



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, Sep 1, 2024

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

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The Power of Patience-A Transformative Virtue

In our fast-paced world, patience can feel like a lost art. Yet, the Bible consistently reminds us of its profound power. Galatians 5:22 lists patience as a fruit of the Spirit, while James 1:4 encourages us to "let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."

Patience transforms our lives in numerous ways:

1. Strengthens Relationships: It allows us to respond to others with grace and understanding.
2. Builds Character: As we practice patience, we develop resilience and self-control.
3. Enhances Decision-Making: Patient people tend to make more thoughtful choices.
4. Reduces Stress: Accepting that some things take time can bring peace.
5. Aligns Us with God's Timing: Patience helps us trust in God's perfect plan.

To cultivate patience:

- Practice mindfulness when feeling impatient
- Reframe delays as opportunities for reflection or prayer
- Set realistic expectations for yourself and others
- Remember that growth often happens slowly

As we strive to embody Christ's love, let's not underestimate the power of patience. It's through patient endurance that we often see God's most beautiful work in our lives.

"But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." - Romans 8:25

Domingo Reyes

Praise and Prayer Requests

Stevens family: continue to keep the family lifted in prayers for comfort, strength and healing during this difficult time.

Barbara Wallace: continued prayers for the Wallace Family.

Cathy Servas: prayers for a respectful and peaceful election.

Dave & Sue Regester: Bill Tompkins-heart transplant.

Joy Harvey: pray for her sister, June recently hospitalized.

Linda Crusco: Doyle Cox recently hospitalized.

Deborah Sanichar: pray for Caroline Kennedy.

Ron Cox: continue to keep Liz in prayer.

Patty Conway: pray for this world.

Dawn Dorrell: having right shoulder and hand surgery on 9/12 at St. Francis then going to Rehab. Also pray for Newark Church-pastor Rex and family and the congregation.

Virginia Clark: pray for James Clark, Sr. (Jeff Sr's father).

Tanisha Jones: pray for Tanisha, her mother, Isaiah and Mekhi.

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

Membership Roles

The Membership Policy and Statement of Faith outline how we collectively serve and honor the Lord as a church. To properly reflect our membership, we are asking you to help us update our records by identifying your membership role and updating your family information sheet (if needed). The Membership Policy and Statement of Faith will be distributed at the building and via email. Additional instructions will follow in the coming weeks.

Digital Picture Boards

We are excited to announce that digital picture boards will soon replace the current photos in the church foyer. You can keep your current photo, submit a new one, or have your photo taken. If you'd like to submit a photo, please send it to office@greenbankcoc.org. More information on photo retakes coming soon.

Annual Church Picnic

The Fellowship Committee encourages you to join us at our Annual Church Picnic on September 8th at Brandywine Springs Park-Rudy William Pavilion after worship service. Burgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts to share.

Song Sunday

Join us September 29th for an afternoon of worshipping through song. We will be singing some familiar songs and learning new ones. If you have a favorite, add it to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. We hope to continue these Song Sundays throughout the year.

GriefShare Program

The GriefShare program is a safe, comforting place to talk with others about your grief. Sessions start September 16. For more information contact Fern Davis at fspellman2@comcast.net or visit griefshare.org. Informational brochures are located at the Welcome Center.

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.

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. Click on the “Donate” button and follow the instructions. (Note: there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)

Last Week: Attendance: 149 Contribution: \$3,000 Weekly Average: \$5,214 Weekly Budget: \$5,435