



## **Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, Aug 4, 2024**

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

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### **Does He Care? by E. Young**

**Read:** Psalm 22:1, Romans 5:8, Romans 8:39

**Think:** Have you ever wondered what people ask about God on the internet? Surprisingly, one common inquiry is, "Why does God hate me?" It's unsettling that believers also question, "Does Jesus truly love me?" when faced with trials. We often rely on our feelings as an unreliable compass.

Questions like "Am I lovable?" or "Have I done enough to earn love?" stem from human emotions, but the answer lies in the person and work of Jesus Christ. God's love was so immense that he sent his son, Jesus, to die for us. How do we know God loves us? We see it in the truth that Christ came for us even when we were his enemies. When doubts about God's love arise, we need to fix our gaze on what Christ has undeniably accomplished for us.

Biblical "unconditional love," or agape love, originates from God, flowing from his nature onto us. Human love often hinges on qualities of the one we love, leading to the notion of "falling in and out of love." But God's nature—and his love for us—never changes.

When we question God's love, the solution isn't in judging ourselves but anchoring our certainty in what God has done for us through Christ. Jesus' love for us is eternal—it has existed since forever and will endure for all eternity.

**Apply:** Anchor your trust in God's promises, such as Romans 8:38-39, 1 John 4:9-11, or Ephesians 2:4-5. How can you show someone God's love today?

**Pray:** Father, thank you for your boundless love. Replace my doubts with assurance that your love is constant. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Praise and Prayer Requests**

**Juanda Davis:** keep the family in prayer as they grieve the loss of her father on Tuesday.

**Johnson Family:** keep Marlin and the family in prayer.

**Elisha Wall:** pray for time management and prioritization.

**Barbara Wallace:** sister Betty is admitted to the hospital and continued prayers for great grandson Waylon, husband Bruce and nephew Bill.

**Chrissi Steiner:** pray for her wisdom and direction, clarity, good friends, fellowship and to be a light.

**Kiesha Pagan & Gloria Boyce (visitors):** prayer for comfort after loss of spouse.

**Patty Conway:** pray for Ellen, Vito, Steen, Leck, Cathy S & Larry B. Happy Birthday.

**Mary Cannon:** pray for her health and her son Sam Walker who is in the hospital.

**Virginia Clark:** continued prayers for strength as she adjusts to the different meds. Thank you for all your prayers.

**Colie & Vera Mason:** healing prayers for Franklin Mason

**Ron Cox:** pray for Liz's health and well-being.

**Rick Mickowski:** Christy Mickowski has an eye infection, keep her in prayer.

**Cathy Servas:** prayers for Ellen's foot to heal.

**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**

**Congratulations!** Jose Lucas and Erika Aguilar were married July 24<sup>th</sup> in a brief ceremony. Congratulations to the newlyweds!

### **Sight & Sound Tickets**

The deadline to make payments for the “Daniel” tickets at Sight & Sound is September 1<sup>st</sup>. See Anna DaCuhna, Fern Davis or Dawn Grabowski to make your payment and pick up your tickets.

### **Annual Church Picnic**

Mark your calendar for the Annual Church Picnic September 9<sup>th</sup> at Brandywine Springs Park-Rudy William Pavilion. More details coming soon.

### **Song Sunday**

Join us September 29<sup>th</sup> for an afternoon of worshipping through song. More details coming soon.

### **Camp Manatawny Events**

Singles Retreat (Sep 6-8) for single adults ages 21 and over.

Mens' Retreat (Sep 20-21) theme “Stand in the Gap” by Thomas Wise, Minister of Chestmont Church of Christ in PA.

See Rick Mickowski or the flyers on the bulletin board in the foyer for more information.

## **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: 137 Contribution: \$2,867 Weekly Average: \$5,350 Weekly Budget: \$5,435**