

Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, February 11, 2024

Office hours: Mon / Wed / Fri 9:00am-3:00pm. Contact info: <u>office@greenbankcoc.org</u> or 302-994-3800

Too Busy for God

Life moves fast. Between work, family, hobbies, and more, our schedules fill up quickly. We run from one thing to the next trying to fit it all in. In the midst of the rush, God often gets pushed aside. It's easy to justify. I've got deadlines. The kids have activities. I need time to relax. But we crowd out time with God without even realizing it. We say we will pray later, read the Bible tomorrow. Before we know it, days or weeks have gone by. God does not demand perfection. But He longs for intimacy with us. When we give Him the scraps and leftovers, it grieves His heart.

He is our Father and deserves the best of our time and attention. The truth is we often put the trivial things first and God last. Work projects, social events, even mindless screen time distract us. None of these are necessarily bad, but when they consistently bump God out of first place, we need to reprioritize. God tells us to seek first His kingdom and righteousness.

This requires being intentional. To schedule quality time in His Word, prayer, and fellowship with other believers. It means evaluating how we spend our hours and making room for what matters most. The distractions and demands of life will always be there for us to run after. But we need to heed Jesus' gentle warning: "You are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one." God longs to be that one thing we focus on. May we not be too busy for Him.

Domingo

Praise and Prayer Requests

Steve Schinnerer: Lisa Reed's brother, who is experiencing MS symptoms.

Antony DaCunha: needs right hand surgery due to a sports injury and is without medical insurance.

Johnny White: Janell Anderson's father is recovering after suffering a stroke and is receiving rehab.

Virginia Clark: has 7 more chemotherapy treatments followed by radiation therapy.

King Family: pray for their family as well as Emma Green and Lakeisha Smith who are having medical issues. **Chrissi Steiner:** pray for her patience and strength in job and life, comfort for all those who are hurting. **Patty Conway:** having health concerns.

Yenifer Monroy: pray for her children, family, and their health.

Deborah Sanichar: pray for sister, Caroline Kennedy.

Moises Phillips: Pray for peace with family and at home and pray for his friend.

Winterfest attendees: traveling grace, encouragement and wisdom for the youth, chaperones and teachers attending the event.

Sick and Shut In: pray for all members who are battling cancer, covid and other serious medical issues and those who are unable to attend due to illness or 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 <u>office@greenbankcoc.org</u> 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 <u>www.greenbankcoc.org</u>.

Announcements and Events

Office Hour Modification

The office will be open Mon, Tues, Wed 9am-3pm next week. Please have all newsletter items submitted by 9:00am Wednesday morning. Regular office days will resume on Monday, February 19.

Winterfest Pre-Trip Meeting-TODAY

All who are registered, and parents/guardians need to attend this important meeting immediately after morning service in the small side of the chapel (at the tables). We will go over the details of the trip and answer any questions you have. If you have a conflict, speak with Lisa Reed.

Children's Church

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

Babysitter Training-First Aid & CPR February 19, 2024

This training will provide young people who babysit with knowledge and skills to responsibly care for children and infants. Members of Greenbank will receive a discount. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

GriefShare – Spring Events

The GriefShare Spring cycle begins on Mar. 11. All sessions will be held on Monday evenings at 6:30pm EST via Zoom. To register, please go to www.griefshare.org, search for Greenbank Church of Christ then select the event. If you have any questions, speak with Judy Barker.

Missions update-Nkwanta

There is a fundraising effort to raise money for Samuel Agbeta to purchase new desks for his school in Ghana. Members are encouraged to share via social media posts to other Christians, friends, and family. See the flyer on the Mission bulletin board in the foyer for more information. Any questions, see Rick Mickowski.

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 – <u>Wednesdays @ 7pm</u> – hybrid class (in person & online) on Facebook Live or Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpQT09

Spanish Mid-Week – <u>Thursdays @ 6:30pm</u> at Greenbank. Contact Arturo Gallegos for more information. **Ladies** – <u>2nd Saturday each month @ 9am</u> 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 – <u>3rd Saturday each month @ 10am</u> at Greenbank led by Paul King.

Youth – Thursdays @6:30pm at Greenbank – led by Eileen Hence.

SMALL GROUPS

Bear/Glasgow – <u>2nd & 4th Sundays @ 2pm</u> – hosted by George & Sherry Kirkland and Walter & Susan Johnson. **Married Couples** – <u>1st Tuesday each month @ 7pm</u> in the teen room– led by Domingo & Crystal Reyes. **North Wilmington** – 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 2pm – hosted by Chrissi Steiner.

Singles – on hold until further notice

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87670702282?pwd=Sy8xYTAyZThkRHpqY1hmbzYrZk4ydz09 **Teens** – 1st Friday each month @ 7pm in the chapel; led by Domingo Reyes.

<u>3 Ways to Give</u>

- 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.)