



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, May 5, 2024

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

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Embracing Growth: Never Satisfied in the Lord

In a world constantly urging us to seek more, acquire more, and achieve more, it's easy to fall into the trap of thinking we've reached our limits, especially in our spiritual journey. But as followers of Christ, we're called to a different standard—one of continual growth and never-ending pursuit of God's presence and purpose in our lives.

Scripture reminds us in Philippians 3:12 (NIV), where the apostle Paul declares, "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." Paul's words resonate with us today, challenging us to keep pressing forward, no matter how far we've come.

Think about it: if we become complacent in our faith, believing we've reached the pinnacle of spiritual maturity, we risk missing out on the deeper revelations God has in store for us. Just as a tree continually grows roots deeper into the soil to withstand storms, we must continually deepen our roots in Christ to weather the challenges of life.

But how do we cultivate this attitude of never-ending growth? It starts with a heart surrendered to God's leading and a willingness to embrace change. We must be open to learning from Scripture, prayer, and the wise counsel of fellow believers. We should seek out opportunities for service and discipleship, knowing that each experience shapes us more into the image of Christ.

So, let's challenge ourselves to never be satisfied with where we are in our relationship with the Lord. Let's embrace every opportunity to grow, knowing that the journey of faith is not a sprint but a marathon—a journey of continual transformation and discovery in the boundless depths of God's love and grace.

Domingo Reyes

Praise and Prayer Requests

The Cruscos': Linda is having minor surgery on a valve in her left leg, Bob's dementia is slowly getting worse.

Liz Cox: has health concerns.

Giftly Opoku: prayer for protection against numerous spiritual attacks.

Roger Bullock: having some health concerns, pray for strength and healing.

Marlin Johnson: having some health concerns, pray for strength and healing.

Diane Brady (daughter of former members AJ & Mae Cox): is having brain surgery.

Diane Bates (former Cedars member): having back problems, pray for pain relief.

Colie & Vera Mason: Yvonne Harding (bereavement), Frank Mason (health and healing), Vanessa Williams (bereavement).

Larry Phillips (visitor): pray for friends Judy & David who have health and personal issues.

Dawn Dorrell (visitor): pray for her family who having difficulties since the passing of her husband.

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.

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

Successful Start of ESL Class!

We're excited to announce that our ESL (English as a Second Language) class had a fantastic start last night! With 10 enthusiastic participants joining us, the energy was palpable, and we anticipate even more attendees next week. Thank you to everyone who helped make this initiative possible. Let's continue to support and pray for the success of this valuable program.

Message from the Elders

We thank everyone for the food provided to the Asbell's. It has been such an encouragement to them and their family. We still need support through the end of the month. The schedule is available on care calendar with the same sign-in and pass code.

Bilingual Service and Fellowship Meal-Today

The Fellowship lunch will be today following our bilingual worship service. We look forward to spending time with you in fellowship and to sharing a good meal.

Ladies Luncheon-May 19th

Our Ladies luncheon will be on Sunday May 19th at 12:15. This year's theme is "Jesus Take the Wheel." Lunch will be provided. Sign up on the bulletin board with your name and number of guests so we know how to plan. There will be a Spanish interpreter for our Hispanic sisters. We hope you will join us.

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: 138 Contribution: \$3,324 Weekly Average: \$5,533 Weekly Budget: \$5,435