



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, December 24, 2023

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Embracing the Spirit of Giving This Season

As we gather to celebrate the joyous occasion of this season, let's remember that it's not just the twinkling lights or beautifully wrapped presents that warm our hearts; it's the spirit of giving that defines this time of year.

This season isn't solely about the exchange of material gifts; it's a time to extend our hearts and hands in love, kindness, and compassion, following the example set by God's ultimate gift to humanity, His Son, Jesus Christ. John 3:16 reminds us, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

The essence of selfless love and generosity portrayed by the birth of Jesus teaches us to embrace the joy that comes from helping and serving others. Philippians 2:4 encourages us, "Let each of you look not only to his own interests but also to the interests of others."

Amidst the hustle and bustle of holiday preparations, let us pause and reflect on the true meaning of giving. A simple act of kindness, a heartfelt smile, or lending a listening ear can often mean more than any material offering. As Hebrews 13:16 reminds us, "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

We honor the spirit of this season by extending compassion to those in need, reaching out to the lonely, and offering hope to the discouraged. Galatians 6:2 urges us, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

This season, let's challenge ourselves to carry the spirit of giving beyond these weeks and make it a lifestyle, a continuous act of love and generosity throughout the year.

May this season be a reminder of the incredible joy found in giving and serving others, echoing the divine love and compassion demonstrated through the birth of Jesus Christ. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joy-filled time this season.

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Praise and Prayer Requests

PRAISE! We rejoice with the angels at the news of Jennifer Martin's baptism Wednesday evening. Pray for Jenn as she begins her new life in Christ.

Elisha Wall: pray for Kamal's continued recovery.

Anna DaCunha: Antony and Steve are traveling in France for the holidays, pray for safe travels and return.

Patty Conway: prayers for everyone.

Moises Phillips: pray for spiritual guidance.

Ralph Prince: pray that his 2 year old cousin Rory's new medication for kidney disease works. If it does not work, she will need a kidney transplant.

King family: continued 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

Church Anniversary

We will be celebrating our 5th anniversary as Greenbank Church of Christ, January 28, 2024. This will be our bilingual service. More information will be coming soon.

Annual Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held immediately after service on January 21st. All members are asked to attend.