



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, November 17, 2024

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

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Thanksgiving by Mountain View Church of Christ (edited from the original article published on 11/18/15)

Imagine a life without gratitude—a world where blessings go unnoticed, joy is fleeting, and peace is out of reach. Thanksgiving changes everything. It's a powerful act that transforms hearts and draws us closer to God, the ultimate source of every good gift. Throughout the Bible, thanksgiving is a recurring theme. The Old Testament resounds with Israel's praises for God's mercy and deliverance. In the New Testament, Jesus gave thanks before feeding the 5,000 (Luke 9:16) and at the Last Supper (1 Cor. 11:24), modeling gratitude as a vital part of prayer.

As the holiday approaches, consider these thoughts on giving thanks:

- **Motive:** True thanksgiving stems from pure gratitude. Unlike other prayers, thanksgiving is less likely to be influenced by selfish motives. It focuses solely on God's blessings and our appreciation of them.
- **Knowledgeable:** Gratitude requires reflection on past blessings, a practice often overshadowed by our culture's focus on the future. Thanksgiving is about looking back and acknowledging God's goodness in our lives.
- **Comprehensive:** While the holiday prompts thanks for a meal, our gratitude should encompass family, friends, shelter, work, and countless other blessings. The Pilgrims, dependent on God's providence, thanked Him in both scarcity and abundance.

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, reflect on your blessings and thank God for His provision and care.

Praise and Prayer Requests

Bill Davis' Family: Our brother, Bill, passed away on November 13th, let's keep the family lifted in prayer.

Dawn Dorrell: having some difficulty and pain with new shoulder replacement. Pray for strength for Roxie and for her husband who continues with health concerns.

Chrissie Steiner: Lebron Parker-ongoing health concerns. Our teens upcoming events. Our ministries-their faith and growth.

Patty Conway: Bramble, Stevens, and Jennings Families. Cathy Mac & Leck.

Alethia Jones: her mother, Linda Jones, is having health concerns.

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.

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

Bill Davis Memorial Service

The Memorial Service for Bill Davis will be on Friday, November 22nd at Doherty Funeral Home (3200 Limestone Road, Wilmington DE). Visitation will be at 5:00 pm followed by the service at 6:00 pm.

Bro. Reyes will be officiating.

Clothed In Love

The clothes closet is open with fall and winter clothes available for men, women and children. The door is always open, and bags are available for you to shop.

Those That Serve Ministry

Interested in reading scripture, saying prayer, leading the Lord's table or serving communion for Sunday morning service? See Marc Brasefield to learn more.

Church Service Day – Saturday, December 14th

We will be working on projects inside the building during this workday. We thank you, in advance, for helping us catch up on projects that need to be done. See Kamal Wall with any questions.

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 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: 128 Contribution: \$4,351 Weekly Average: \$5,501 Weekly Budget: \$5,435