



## **Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, October 29, 2023**

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

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### **An Ounce of Prevention** – by Joe Slater

In an effort to boost sales, a particular aftermarket filter manufacturer aired television advertisements featuring a mechanic repairing a vehicle that had neglected regular oil and filter changes. The mechanic's catchphrase was, "Pay me now, or pay me later." Spending a few dollars on oil and a filter today could potentially save you thousands of dollars in the future when faced with rebuilding a worn-out engine.

Your doctor advises you to maintain good health and prevent diseases by consuming a healthy diet, getting sufficient rest, and engaging in regular exercise. Similar to automobiles, the concept of prevention is far more effective and less burdensome than treatment.

This principle extends to spiritual matters as well. Learning and adhering to God's word today can prevent countless future disasters. It's no surprise that the wise King Solomon encouraged, "Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth" (Ecclesiastes 12:1). Waiting until a mess has been made and then attempting to clean it up may prove to be challenging and painful.

Consider how many marriages have crumbled and families have been torn apart because those involved were unfamiliar with God's word or chose not to follow it. A little preventative maintenance might have averted serious issues, but once the damage is done, it's often too late. Regretful phrases like "If only someone had taught me!" or "If only I had listened!" become all too common.

Eli, the high priest of Israel, failed to exercise that ounce of prevention by neglecting to restrain his ungodly sons (1 Samuel 3:14). Their misconduct corrupted the worship of God and led to immoral relations with a woman who served at the Tabernacle. By the time Eli finally objected to their vile behavior, his sons simply disregarded him (1 Samuel 2:23-25). Their sins resulted in their own deaths, Israel's defeat, the capture of the Ark of the Covenant by the Philistines, and Eli's own demise.

It is crucial to trust and obey God's word now. Teach everyone you can to do the same. Indeed, an ounce of prevention is truly worth a pound of cure.

### **Praise and Prayer Requests**

**Tim Cox family:** our brother, Tim, passed away on October 22<sup>nd</sup>; please lift his family in prayer.

**Hank Crick:** will have surgery to remove a kidney; he is Liz Cox's brother.

**Chrissi Steiner:** pray for strength and wisdom, and that I will become more proficient in my job.

**Rosetti & Dubicki families:** grieving the loss of a child.

**Mike & Judy Barker:** travel mercies as they go to Ohio to visit Judy's sister.

**Beverly Abosch's nephew:** he has heart failure and has also developed a lesion on his lung.

**Heather Abosch's friend:** one year old child passed away. Pray for this family to have peace.

**Virginia Clark:** chemo treatments have begun; keep her in prayer for strength and healing.

**Bob Crusco:** home from the rehab facility; continues to have therapy sessions and kidney dialysis.

**Thomas DeShields' cousins, Matt & Kai:** in Tel Aviv, Israel; pray for their protection.

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

**Virginia Clark, Royalty Fields, Lillie West, Pam Dahlström, Joann Walker:** all are battling cancer.

**Jan Adair, Bob & Linda Crusco, Faye Hatfield, Agnes Ignudo, Christy Mickowski, Bob & Penny**

**Pennington:** all are homebound or have limited mobility.

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

Greenbank church: Pray for godly wisdom and 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**

#### **Office Administrator Job Opening**

For those who are interested in interviewing for this position, today is the last day to submit a resume. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Friederichsen, Walter Johnson, or Lisa Reed.

### **Fellowship Luncheon – TODAY!**

We look forward to spending extended time together today during our luncheon. All are welcome to join us after our morning worship service in the fellowship hall for delicious food and joyful fellowship.

### **Community Service Ministry**

As we prepare to close our food pantry at the end of the year, we are seeking other ways to engage with our community. This is an important church-wide effort, and we invite your input. No idea is too “crazy!” We did not know how we would manage a food pantry, but God has provided all we’ve needed for 10 years. What might He have in mind for us to do in the next 10 years? Have an idea? Please share it!

### **Youth Night – Friday, November 3rd – 7pm**

All our youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to come on Friday for a fun time of connection with each other and God’s Word. Invite your friends to join you!

### **Adult CPR & First Aid Training – Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

A training class is being offered for adults to learn CPR & First Aid for both adults and children. The class will be on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 12:45pm. A discount will be offered to Greenbank members. Contact the office for the code to enter when you register at <https://tfclifesavers.enrollware.com/enroll?id=8608939>

### **Song Leader’s Meeting – Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

All song leaders are encouraged to attend our next meeting on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. We will continue to learn new songs and discuss ways to create a meaningful worship service. We look forward to working with our song leaders to strengthen our worship experience.

### **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** – hybrid class (in person & online) on Facebook Live or Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWnjd1djNpQT09>

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

**Ladies – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month @ 9am** via Zoom – led by Crystal Reyes. 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays @ 2pm** – 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: 160 Contribution: \$5,051 Weekly Average: \$5,107 Weekly Budget: \$5,540**