



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, November 26, 2023

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

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Life's Tough Games by Domingo Reyes

Have you been following the Philadelphia Eagles football team this season? What a rollercoaster, right? Their win against the Chiefs was another nail-biter (Sorry, Lisa). (Editor's note: 😞)

You know, it strikes me how victories in sports, much like in life, aren't always wrapped up in neat, graceful packages. This season, the Eagles have been masters of the edge-of-your-seat, hard-fought ugly wins. Sure, their games might not have the polish we sometimes expect – a bit rough around the edges – but in the end, a victory is still a victory, no matter how it's achieved.

This got me thinking about how life is a bit like football. We all aim for those smooth, easy victories, but often, it's more about grinding it out, isn't it? It's in those tough, messy moments that we really grow, similar to how the Eagles are pulling through this season.

James 1:12 says, *"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life."* That's not just a nice quote; it's about real life. It's about pushing through when things get tough, knowing there's something better ahead.

I find it kind of inspiring, actually. The Eagles aren't just winning games; they're showing us how to keep going, no matter what. That's a lesson we can all take to heart, especially in our faith journey. We are all aiming for heaven, and just like in football, there will be obstacles, but it's about staying focused and keeping your eye on the prize.

So, next time life tackles you, remember the Eagles. They're not just playing football; they're teaching us about perseverance, about faith, and about aiming for something greater.

Keep pushing, everyone. The road might be rocky, but it's worth it in the end.

Go You!!!

Praise and Prayer Requests

Faye Hatfield family: continue to lift them in prayer as they mourn Faye's passing.

Joyce Smith: struggling with a health concern; pray for healing.

Domingo Reyes: pray for continued healing and no lingering effects from the Covid virus.

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 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

2024 Budget Preparation

All deacons, ministry leaders, and anyone suggesting a new ministry need to turn your 2024 budget proposals in today. If you have any questions, please speak with one of the elders.

Special Contributions for Mozambique Missions

This is the last day we will be collecting for the mission work in Mozambique. If you would like to make a donation, 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.

Children's Church

Children ages 3 years old through 3rd grade will meet in the yellow room downstairs during today's sermon.

Christmas Party for Adults – December 9th

Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of fellowship and fun at our annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 9 at 6:00pm. We ask everyone to bring a wrapped gift: men bring one for a brother; women bring one for a sister (\$25 spending limit). Also bring finger food to share – appetizers or desserts. To help us with our planning, please sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board by December 6th.

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.

Winterfest – February 16-18, 2024

If you are planning to go on the Winterfest trip to Gatlinburg, TN, please sign up today and get your registration form from Lisa Reed. The first payment for the trip is \$50/person and is due as soon as possible. This will reserve your place. Financial assistance is available for anyone who needs it.

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 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=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWVjd1djNpQT09>

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 – taking a break through the end of the year

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: 145 Contribution: \$24,112 Weekly Average: \$5,498 Weekly Budget: \$5,540