



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, July 7, 2024

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

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### Understanding Sanctification

Sanctification is a big word you might hear in church, but what does it really mean? Simply put, sanctification is the process of becoming more like Jesus. When you obey the gospel, it's just the beginning of our journey. Sanctification is what happens next. It's God working in our hearts to make us more holy and set apart for His purpose.

Think of it this way: when you plant a seed, it starts to grow. It needs water, sunlight, and care to become a strong and healthy plant. Similarly, when we become Christians, the Holy Spirit begins to work in us, helping us grow in our faith. This growth is sanctification. It doesn't happen all at once; it's a gradual process, just like a plant growing over time.

We play a part in this process, too. By praying, reading the Bible, and being part of a church community, we open ourselves up to God's work in our lives. We start to see changes in how we think, act, and love others. We become more patient, kind, and forgiving, reflecting Jesus' love to those around us.

The Bible gives us guidance on this journey. In 1 Thessalonians 4:3, it says, "For this is the will of God, your sanctification." Also, in 2 Corinthians 3:18, we read, "And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

Sanctification is a journey that lasts a lifetime. There will be ups and downs, but we can trust that God is always with us, guiding us and helping us grow. Remember Philippians 1:6: "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." This promise assures us that God is faithful and will continue to work in us until we are fully sanctified.

Let's embrace this journey, knowing that each step brings us closer to God and makes us more like Jesus.

*Domingo Reyes*

### Praise and Prayer Requests

**Dawn Dorrell: had toe amputation surgery on July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Patty Conway: Andrea, Karen, Phyllis, Vito, Steven, Charlie & Cathy**

**Moises Phillips: pray for his sister and for his friend at the YMCA**

**Cathy Servas: pray for Mike O., Pat and Erica**

**Marlin & Marcia Johnson: pray their daughter Shakiera returns to church and serves God as she was raised in the body of Christ**

**George & Sherry Kirkland: Grandson Lucas is still making trips to Florida for research study. Pray for a cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.**

**Elisha Wall: health & pain relief.**

**Colie & Vera Mason: CK Jackson (strength and healing), Franklin Mason (healing).**

**Chrissi Steiner: for all our students to have a safe and fun summer and for them to study and learn more about Jesus and His will for their lives.**

**Lisa Reed: pray for the infection in Boyd's knee to heal.**

**Anna DaCunha: pray for her friend Patty's father who had a fall.**

**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.

### **SAVE THE DATE-FELLOWSHIP EVENTS**

Mark your calendar for the following events (more details to come):

8/4 Bilingual Service & Fellowship Meal	9/8 Annual Church Picnic
10/6 Bilingual Service & Fellowship Meal	11/15 Sight and Sound- "Daniel"

### **Song Sunday**

Do you like to worship through singing? Join us Sunday September 29 for an afternoon of joyful singing. More details to come.

### **Quilting Class**

The Fellowship committee is considering putting together a quilting class. This class would be designed to encourage fellowship and learn a new skill. If you are interested, sign up on the bulletin board. See Anna DaCunha with any questions.

### **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: \$3,663 Weekly Average: \$5,385 Weekly Budget: \$5,435**