

Weekly Newsletter - Sunday, October 27, 2024

Office hours: Mon / Wed / Fri 9:00am-3:00pm. Contact info: office@greenbankcoc.org or 302-994-3800

The Power of Unity

Unity is a gift from God, bringing strength, joy, and purpose to His people. Psalm 133:1 says, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" When we come together in love and purpose, God blesses our efforts in ways we could never accomplish alone.

The early church is a powerful example of unity. In Acts 2:44-47, believers gathered, shared what they had, and supported one another. Because they were united, "the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Unity was the foundation of their impact, showing that when we're unified, God moves powerfully among us.

Unity isn't about everyone being the same; it's about coming together despite differences. Romans 12:4-5 reminds us that, like a body with many parts, each of us has a role to play. When each person contributes, the church becomes stronger, more resilient, and filled with life.

Building unity requires love and patience (Ephesians 4:2-3). We may not always agree, but we are called to bear with one another and keep the bond of peace. It means listening, forgiving, and putting others above ourselves, as Jesus taught.

In unity, we experience God's love deeply. We support each other in trials and celebrate victories together. United in Christ, we shine His light to the world, showing them the power of love and the strength of a people who stand together. Together, we are truly unstoppable.

Domingo

Praise and Prayer Requests

Arturo Gallegos: pray for his father, in Mexico, with a health concern.

Shakeira Moore: pray for her and Bronson to remain on the right path and for prayers for her family.

Patty Conway: Jennings Family, Stevens Family, Cathy Mac, Leck, Ian, Noah, Liam and Larry.

Marcia Johnson: pray for Marlin-finding a donor kidney, Marlin's family-uncle and cousin passed away. **Mason Family:** healing for Jean Barley and Frank Mason.

Barbara Wallace: great grandson, Waylon Wallace having 2nd heart surgery.

Moises Phillips: being a worship leader and leading others to Christ.

Virginia Clark: keep in prayer as she adjusts to medication changes.

Dawn Dorrell: continued prayers for Rick Markey.

Cox Family: Ron's bother Timmy Brannock is scheduled for gallbladder surgery and prayers for Liz. **Juanda Davis:** pray for healing for her husband Ted who is experiencing health issues.

Chrissi Steiner: those affected by the recent hurricanes, Lebron Parker-healing from a work injury **Rebeca Reyes:** pray for the Elivo-Stevens Family, especially Zakiyah's recovery.

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 <u>office@greenbankcoc.org</u> 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 <u>www.greenbankcoc.org</u>.

Announcements and Events

Children's Church

Children ages 3 years old through 5th grade will meet downstairs in rooms 3 and 5 during today's sermon. Parents/guardians must come downstairs to pick up the children at 11:45.

2025 Ministry Planning/Budget Preparation

All deacons and ministry leaders are asked to submit your 2025 budget requests to the elders by November 30th. If there are others who would like to lead a new event or additional ministry, please submit your ideas in writing with a budget proposal.

Sight and Sound Transportation Needs-November 15th

We are looking for a few people who can take additional passengers to Sight and Sound. If you are willing, please sign up on the bulletin board.

AVERT Training Course-November 16th

The Active Violence Emergency Response Training (AVERT) course will be held on November 16 at 9 am. This course teaches how to respond to violent situations, including active shooter situations. The class is open to everyone. If you are part of the security team, you are encouraged to attend. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board Any questions, see Rory Irwin.

Winterfest - February 14-16, 2025

It is time to begin planning our annual youth trip to Winterfest in Gatlinburg, TN. The trip is open to students in 6th-12th grades. We will also need a few adult chaperones. The cost of the trip is \$200 per person. We will collect payments over the next several months to try to make it a little easier for everyone to pay. If you need financial assistance, speak with Lisa Reed. Those interested in going on the trip should pick up a registration form and payment schedule from Lisa.

<u>Sunday Meeting Times</u>

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 – <u>Wednesdays @ 7pm</u> – hybrid class (in person & online) on Facebook Live or Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWNjd1djNpQT09

Spanish Mid-Week – <u>Thursdays @ 6:30pm</u> 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/Newark – <u>2nd & 4th Sundays @ 2pm</u> – hosted by George Kirkland/Walter Johnson **Greenbank** – <u>2nd & 4th Sundays @ 12:30 pm</u> in the building after services– hosted by Kamal Wall **North Wilmington** – <u>1st & 3rd Sundays @ 3pm</u> – hosted by Chrissi Steiner.

Married Couples – 1st Tuesday each month @ 7pm in the teen room – led by Domingo & Crystal Reyes. **Teens** – 1st Friday each month @ 7pm in the chapel – led by Domingo Reyes.

<u>3 Ways to Give</u>

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.)