



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, April 21, 2024

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

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The Heart of Prayer by Adriel Sanchez

Prayer is a profound act of communication with the Divine, transcending mere physical gestures or vocal expressions. In his eloquent discourse, fourth-century archbishop John Chrysostom urges us to elevate our prayers beyond outward displays, emphasizing the earnestness of the mind and the sincerity of the heart. Genuine prayer, he suggests, emanates from within, reaching the omnipresent God who discerns the deepest recesses of our souls.

An anecdote shared by an aged monk illustrates this sentiment. Amidst the tranquil embrace of nature, the monk encounters the celestial melody of a nightingale, a humble creature offering its song as an unceasing prayer to God. Struck by the bird's unwavering devotion, the monk is moved to tears, recognizing the purity of its worship.

In the essence of prayer lies a reflection of the nightingale's song—sometimes a fervent hymn of praise, other times a tender lamentation. Regardless of its form, true prayer originates from the heart, echoing the sentiments expressed by Jesus concerning authentic worship. Our prayers, like the silence in heaven depicted in Revelation, capture God's undivided attention amidst the celestial chorus.

As I navigate my ministerial duties amidst the clamor of daily life, I am reminded of the sacredness of silence, a prerequisite for attuning our hearts to God's voice. Just as I quiet my household to receive an important call, heaven pauses to listen to the prayers of the saints. Revelation's imagery underscores the divine receptivity to our supplications, reassuring us of God's unwavering attentiveness amidst the celestial symphony.

In the silence of prayer, we discover the heartbeat of our communion with God, where words give way to the language of the soul. Let us, like the nightingale, offer our melodies of devotion, knowing that in the hush of heaven, our prayers ascend as fragrant incense before the throne of grace.

Praise and Prayer Requests

Gaynor Family: Jack's mother-in-law passed away recently, keep the family in prayer.

Mike & Beth Asbell: Beth's sister-in-law passed away Tuesday, keep the family in prayer.

Dot Murter Family: continue to lift them in prayer as they mourn Dot's passing.

Dwain Asbell: in hospice care, continue to pray for him and the family.

Virginia Clark: began radiation treatment, continue to pray for her during this next set of treatments.

Joyce Smith: needs prayer for her upcoming procedure on 4/22.

Alethia Jones-pray for Mr. Terrance Hickson Sr. who is in the hospital.

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

Church Workday – Saturday, April 27 @ 9:00am

Join us to catch up on projects that need to be done around the building next Saturday. Thank you for helping us keep our building and grounds looking good. See George Kirkland with questions.

Dot Murter Funeral Services

A Celebration of Life will be held at Conroe Church of Christ in Conroe, TX April 25th at 1:00. The service will be live streamed at Conroechurch.org and available for later viewing on the Conroe Church of Christ YouTube channel. A graveside service and burial will be at Gracelawn Memorial Park in New Castle, DE on May 4th at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

Bilingual Service and Fellowship Meal-May 5th

On May 5th we will have our bilingual service followed by a fellowship meal. We encourage everyone to attend and enjoy this time of fellowship. Please bring a main dish, side dish or dessert to share.

Fellowship Committee-Activity survey

The fellowship committee is looking for your input to help plan future activities. Please complete your survey and return it to the box at the Welcome center or via email to anna.gbfc@gmail.com.

Asbell Meal Train

We will be providing meal assistance on Tuesdays and Thursdays through May. If interested in providing a meal, please sign up on carecalendar.org (ID-313655, Code 4701). Call or text Lisa Connor (443-433-8983) to arrange a drop off time. Thank you for your continued support.

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 30th to receive a discount. For financial assistance to attend camp, please contact Rick Mickowski. See camp website www.manatawny.org for 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 – 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 – 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.

Youth – Thursdays @6:30pm at Greenbank – 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.

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: 137 Contribution: \$7,176 Weekly Average: \$5,720 Weekly Budget: \$5,435