

# Weekly Newsletter - Sunday, April 13, 2025

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

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# Spiritual Alertness - Author: Unknown

Life has a way of numbing us. Not all at once—just slowly. A little distraction here, a little busyness there, and before long, we stop noticing the things that really matter. That's why the Bible tells us, "Be sober-minded; be watchful" (1 Peter 5:8). Not just for the obvious temptations, but for the slow drift.

Spiritual alertness isn't about paranoia—it's about paying attention. To what's happening in your heart. To the direction your life is heading. To what's shaping your priorities.

Jesus warned His disciples in the garden: "Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation" (Matthew 26:41). They didn't listen. They fell asleep—physically and spiritually. That moment didn't seem urgent to them, but it was. It always is.

Today, staying spiritually awake might look like:

- Noticing when your Bible has been closed more than open.
- Catching yourself reacting out of habit instead of conviction.
- Realizing your prayers have grown cold—or absent.
- Feeling a nudge that something in your life needs to change.

The enemy doesn't always roar. Sometimes he just whispers, "You're fine. Don't worry. Take it easy." But if we're not careful, we'll wake up one day and wonder how we got so far off course.

So check in with yourself. Ask God to search your heart. And if you've been spiritually sleepy lately, the good news is—He's ready to wake you up.

# **Praise and Prayer Request**

**PRAISE:** Darryl Stevens was baptized April 6<sup>th</sup>. Pray for him as he begins his new life in Christ.

**Crusco Family:** Our brother Bob Crusco passed away on April 3rd. Pray for Linda and the family.

**Virginia Clark:** continue to keep her in prayer working through her medications.

**Jenn Ring-Martin:** praying for all those in attendance in our Greenbank GriefShare group and for peace for those who have lost a loved one.

**Elisha Wall:** wisdom in decision making, time management and priorities.

Patty Conway: Nate, Kevin, Ben, Jay, Riley, Liam, Ethan & Lucas.

**Lisa Reed:** Clyde Schinnerer (Lisa's dad) is hospitalized with pneumonia.

Moises Phillips: pray for his family and for him to be a blessing for those who need it.

**Dawn Dorrell:** friend Penny will be starting kidney dialysis.

**Roxie Markey:** prayers for Roxie and Rick.

**Barbara Wallace:** will be having radiation for 3 weeks beginning in 1 week.

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 <a href="mailto:office@greenbankcoc.org">office@greenbankcoc.org</a> 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 <a href="https://www.greenbankcoc.org">www.greenbankcoc.org</a>.

## **Announcements and Events**

### **Children's Church and Easter Party**

Children will meet downstairs during the sermon for Children's Church and an Easter party. Parents are to come downstairs to pick up the children at noon.

### Game Night-April 18th

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm for an evening of board games, dominoes, card games, and a special group game. Additionally, there will be a painting session led by Chrissi Steiner.

### 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. Email Anna DaCunha at <a href="mailto:Anna.gbfc@gmail.com">Anna.gbfc@gmail.com</a> if you have any questions.

#### **Exercise Class**

A low impact exercise class will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to participate. For questions, contact Wilma Blue at (302) 528-3043.

### **2025 Graduation Recognition**

If you are a student graduating from high school, trade school, or college, please send your name and the school you are graduating from to the office so we can begin planning for a graduation reception.

## **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 @ 2pm – hosted by Mona Newsome.

**Married Couples** – 1st Tuesday each month @ 7pm in the teen room – led by Domingo & Crystal Reves.

**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 <a href="www.greenbankcoc.org">www.greenbankcoc.org</a>. Click on the "Donate" button and follow the instructions. (Note: there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)

Last Week: Attendance: 149 Contribution: \$7,822 Weekly Average: \$5,295 Weekly Budget: \$5,443