



## **Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, January 7, 2024**

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

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### **Staying True to Our Word** - J. Launius

Ever thought about the weight of a promise? It's like this unwritten agreement we make, but let's face it, keeping them isn't always easy. We've all been there – making commitments to loved ones, ourselves, or a higher calling. But look around, and you'll see broken promises everywhere: couples vowing forever, yet many drift apart. Politicians' pledges disappear after elections. And those personal promises for self-improvement? They often fade away.

Amidst these letdowns, there's one constant: God's promises. When we embrace the gospel, it's a pledge to follow His path. Yet, some of us stray.

But it's not just about acknowledging our failures; it's about taking action. It's about living with integrity, making sure our actions match our words, honoring our commitments – especially to ourselves and to God. Let's nurture a culture where promises hold weight, where our actions speak volumes about our dedication.

God's unwavering promises? They're more than just words – they guide us. They inspire us to stay committed. So, let's be those who stand by their word, navigating life's twists with a determination to uphold our promises. Because when we do, we're not just enriching our lives; we're building trust, fostering reliability, and shaping a community where promises matter, even in a world where they often falter.

### **Praise and Prayer Requests**

**Linda and Bob Crusco:** both having general health issues. Continue to pray for Linda as she cares for Bob.

**Adaliyah Cooke:** pray for safe travels home and for her mom, Dorena.

**Walter and Susan Johnson:** continue to lift them in prayer as they mourn brother, Douglas's passing.

**The Barker family:** continue to lift them in prayer as they mourn the passing of their friend, Mark Rector.

**Dawn Grabowski:** pray for wisdom and guidance as she begins serving the church in her new role.

**Elisha Wall:** pray for family health, and wisdom in spiritual outreach and growth.

**Gifty Opoku:** pray for God's blessing on my life.

**Patty Conway:** recovering from knee surgery.

**King family:** continue to keep us 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**

#### **Congratulations!**

Jose Lucas Martinez and Erika Guillen Aguilar were recently engaged. Keep them in prayer as they begin planning their new life together.

#### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

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

#### **Church Anniversary**

We will be celebrating our 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Greenbank Church of Christ on January 28, 2024. This will serve as our bilingual service for January and February. More information will be coming soon.

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

**All registration forms and payments must be given to Lisa Reed by Sunday, January 14.** The cost of the trip is \$200. If you need to make smaller payments, speak with Lisa Reed to work out a payment schedule. Financial assistance is available for anyone who needs it. If you have any questions, please ask!

## **Married Couples Small Group**

The January meeting for this small group has been cancelled. The first gathering in 2024 will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

## **January Birthdays**

1 – Madison Naseery, Andrea Guillen	16 – Fern Davis, Mariana Paguada
3 – Sue Maynard	17 – Walter Johnson
5 – Ja’Air Clark	18 – Arturo Gallegos
6 – Sherry Kirkland, Christina Gomez	20 – Ariana Diaz
8 – Deborah Sinclair	23 – Gael Garcia
11 – Jamie Jones	25 – Mike Barker
12 – Carroll Blue, Avion Brasefield	26 – Ron Cox
13 – Kristal Moreta	27 – Ed Jones, Joyce Smith, Angy Garcia

## **January Anniversaries**

6 – Domingo & Crystal Reyes	31 – Walter & Susan Johnson
9 – Hunter & Jessica Brons	

## **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 at a later date – 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 – on hold until further notice**

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: 134 Contribution: \$5,379 Weekly Average: \$5,444 Weekly Budget: \$5,540**