



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, December 1, 2024

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

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### Preparation Time by E. Young

**Nehemiah 1:4** *“When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.”*

**Philippians 4:6** *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”*

Nehemiah’s story is a powerful reminder of how preparation through prayer can lead to extraordinary outcomes. Though he is celebrated for rebuilding Jerusalem’s walls in just 52 days, the foundation of his success was not immediate action, but prolonged prayer—four months of pouring out his heart before God. During this time, God wasn’t only preparing a plan; He was preparing Nehemiah himself.

The urgency Nehemiah must have felt was immense. The city was in ruins, vulnerable to attacks, and his people were in danger. Yet, instead of rushing to solve the problem, he waited and sought God’s guidance. This deliberate delay wasn’t wasted time; it was essential preparation. Oswald Chambers captured this beautifully: *“Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work.”*

When faced with challenges, our instinct is often to act swiftly. However, Nehemiah teaches us that success begins in stillness, in seeking God’s wisdom and strength. Those months of prayer gave him not only a divine plan but also the courage and clarity to navigate opposition and setbacks.

So, what challenge are you facing? What "wall" do you feel pressed to rebuild? Instead of rushing in, pause. Pray. Let God shape your heart, strengthen your resolve, and direct your steps. Like Nehemiah, you may find that the most transformative work happens not through action, but through waiting and communion with God.

**Reflection:** What steps can you take today to trust God’s timing and seek His guidance before moving forward?

### Praise and Prayer Requests

**Bill Davis’ Family:** please keep them in prayer as they mourn Bill’s passing.

**Patty Conway:** Cathy Mac, Barb, Larry, Nate, Paula, Liam, Amber, Laura, Kevin & Ben.

**Chrissi Steiner:** All those in our congregation who believe in Jesus but are hesitant to be baptized. Labron Parker-vertigo/balance issues-pray for healing.

**Barbara Wallace:** Bruce and Waylon Wallace. Waylon is home but can still use prayers.

**Jenn Ring-Martin:** sending love and prayers for a Happy Thanksgiving and travels for all church members.

**Clark Family:** prayers for Virginia's upcoming surgery December 5th and prayers for traveling grace.

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

**Mason Family:** M. Britt-salvation, F. Mason-Healing.

**Mike & Moises Phillips:** pray for Jane's back issues.

**Elisha Wall:** Christians worldwide in persecution and the church in general.

**Dawn Dorrell:** Newark Church of Christ.

**Sick and Shut In:** pray for all members who are sick, battling serious medical issues and those who are unable to attend due to illness.

**Greenbank church:** Pray for godly wisdom and guidance for our leaders and congregation.

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

## [Announcements and Events](#)

### **Youth Ministry Meeting-December 14<sup>th</sup> 10 am**

The Youth ministry team is seeking all hands to help strengthen our youth program. To learn more, join us as we discuss the theme for 2025 “Fearfully and Wonderfully Made”. Youth are encouraged to attend and take part in the planning process. See the Greenbank Youth Ministry Meeting email for more details.

### **Christmas Party-Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> 5-8 pm**

All ages are welcome. Please bring finger food and a gift to exchange. Gifts should be made, gently used or a re-gift, no need to spend money. Children bring gifts for children and adults for adults. All gifts should be wrapped. See Anna with any questions.

### **Ladies Cookie Exchange-December 20<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm**

Jessica Ice will be hosting our first cookie exchange. So we know how many are attending, please sign up on the bulletin board no later than December 16<sup>th</sup>. Details will be provided via email.

### **Noon Year’s Eve Party-December 31<sup>st</sup> 12-6 pm**

Come celebrate the coming New Year with your brothers and sisters in Christ. There will be fun games, finger food and every hour we will pick a country where it is already midnight and pray for that country. Contact Anna with any questions.

### **2025 Communion Schedule**

We need your help to prepare communion for our worship services next year. Stop by the large bulletin board to sign up for a month to provide this service to our congregation. If you have not prepared communion before, but are interested, contact Susan Johnson.

## **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 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: 132 Contribution: \$4,673 Weekly Average: \$5,493 Weekly Budget: \$5,511**