

# Weekly Newsletter - Sunday, June 8, 2025

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

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## "Why Me?"

I remember talking to a young mother whose child had just been diagnosed with a rare illness. Through tears, she asked, "Why me?" It is a question born out of pain, confusion, and the feeling of being overwhelmed. And maybe you've asked it too.

When the layoff hits, when the loved one dies, when the diagnosis has your name on it we want to know WHY. Why not someone else? Why now?

In John 9, Jesus' disciples pointed to a blind man and asked, "Who sinned, this man or his parents?" But Jesus said, "Neither... this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him."

Sometimes the "why me" moments are actually "watch Me" moments—God saying, Watch Me carry you. Watch Me heal you. Watch Me use this pain to bring purpose.

You may not understand it now, but I encourage you to trust him because your story isn't over. God may not be punishing you but positioning you for something greater.

So, if you're asking "Why me?", don't stop there. Follow it with, "Use me." God turns our hardest questions into His most powerful answers.

Romans 8:28 – "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him..."

### **Domingo**

### **Praise and Prayer Request**

**Jenn Ring-Martin:** ongoing recovery after surgery, sister Lorri who has stage 3 cancer, and all GriefShare participants.

**Mason Family:** Frank Mason-healing of health, Kevin Johnson-healing of health.

**Chrissi Steiner:** Lebron & I as we prepare for our upcoming marriage.

**Cathy Servas:** pray for Annie Harmony losing her father.

Patty Conway: Richard & mom, Leck G, Liam, Cathy Mac, Pope Leo XIV and Bishop McCollum.

**Moises Phillips:** pray for health and guidance. **Mohsen Family:** prayers for Rose's brother James.

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>.

# Offer of Thanks

**Gifty Opoku** "You all have been part of my journey through your prayers, words of encouragement and unwavering love. Thank you for standing with me. I am excited about what lies ahead and ask for your continued prayers. May God richly bless this amazing family of faith.

**Francis Essieku** "As I will be moving on to the next chapter of my journey, I will carry with me the lessons, memories, and blessing I received through this church community. May God continue to bless and grow this wonderful family of faith.

## **Announcements and Events**

### **Volunteers Needed-Sunday Morning Bible Classes**

We are currently looking for a teacher for our 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday morning class for the months of July, August and September. Class meets from 9:30 am to 10:15 am. We are also seeking a volunteer assistant for the Pre-K Class during that same time. If you are willing to help in either role, please let Crystal Reyes as soon as possible.

#### **Teachers Meeting-Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

All teachers-There will be a brief meeting immediately following worship service with Elder George Kirkland. Please plan to attend.

### **Greenbank Monthly Food Drive**

This month's collection for the Food Bank of DE is low sugar cereals (like Cheerios). Place items in the plastic tub in the lobby. Contact Rick Mickowski with questions.

# **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. (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.)

Last Week: Attendance: 156 Contribution: \$7,172 Weekly Average: \$5,346 Weekly Budget: \$5,443