



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, November 5, 2023

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

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A Love That Knows No Boundaries – by J.R. Smith

Christian love is a powerful force that transcends the boundaries of human understanding, reaching deep into the hearts of believers and transforming their lives. Grounded in the teachings of Jesus Christ, Christian love is a testament to selflessness, compassion, and forgiveness.

One biblical verse that captures the essence of Christian love is found in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, "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."

A heartwarming story that exemplifies the power of Christian love is that of Emma and Maria. Emma was a devoted Christian who worked as a volunteer in a local homeless shelter. Maria, on the other hand, was a homeless woman struggling with addiction and despair. One cold winter night, Emma found Maria sleeping on the streets, shivering and hungry.

Instead of only offering Maria a meal and a warm place to sleep, Emma went above and beyond. She sat down with Maria, listened to her story, and prayed with her. Over time, Emma's unwavering love and support inspired Maria to seek help and turn her life around. Their bond grew stronger, and Maria eventually found faith in Christ.

Their story illustrates the transformative power of Christian love. Emma's selflessness, compassion, and willingness to see beyond the surface transformed Maria's life and brought her to the path of redemption and faith. It is a reminder that Christian love knows no boundaries, and it has the potential to heal, redeem, and inspire, making the world a better place for all.

Praise and Prayer Requests

Susan Johnson: fell and broke her arm; she will have surgery to repair the break on Friday, Nov. 10.

Ruth Thompson: in hospice care in Cleveland, TN; she is Linda Friederichsen's mother.

Tim Cox family: please keep this family in prayer as they travel, some from overseas, for his funeral.

Denis Garcia family: please keep this family in prayer.

Yenifer and family: please keep them in prayer.

Giftly Opoku: pray for knowledge and wisdom to know God more, and retentive memory for my studies.

Peter Johnson: relocating to Elkton, MD, and will begin a new job on Monday at Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

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

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

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 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

Tim Cox Funeral

The service for Tim Cox will be on Friday, November 10 here at Greenbank. A viewing and visitation with the family will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the service to follow at 10:00 a.m.

Special Contributions for Mozambique Missions

The month of November has been designated as a time to collect special contributions for the work that Chad and Amy Westerholm do in Mozambique. They are active in several Bible studies, establishing churches in new areas, and translating Scripture into the Mekua Metto language. If you would like to make a donation to support this work, please write a check to Greenbank Church of Christ and put "Mozambique" in the memo. Cash donations can be made using the envelopes provided in the back of the auditorium. Please write "Mozambique" on the envelope.

Update on Brad & Gail Carman

We announced several weeks ago that Brad & Gail were in a serious car accident. They are both healing, albeit slowly. Gail is at home and is managing with assistance from family and friends. The last report on Brad was that he was in a rehab facility, but was due to go home within a few days, so we are prayerful that he is home now. The family is grateful for the prayers lifted on their behalf, but they do have a request for some financial assistance. Medical insurance has done well to cover those needs, but the insurance on the car, which was totaled, will not cover the cost to purchase another car. The family has asked for assistance in raising funds to meet this need and has set up a GoFundMe page. <https://gofund.me/6a8b9b21> Any amount will help. Please be aware that the website may charge a fee associated with your donation.

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!

Song Leader’s Meeting – Saturday, November 11th

All song leaders are encouraged to attend our next meeting on Saturday, November 11th 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.

Winterfest 2024

It is time for our youth in 6th to 12th grades to think about going to Winterfest in Gatlinburg, TN. The dates for the trip are February 16-18, 2024. A sign-up sheet and more information will be coming soon. If you have questions about the trip, speak to Lisa Reed.

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=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWnjd1djNpQT09>

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

Ladies – 2nd 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 – 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 – 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 2pm – 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: 161 Contribution: \$5,225 Weekly Average: \$5,110 Weekly Budget: \$5,540