



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, November 10, 2024

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

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Finding Peace Amid Uncertainty

“You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.”

— Isaiah 26:3 (NIV)

Reflection:

In a world where circumstances can change overnight, our trust in God can serve as a steady anchor. The peace that God promises isn't based on what's happening around us but on the firm assurance of His presence and care. The Hebrew word for “perfect peace” here is *shalom*, a deep, complete peace that transcends our understanding. When Isaiah speaks of “perfect peace,” he means a peace that fills every part of our being, quiets every fear, and reassures us of God's constant love.

In this verse, “steadfast” refers to a mind fixed on God, undistracted by the temporary things of this world. As we keep our thoughts focused on Him, we find our fears quieted. It doesn't mean we ignore the uncertainty, but we choose to let our hearts rest in the One who is greater than all our fears.

Practical Application:

1. **Take a Breather:** When worries crowd in, take a few moments to breathe deeply and reflect on God's goodness. With each breath, imagine releasing your anxieties and inhaling His peace.
2. **Turn Your Worries into Prayers:** Instead of replaying anxious thoughts, turn each worry into a prayer. If you're anxious about the future, tell God and ask Him for guidance. Let His presence calm your heart.
3. **Focus on the Here and Now:** Sometimes peace feels distant because we're thinking too far ahead. God calls us to trust Him daily—just for today. Try listing three things you're grateful for, anchoring yourself in God's goodness.
4. **Reflect on His Past Faithfulness:** Recalling times when God has come through for you can bolster your faith. Reflect on how He's helped you in past challenges and hold onto that same faith in the present.

Extended Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for being my peace in the storm. In a world that feels uncertain, remind me that You are my rock. Keep my mind steadfast, fixed on Your truth, instead of getting swept away by worries. Forgive me when I let my fears distract me from trusting You. Calm my anxious heart and help me to remember that Your plans are good, and You are in control. As I go through each day, guide me to find peace by focusing on Your presence and promises. Surround me with Your perfect peace and let me be a light to others who may be struggling with worry and fear. Amen. — Unknown Author

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Praise and Prayer Requests

Dawn Dorrell: her children come back to Jesus and for Newark Church of Christ.

Barbara Wallace: continued prayers for Waylon & Bruce Wallace.

Ron Cox: continued prayers for Liz.

Sue Jones: brother-in-law having trouble with medication for blood clots.

Jenn Ring-Martin: pray for her move and as she is going through a divorce.

Patty Conway: Barbara Bramble, Larry, Cathy Mac, Liam, Ian, Leck, the Stevens & Jennings Families.

Chrissi Steiner: Travis and Shalina Thornley-ongoing challenges, Lebron Parker-health issues.

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

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 you would like to lead a new event or additional ministry, submit your ideas in writing with a budget proposal.

Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies class meets the 2nd Saturday of the month at 9am on Zoom. Starting in December there will be the option of in-person and Zoom classes.

November is Mozambique Missions Month

We are doing a special contribution for the work that Chad and Amy Westerholm do in Mozambique. If you would like to make a donation to support this work, please write a check to Greenbank Church of Christ and put "Mozambique" in the memo. Cash donations can be made using the envelopes provided in the back of the auditorium. Please write "Mozambique" on the envelope.

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.

Ladies – 2nd Saturday each month @ 9am via Zoom – led by Crystal Reyes. Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88946018992> or dial in (301) 715-8592. Enter Meeting ID 889 4601 8992.

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 – 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 2pm – hosted by George Kirkland/Walter Johnson

Greenbank – 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 12:30 pm in the building after services– hosted by Kamal Wall

North Wilmington – 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 3pm – 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.

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: 109 Contribution: \$4,884 Weekly Average: \$5,446 Weekly Budget: \$5,435