



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, November 19, 2023

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

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Dear Church Family,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to share with you the wonderful and uplifting experience we had this past Wednesday. While many of you were in Bible study, George and I had the chance to lead a special session on understanding salvation. We focused deeply on what the Bible teaches about being saved, particularly the role of baptism, as in Acts 2:38.

The highlight of the evening was a moving baptism. It's always an immense blessing and joy to see someone take this meaningful step and welcome them into the church, a true moment of beginning anew in Christ. When the Bible study group joined us afterwards, the joy in the room was infectious as if we really understood Luke 15:7, which says, *“there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”*

This experience powerfully reminded us of the profound joy and solemn responsibility we have in sharing our faith with open hearts. It's not just about the rituals; it's about deeply connecting with one another, guiding each other through life's journey, and being present for each other on this lifelong spiritual path as children of God.

Let's keep this uplifting spirit alive and thriving in our hearts and continue to reach out, teach, support, and joyfully welcome others into our church family. Together, as one, we can spread the light and love of Christ in our community and beyond through our actions.

Sending you all my warmest regards and blessings always,

*Domingo Reyes*

### **Praise and Prayer Requests**

**PRAISE!** We rejoice with the angels at the news that Jason Christie was baptized on Wednesday evening. **Pray for Jason as he begins his new life in Christ.**

**Faye Hatfield family:** keep them in prayer as they mourn Faye's passing.

**Domingo Reyes:** has Covid; pray for the protection of health for those he came in contact with.

**Judy Barker:** pray the cortisone shots in her hand will give relief from joint pain.

**Linda Jones, Delores Hoosier, Raynard Walker:** all are having health struggles.

**Pantry Clients** who need prayer: **Susan Webb** will have brain surgery; **Carol Nichole** is to have back surgery;

**Bill Crutchfield** is struggling with diabetes; **Jean Crutchfield** has rheumatoid arthritis.

**Keneth Espana Beltran:** pray that he will be healed of his seizures.

**Susan Johnson:** recovering from surgery to repair her broken arm.

**Linda Crusco:** recovering from surgery to remove a compressed disc in her neck.

**Prayers for Mozambique:** for Maggie to feel better after several weeks of illness; for successful bible study with some Muslim men; the continuing work of translating the Psalms into the native language; for peace in the country.

**Denis Garcia family:** please keep this family in prayer.

**Yenifer and family:** please keep them in prayer.

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

**Jan Adair, Bob & Linda Crusco, Agnes Ignudo, Christy Mickowski, Bob & Penny Pennington:** all are homebound or have limited mobility.

**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**

#### **North Wilmington Small Group**

This group is having a potluck meal today at the home of Eileen Khan (1106 Brantin Road, Wilmington, 19803). All are welcome. Bring a dish to share. Contact Eileen (804-690-3572) or Chrissi Steiner (313-502-7001) if you have any questions.

#### **2024 Communion Schedule**

Next year's schedule for communion preparation has been posted on the large bulletin board. Please stop by to sign up for a month to provide this service to our congregation. If you have any questions, contact Susan Johnson.

## **2024 Budget Preparation**

All deacons and ministry leaders are asked to submit your 2024 budget requests to the elders by next Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. If there are others who would like to lead a new event or additional ministry, please submit your ideas in writing with a budget proposal also by Nov. 26.

## **Winterfest – February 16-18, 2024**

The sign-up sheet for Winterfest is posted on one of the small bulletin boards in the lobby. Students in grades 6-12 are eligible to go on this trip. We will also need some adult chaperones. If you are interested in going, sign up today, and then find Lisa Reed to get your registration form and payment schedule.

## **Special Contributions for Mozambique Missions**

We will continue to collect special contributions for the work that Chad and Amy Westerholm do in Mozambique through the month of November. They are active in several Bible studies, establishing churches in new areas, and translating Scripture into the native 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.

## **Community Service Ministry**

A suggestion box has been placed at the Welcome Center for you to use to submit ideas for our next community engagement ministry. 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!

## **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: 149 Contribution: \$4,446 Weekly Average: \$5,093 Weekly Budget: \$5,540**