



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, October 1, 2023

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

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Christian Love: A Guiding Light by G. L. Thompson

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV) *“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the bustling world we live in, where life moves at an ever-increasing pace, it's easy to become entangled in our own concerns and ambitions. Yet, as followers of Jesus, we are called to a higher purpose, one that revolves around a profound and transformative love for others.

The Bible reminds us in 1 Corinthians 13 that love is at the heart of our Christian journey. This love, agape love, is not ordinary. It is divine, selfless, and unconditional. It's the kind of love that God Himself has for us, and it's the love we are called to share with one another.

1 Corinthians 13 reminds us that Christian love, agape love, is extraordinary. It's patient, allowing room for growth; it's kind, shown in actions; it doesn't envy or boast but rejoices in others' happiness; it's humble and honors all; it's selfless, seeking others' good; it's slow to anger and quick to forgive; it doesn't hold grudges but rejoices in truth.

As we meditate on this powerful passage, let us remember that love is not merely a feeling but a choice and a commitment. It's a reflection of our relationship with God and a witness to the world. May our lives be a living testimony of this divine love, and may it radiate from us, drawing others closer to the One who is Love incarnate, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us pray that God empowers us to love others as He loves us, with a love that is patient, kind, and unwavering—a love that changes lives and transforms the world.

Praise & Prayer Requests

Hucker family: Vickie passed away on Tuesday; Roger has Alzheimer's disease.

GriefShare ministry: pray for the program participants as well as for the leaders.

Carl Walker: had a stroke last week; pray for healing.

Sandra Barber: her sister and brother-in-law were killed in a car accident; pray for the family during this tragic time.

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

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.

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 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

Bilingual Service – Sunday, October 1st

We look forward to worshipping together in our first monthly bilingual service! Let us praise the Lord together!

“After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb.” Revelation 7:9

Babysitter's Training in First Aid & CPR – October 7th – 10AM

If you have a teen who wants to participate in this training course, please complete their registration by Wednesday, October 4th. These are excellent skills for any teen who takes care of young children to learn. A discount is being offered for Greenbank youth. Contact the office for the code to be entered when you register online at <https://tfclifesavers.enrollware.com/enroll?id=8380044>. If you have questions, speak with Anna DaCunha.

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

Students in grades 7-12 will enjoy a weekend centered on the theme verse Psalm 90:12 *“Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.”* The event starts on Friday, Oct. 6th with arrival and registration beginning at 5:00pm and dinner is at 7:00pm. The cost of \$59 includes all meals, activities, snacks, and lodging. More information and a link to register can be found at www.manatawny.org/jrsrfall.

Ladies Bible Study – October 14th – 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. The 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 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>.

Fellowship Luncheon - Sunday, October 29th

We will be cooking up a big pot of stew for our fellowship meal. We need each person attending to bring one can of vegetables – one can per adult and one can per child – to add to the stew. We also ask that you bring additional food to share: salads, bread, and desserts. It is important for all who plan to come to the meal to sign up, so we know how big our pot of stew needs to be! The sign-up sheet is located at the Welcome Center in the lobby.

Clothed in Love – Clothing Closet

Don't forget to stop in the clothing closet to see if there are any fall or winter items you would like to have.

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 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 – hybrid class (in person & online) on Facebook Live or Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNTjd1djNpQT09>

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 – 3rd 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 – 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 2pm – hosted by George & Sherry Kirkland and Walter & Susan Johnson.

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

North Wilmington – meeting schedule TBD – 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 – 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: 119 Contribution: \$4,187 Weekly Average: \$5,091 Weekly Budget: \$5,540