



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, December 22, 2024

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

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The Gift They're Waiting For

As we approach Christmas, there's something special about this time of year, isn't there? The lights, the music, and the sense of togetherness all point to something greater than just the decorations and gifts. At its heart, Christmas is about love—the love of a God who gave us His Son so that we might experience life in all its fullness.

But I want to ask you to think about something: who in your life might still be waiting to hear about that love? Maybe someone in your school, your neighborhood, or even your family hasn't yet understood the depth of God's love for them. As we celebrate the miracle of Christ's birth, there are people walking through life unaware of the gift that's already been given to them.

Imagine what could happen if we took a step to change that. A simple word, an invitation to church, or even just taking the time to listen could be the moment that opens someone's heart to the hope we celebrate. You don't need all the answers or the perfect words—just the willingness to share the same love and grace you've received.

This Christmas, let's not let the message of Christ's love stop with us. Pray for God to open your eyes to someone who needs it. Let your invitation be their doorway to peace. After all, the joy of this season isn't meant to be kept to ourselves—it's meant to be shared.

So, let's make sure no one misses the miracle of His love. You carry the gift. Now, share it. Be the hands and feet of Jesus this season.

Domingo Reyes

Praise and Prayer Requests

Roxie Markey: Praise-Rick is home from the hospital and rehab! Let's continue to keep them in prayer.

Anna DaCunha: pray that her lower back pain goes away.

Chrissi Steiner: all those traveling over the holidays, our youth and our vision for the youth program.

Patty Conway: Bro. King, Sis. Sharon, Liam, Nate, Kevin, Ben & Larry.

Barbara Wallace: continued prayers for the Wallace family.

Dawn Dorrell: has to see bone specialists may need another surgery on shoulder.

Mary Cannon: pray for Barb Wallace as she goes for medical tests.

Jeannette Connor: Seth's mom was hospitalized and had surgery. She will need another surgery when she recovers.

Marcia Johnson: pray for me as a wife, mother, sister and daughter. Pray for Marlin, all tests (cleared) are done now awaiting a kidney.

Jenn Ring-Martin: praying for all those who lost a loved one during this year.

Ron Cox: continue to keep Liz in your prayers.

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 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.

Note from The Friederichsens

Farewell, But Not Good-Bye: Dear Family, As we leave Delaware—and the bosom of Greenbank Church—we want you to know that we feel privileged to have worshipped and served our Lord in sweet fellowship with you and your children for all (or any parts) of 20 years. We will miss you... but you will remain ever in our prayers. Simply said, we love you each. May the Father continue to bless you and yours. May His face ever smile upon you.

Jim & Linda

Announcements and Events

Noon Year's Eve Party-December 31st 12-6 pm

Come celebrate the coming New Year with us. Bring finger food (**only**) and any games you would like to play to go along with the games planned. Every hour we will pick a country where it is already midnight and pray for that country. The last country will be France and a video call with the Mohsens.

Wednesday Night Bible Class

There will be no Bible Class December 25th or January 1st. Class will resume Wednesday, January 8th.

2025 Communion Schedule

We need your help to prepare communion for our worship services next year. Sign up on the large bulletin board. If you have not prepared communion before, but are interested, contact Susan Johnson.

Deacon and Elder Search

We are looking for nominations for Deacons and Elders. Nomination forms are located on the greeting table in the foyer. Forms can be returned to any Elder. If you wish to nominate by email, send your nomination to Rory Irwin at rlrirwin63@gmail.com.

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: 168 Contribution: \$6,547 Weekly Average: \$5,461 Weekly Budget: \$5,435