

Weekly Newsletter - Sunday, June 22 2025

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

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Amazing Grace — The Gift We Can't Ignore

Amazing Grace is a song we love to sing, but sadly, it's a topic we often avoid—perhaps out of fear that it might be taken as a license to sin (Romans 6:1). But we can't afford to overlook it. Grace is not a loophole—it's the very heart of the gospel.

The apostle Paul reminds us, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). We rightly emphasize obedience—baptism (Acts 2:38), faithful living (Revelation 2:10), and walking in the light (1 John 1:7). But none of that is possible—or even meaningful—without grace.

Grace is God reaching down to us while we were still sinners (Romans 5:8). It's the Father running to embrace the prodigal son while he still smelled like the pigpen (Luke 15:20). It's the blood of Jesus that cleanses us—not just once, but continually—as we walk in the light (1 John 1:7).

Grace doesn't mean we stop trying—it means we can't earn salvation. We can't save ourselves, but grace gives us the strength to obey. As Paul said, "By the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:10).

We must preach grace boldly—not as a footnote, but as the foundation. Grace doesn't water down obedience; it fuels it. Baptism, repentance, and holy living aren't optional—but without grace, they're impossible. Without grace, we're lost. With grace, nothing is beyond God's reach. Let us be a people of grace and truth (John 1:17), standing firm in both.

Domingo Reyes

Praise and Prayer Request

Jenn Ring-Martin: prayers for sister, Lorri who is recovering from surgery.

Patty Conway: pray for the world.

Kirkland Family: Dawn Dorrell feeling down this week.

Anna DaCunha: Barbara Wallace in the emergency room this morning and her sister Betty was

admitted to the hospital on Saturday.

Mason Family: F. Mason & KC Jackson-pray for better health and strength.

Chrissi Steiner: Lebron and I preparing for our wedding and marriage and LeBron's transition to DE.

Bill Williams: had quadruple bypass surgery.

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

Jenn Ring-Martin: Thank you to all who have prayed for me and helped me recover from my surgery. **Angelo Cox:** Special thanks to the Elders and the congregation for the graduation cards and Bible.

Announcements and Events

Dwain Asbell Funeral Service

Family and friends are invited to visit at the Doherty Funeral Home, 3200 Limestone Road, Pike Creek on Tuesday, June 24 from 10:00 – 11:00AM. Funeral services will begin at 11:00AM, immediately followed by interment at Ebenezer United Methodist Church Cemetery, 525 Polly Drummond Hill Road, Newark.

Volunteers Needed-Sunday Morning Bible Classes

We are currently looking for a teacher for our 1st-5th 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. If you are willing to help in either role, please see Crystal Reyes as soon as possible.

Clothed In Love

The clothes closet has many gently-used items for men, women, and children. Visit and see what you can use or share with someone in need. The door is always open. Contact Dawn Grabowski if you want to come in during office hours to browse.

Money Management Classes: "Financial Peace University" - July 14- Sept 8.

Interested in the basics of budgeting, paying off debt, saving and more? We are hosting Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Mondays from 6:00-8:00 pm. The course is \$99 per household. Register by July 7th. Contact Jason Grabowski or visit RamseySolutions.com for details.

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: 136 Contribution: \$2,652 Weekly Average: \$5,182 Weekly Budget: \$5,443