



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, March 30, 2025

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

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Jesus' Simple Instruction that Led to a 4-Million Percent Growth of Christianity By Kyle Winkler (edited)

Jesus' ministry challenged the religious culture of His day. He healed on the Sabbath, spoke to women publicly, and associated with Samaritans—acts considered taboo. But in doing so, He revealed the true character of God and dismantled flawed traditions.

One of His most radical teachings came during the Sermon on the Mount: “You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy” (Matt. 5:43). “Neighbor” meant someone like you. “Enemy” referred to those who were different—religiously, politically, or personally.

Jesus corrected this mindset: “But I say, love your enemies” (Matt. 5:44). That command meant loving those who don't look, act, believe, or agree with you—even those who oppose you.

Early Christians took this to heart. In the first 300 years of the Church, “love your enemies” was quoted 26 times by 10 different authors—making it the most cited verse of that era. From just 120 followers, the Church grew to 40,000 in seven years, and over five million by 300 A.D.—a 4-million percent increase.

Why? Their love for those who were different. They didn't have a choice—everyone else was different. And they chose to love anyway.

If revival is what we long for, maybe it begins here. Today, our “enemies” may go by different names—Muslim, atheist, liberal, conservative, immigrant, gay, Black, White—but Jesus' command remains: love those who are different than you. That kind of love may just be the key to the next great awakening.

Praise and Prayer Request

PRAISE: Phillip Watson was baptized March 26th. Pray for him as he begins his new life in Christ.

Linda Crusco: Bobby is currently in Wilmington hospital and will be receiving Comfort Care. Pray for Bobby, Linda and their son John as they navigate through this difficult time.

Mona Newsome: continued healing of left leg following procedure. Prayers for teen mom and her very premature baby in the NICU.

Chrissi Steiner: for the Lord to bless LeBron and I in our upcoming marriage. Thanks for all the prayers and good wishes.

Anna DeCunha: friend, Sean Kellagher is in the hospital.

Patty Conway: prayers for Domingo.

Cathy Servas: prayers for healing mouth infection.

Elisha Wall: thankfulness for mom's safe return from Honduras.

Remember our members who are homebound due to serious illness or have limited mobility and are unable to attend.

Greenbank church: Godly guidance for our elders, minister and deacons as they lead our 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 page on our website www.greenbankcoc.org.

Offer of Thanks

Carrie Hucker sends her appreciation for everything the members of the church did to help support the family. “It was so wonderful to be back inside the building and surrounded by so many of my parent's friends.”

Announcements and Events

Elder Nominations

The congregation is asked to pray and fully consider the nomination of David Register and Arturo Gallegos as Elders. If you have any concerns, please approach any Elder or Domingo. If no concerns are raised, they will be instilled as Elders on April 6th.

Greenbank Bowlers-March 30

Today is the first of several planned gatherings of the Greenbank Bowlers. We are meeting at 2 pm at Bowlerama, 3031 New Castle Ave. All are welcome to join in on the fun, contact Dawn Dorrell for details.

Greenbank Scavenger Hunt-May 3rd

Are you interested in an adventure? The fellowship committee is organizing an outdoor scavenger hunt. Teams will utilize the Bible, explore covered bridges, and fellowship. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Additional details will be provided soon.

Camp Manatawny Events

Ladies Retreat-May 2-3 "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Holiness"-\$45 includes meals, snacks, all activities and 1-night seasonal cabin lodging; upgraded lodging available at additional cost; girls 12 and under only \$10. Register at <https://www.manatawny.org/ladies>.

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 -hybrid class (in person & online) via Zoom – led by Crystal Reyes. Zoom <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: 158 Contribution: \$3,858 Weekly Average: \$5,109 Weekly Budget: \$5,443