



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, November 3, 2024

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

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### Hope Beyond Failure by C. Swindoll

Failure is a universal experience, often leaving us disheartened and questioning our worth. However, it's essential to recognize that failure isn't the end but a pivotal point for growth and transformation. The Bible offers numerous examples of individuals who, despite their shortcomings, were used mightily by God.

Consider the Apostle Peter, who denied Jesus three times during His trial. This profound failure led Peter to deep remorse, yet it wasn't the conclusion of his story. After the resurrection, Jesus extended grace to Peter, reaffirming his role in the early church. This narrative underscores that our failures don't disqualify us from God's purpose; instead, they can refine and prepare us for greater responsibilities.

In his devotional "Hope Beyond Failure," Chuck Swindoll reflects on Peter's journey, emphasizing that "failure is not forever." He reminds us that God specializes in forgiveness and hope, using even our worst failures in a mighty way.

Embracing this perspective allows us to view failures not as final verdicts but as opportunities for introspection and growth. By seeking God's guidance and grace, we can transform our missteps into stepping stones toward spiritual maturity. As Proverbs 24:16 states, "For though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again."

Let us, therefore, approach our failures with humility, seeking God's forgiveness and wisdom. In doing so, we align ourselves with His purpose, allowing Him to work through our imperfections to achieve His perfect plan. — from Chuck Swindoll's devotional, "Hope Beyond Failure,"

### Praise and Prayer Requests

**Praise:** Dawn Dorrell wants to thank everyone for the love here at Greenbank, "I feel so welcomed and loved."

**Dawn Grabowski:** prayers for the Curcio & Morris Family as they mourn the passing of Dorena Morris (Yvette's mother, Dawn's grandmother).

**The Masons:** K. Jackson & F. Mason-healing.

**Sue Jones:** Brother-in-law in the hospital with blood clots.

**Jenn Martin:** going through a difficult time, needs prayers and help with an upcoming move.

**Barbara Wallace:** continued prayers for great grandson Waylon who is recovering from heart surgery.

**Ron Cox:** continued prayers for Liz.

**Patty Conway:** Stevens Family, Jennings Family, Cathy S., Cathy Mac, Leck, Ian, Noah, Liam, Larry & Erin.

**Moises Phillips:** prayers for Newark Church of Christ.

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

**Marcia Johnson:** pray for Marlin-finding a donor kidney, Marlin's family-uncle and cousin passed away.

**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](http://www.greenbankcoc.org) page on our website [www.greenbankcoc.org](http://www.greenbankcoc.org).*

## [Announcements and Events](#)

### **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.

### **AVERT Training Course-November 16<sup>th</sup>**

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. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Any questions, see Rory Irwin.

### **Winterfest - February 14-16, 2025**

It is time to plan our annual youth trip to Winterfest in Gatlinburg, TN. The trip is open to students in 6th-12th grades. Adult chaperones are needed. The cost is \$200 per person. Payments will be collected over several months. 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.

### **November is Mozambique Missions Month**

We will be doing a special contribution for the work that Chad and Amy Westerholm do in Mozambique through the month of November. They are active in several Bible studies, establishing churches in new areas, and translating Scripture into the native language. 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](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.

**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](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: 140 Contribution: \$6,057 Weekly Average: \$5,544 Weekly Budget: \$5,435**