



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, June 1, 2025

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

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When God Feels Silent by J. Miller

There's something unsettling about praying and hearing... nothing.

You pour out your heart. You ask for clarity, healing, peace—*anything*. But instead of answers, you're met with silence. No sign. No breakthrough. Just waiting. And it can feel like God's a million miles away.

But silence isn't absence.

God has a long history of going quiet—not because He doesn't care, but because He's doing something deeper. Think of Job. He lost everything, and for much of his suffering, God didn't say a word. Even Jesus, in His darkest moment on the cross, cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46). Even the Son felt it.

The truth is, silence can be a sacred space. It's often where trust is tested and faith is refined. Where we learn to follow not because everything makes sense, but because God is still good.

Isaiah 30:18 says, "*The Lord longs to be gracious to you... blessed are all who wait for Him.*"

If you're in one of those quiet seasons—don't give up. Don't walk away just because you can't hear Him right now. God's not done. He's not absent. He's just working in ways you can't see yet.

Stay faithful in the silence. The voice is coming.

Praise and Prayer Request

High School and College Graduates: may they trust in God to guide them as they move into their next stage in life.

All Our Students: for a great finish to the school year.

Dawn Dorrell: PRAISE-2 grandchildren graduated from college, Christopher Wolfe is now an RN and sister Kaitlyn has her B.S. in Chemistry.

Patty Conway: Lillie A, Pattie T, Cathy S, Richard and Mom, Barb B, Chrissi and LeBron and Doreen B.

Taylor & Chad McPherson: prayers for our new journey as a married couple, our businesses, upcoming relocation (still Delaware) and our continued safety. Also, please pray for our family and friends that are new Christians.

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.

Announcements and Events

Greenbank Monthly Food Drive

Thanks to your generosity, we donated 59 jars of peanut butter to the Food Bank of Delaware. This month's collection will be low sugar cereals. Check out discount stores or local pharmacies who often have sales for store members.

Basement Renovation-Kitchen Storage Clean Out

The first phase of work downstairs will begin soon, but first we need your help! Serving dishes and crockpots that were in the storage closets will be in the kitchen during the fellowship meal for you to take what belongs to you. Anything remaining in storage after Sunday, June 8th will be donated or discarded.

Lums Pond Picnic-Saturday, June 14th noon-close.

We have a pavilion reserved for the entire day so come with your family and friends for a relaxing day in nature! Bring food, games, lawn chairs, sunscreen and a joyful spirit! Flyers are available in the lobby with more details and directions.

Money Management Classes: “Financial Peace University” - starting July 14th.

Interested in learning the basics of managing your money? We are hosting Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University course on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. See the flyer on the bulletin board for details. Registration is required.

Events at Camp Manatawny

Summer camping sessions begin in just a few weeks! The schedule for each session is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby. Camp is a wonderful way for your child to grow in relationship with Jesus while making life-long friends. For summer session details and registration for all camps go to www.manatawny.org.

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=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWVjd1djNpQT09>

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. (On break until October)

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 Reyes. (On break until October)

Teens – 1st Friday each month @ 7pm in the chapel – led by Domingo Reyes. (On break until October)

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.)