



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, June 23, 2024

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

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### *Love the Church Like Christ Does by D. Bengé*

In today's world, it's easy to become disillusioned with the church. Scandals and failings often dominate the headlines, casting the church in a negative light. However, we must ask ourselves: Does Jesus see the church in the same way?

John Gill, an eighteenth-century pastor, provides a beautiful insight. He interprets the words of Song of Solomon 1:15, "You are beautiful, my love," as Jesus speaking to His church. Despite its flaws and sins, Jesus sees His church as beautiful. He looks at His bride through a lens of love, not disdain.

The church's beauty comes from reflecting God's glory. This glory, seen in the Bible through events like Moses witnessing God's splendor, is ultimately displayed in Jesus Christ. Jesus, the image of God's beauty, extends this beauty to His church. The church is a gift from God to His Son, chosen to reflect divine love.

Jesus also sees the church through the sacrifice of His cross. The church's beauty isn't inherent; it comes from being washed clean by Jesus' blood. This redemption makes the church beautiful in Jesus' eyes.

Finally, the church's mission to spread the gospel adds to its beauty. Jesus commissioned the church to share the good news, making it a vessel of His love and salvation.

Jesus doesn't scorn His church. Instead, He cherishes it as His beloved bride, awaiting the day He will welcome her into His eternal presence. Let us, too, see the church through Jesus' loving eyes and proclaim, "You are beautiful, my love."

### *Praise and Prayer Requests*

**Marlin Johnson:** having procedure Friday 6/21.

**George & Sherry Kirkland:** keep grandson Lucas and his parents in prayer, they will be traveling to Florida for a second research study for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

**Moises Phillips:** for an easy move.

**Patty Conway:** pray for Noah, Eli, Lecke, Cathy S., Cathy Mac and Liam.

**Adaliah Cooke:** safety for her Mom while she is driving her truck and to bring her home safe to Delaware.

**Myanna Washington:** safety and good health for my family.

**Frank Watson (minister of Northeast CoC):** keep in prayer as he recovers from his procedure.

**Colie & Vera Mason:** pray for Brother Franklin.

**Barbara Wallace:** Bill Wallace undergoing treatment for colon cancer for the 3rd time.

**Kyle Hence:** pray for his health and for his grandfather Louis.

**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](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**

### **Summer Break Update**

Children's Church and the Bear/Newark Small group will not be meeting during the summer. Sessions will resume in the fall.

### **Church Workday – Saturday, June 29 @ 8:00am**

Join us Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> at 8 am to catch up on projects that need to be done around the building. All help is welcome. Thank you, in advance, for helping us keep our building and grounds clean. See George Kirkland with questions.

### **Sight & Sound – Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm**

Tickets have been reserved for "Daniel" at Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. Ticket price is \$60-90 per person. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Seating is limited so please sign up by June 30. See Fern Davis or Anna DaCunha with questions.

### **Johnson Family Fundrasier**

Marlin & Marcia Johnson have created a GoFundMe page to assist with expenses for Marlin's kidney transplant. Any help to support our brother and sister in this journey is appreciated. Contact Marlin or Marcia with any questions.

### **English as a Second Language Class**

The ESL (English as a Second Language) class is being held on Thursdays at 5 pm. Let's continue to support and pray for the success of this valuable program.

## **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.

**Men** – 3rd Saturday each month @ 10am at Greenbank led by Mark Ray.

**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.

**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](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: 133 Contribution: \$4,688 Weekly Average: \$5,402 Weekly Budget: \$5,435**