lived a fisherman named James. He was renowned for his unwavering faith in the sea, relying on its bountiful harvest to support his family. But James had a secret dream – he wanted to build a boat that could defy the raging storms that often swept the coast.

One sunny morning, James took a tiny wooden boat and placed it in his workshop. His friends laughed, unable to see how such a small craft could withstand the tumultuous waves. James, however, believed that this little boat held great potential. Every day, he lovingly tended to it. He oiled its wooden frame, reinforced its fragile parts, and painted it with colors that sparkled like the ocean. His friends continued to mock him, doubting the little boat's worth.

One fateful day, a massive storm loomed on the horizon. Waves roared, and the sky turned dark. James saw his chance. With a heart full of faith, he placed the little boat in the turbulent sea. It bobbed and swayed but refused to succumb to the tempest's fury. As the storm raged on, the little boat carried James safely through the chaos. His friends watched in astonishment as the boat they had doubted not only survived but thrived amid the adversity.

James' story teaches us that faith can be like that little boat – a seemingly insignificant vessel that, when nurtured and believed in, can weather life's fiercest storms. We may start with doubts, facing challenges that seem insurmountable, but if we continue to tend to our faith, even in its smallest form, it can become our anchor in the tempests of life.

Just as James' faith transformed the little boat, our faith can transform our lives, guiding us through the storms of doubt and adversity. So, let us remember the little boat that could and the power of faith, no matter how small, to carry us through the most challenging waters of life.

### **Praise & Prayer Requests**

**Robin Garvin:** she is in ICU; pray for healing.

**Shirley Grapes:** hurt her back; pray for relief from pain and healing.

**Kamal & Elisha Wall:** pray for wisdom in decisions; prioritizing time and health.

**Gifty Opoku:** pray that I come to know and understand the Word of God well.

**Lisa Veale family:** she passed away unexpectedly last Sunday.

**Ariah Butler:** pray for this 2-year-old to have a healthy development.

**McGill/Shipp family:** pray for their comfort after the passing of London McGill.

**Royalty Fields:** recovering from surgery; chemo treatments continue.

**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.

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

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

**Virginia Clark, Royalty Fields, 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).

### **Announcements and Events**

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

Fall and winter items are now available. We have items for men, women, and children – all sizes. You may visit the clothing closet at any time. Take a look to see if you find something you like.

#### **Bilingual Service – Sunday, October 1st**

We are pleased to announce we will be having monthly bilingual worship services and the first one will be next week! We look forward to worshipping together on a regular basis! *Note: Our fellowship luncheon will be held on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.*

### **Babysitter's Training in First Aid & CPR – October 7<sup>th</sup> – 10AM**

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.

### **Camp Manatawny Jr/Sr High Retreat – October 6-8**

This event is for students in grades 7-12. This year's theme verse is Psalm 90:12 "Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom." Events start on Friday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> with arrival and registration beginning at 5:00pm and dinner is at 7:00pm. The cost of \$59 and includes all meals, snacks, activities, and lodging. More information and a link to register can be found at [www.manatawny.org/jrsrfall](http://www.manatawny.org/jrsrfall).

### **Ladies Bible Study – October 14<sup>th</sup> – 9AM**

Our ladies' class will begin meeting on Saturday, October 14 at 9:00am on Zoom. This year's study is "Strength in the Struggle" by Lauren Ibach. Get a book from Crystal or purchase one from Amazon. Our first lesson will be *Deliverance from Fear*. See the information below, under Bible Studies, on how to connect to class. If you have any questions, speak with Crystal Reyes.

### **Hymn Sing – Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.greenbankcoc.org) Click on the Facebook Live tab on the menu bar at the top of the page. You will need to log in to Facebook to join the live feed.
- 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=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWVjd1djNpOT09>

**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. Lesson 1: 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** – will resume sometime this fall – led by Eileen Hence.

### **SMALL GROUPS**

**Bear/Glasgow – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 2pm** – hosted by George & Sherry Kirkland and Walter & Susan Johnson.

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

**North Wilmington –kickoff meeting Sept. 23, 2-4pm to discuss our meeting schedule** – 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 – 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: 156 Contribution: \$5,881 Weekly Average: \$5,114 Weekly Budget: \$5,540**