

# Stepping Up: If I Don't, Who Will?

In a world full of questions, one stands out: If I don't, who will? This isn't just a thought. It's a call to action, both for our faith and our everyday lives.

Think about the disciples in the Bible. They left everything to follow Jesus, spreading His message of love and hope. Their courage reminds us that ordinary people can do extraordinary things when they trust in God's power.

Jesus once said, "You're the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14) That means we need to shine bright, not hide away. We must stand for what's right and help those who need it. If we stay quiet, who will stand up against unfairness? Who will lend a hand to those who are hurting? Who will speak up for those who can't?

As Augustine of Hippo said, "Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you." This quote reminds us of the partnership between faith and action. Yes, we pray for God's guidance, but we also must be willing to step up and make a difference.

So, let's step up! Let's be like Jesus, spreading love and hope wherever we go. We can make a real difference. After all, if we don't, then who will? Let's trust that with God on our side, we can do more than we ever thought possible.

Let's take small steps every day, reaching out to those around us with kindness and compassion. Volunteering in church activities such as teaching our youth, leading small groups, mentoring a young person, leading a Bible study, or serving in any capacity, every act of service reflects the love of Christ. Together, let's embrace our role as ambassadors of Christ, making the world a brighter, more hopeful place.

Domingo Reyes

# Praise and Prayer Requests

**The Barkers-rejoice** in the birth of their 7th great granddaughter, Bailey Lee.

Agnes Ignudo Family: keep them in prayer as they mourn Agnes' passing.

**Dwain Asbell and Dot Murter** (former Cedars member)-both in hospice care. Pray for them and their families during this difficult time.

Juanda Davis-her mother is in hospice care. Please keep the family in prayer.

Rose Mohsen-pray for her cousin Patti and friend Huquette who have cancer.

Marc Brasefield-keep in prayer, he will be away for Army training 4/6-5/17.

Joanne Garvin-healing prayers for her daughter, Robin Garvin

**Renee Ashe** (visitor)-asking for prayer, she lost her husband 6 years ago and is currently looking for housing for her and her grandson.

Gifty Opoku-pray for protection from familiar and evil spirits.

Cathy Servas-pray for recovery from depression.

**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 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**

#### <u>Asbell Meal</u> Train

The Asbells' are enjoying the visits and meals provided by everyone. If interested in providing meals for April please sign up on carecalendar.org (ID-313655, Code 4701). Please call or text Lisa Connor (443-433-8983) to arrange a drop off time. Thank you for your continued support.

#### Ladies Luncheon-Save the Date

The Ladies luncheon will be held on Sunday May 19th. The theme is "Jesus Take the Wheel". More details to come. We hope you will be able to attend.

#### **2024 Graduation Recognition**

If you have a student graduating high school or college, please send their name and school they are graduating from to the office. We will be preparing for the graduation recognition reception soon.

#### **Camp Manatawny Events**

Jr. and Sr. High Retreat (grades 7-12th)- April 26-27. Ladies Retreat May 3-4. Summer Sessions: Students (grades 1-12) are eligible to attend. Register by April 30<sup>th</sup> to receive a \$26 discount. For financial assistance to attend camp, please contact Rick Mickowski. See camp website www.manatawny.org for more details and to register. Event flyers are on the bulletin board in the foyer.

## 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</u> @ 7pm – 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>2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – <u>1st & 3rd Sundays @ 2pm</u> – hosted by Chrissi Steiner.

**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.)