

Weekly Newsletter - Sunday, July 27, 2025

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The Ministry of Presence by Domingo Reyes

In a world obsessed with performance, achievement, and constant activity, we often overlook one of the most powerful forms of ministry: simply being there.

The ministry of presence doesn't require a degree, a pulpit, or a program. It only requires your willingness to show up—with compassion, patience, and a listening heart.

Jesus practiced this kind of ministry all throughout His earthly life. Before He ever preached the Sermon on the Mount or raised Lazarus from the dead, He made Himself available. He sat at dinner tables. He walked with people on the road. He noticed the forgotten, the grieving, the sick—and He stayed.

Sometimes, what people need most is not a sermon, but a shoulder. Not a solution, but someone to sit beside them in the silence.

Galatians 6:2 tells us, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." That burden-bearing often starts with presence. A visit. A phone call. A hug. A quiet moment without judgment.

As a church family, we can reflect God's love most beautifully when we stop trying to fix everything—and start being faithfully present with one another.

So don't underestimate the value of your presence. It's not flashy, but it's faithful. And in the eyes of the hurting, it might just be the most Christlike thing you could offer.

Let's keep showing up—for God, for each other, and for a world that desperately needs His love.

If you're looking for something real... something lasting... something powerful—start with the Word. It still speaks. And it still works.

Praise and Prayer Request

Jenn Ring-Martin: sister Lorri going through cancer and chemo. Friend Desiree is going through a difficult time.

Marlin & Marcia Johnson: keep us in prayer and safe travels to and from New Jersey to get a kidney.

Cathy Servas: healing of food addiction and friend who is going through health challenges.

Patty Conway: Christina Spina, Leck G., Barb B., Larry B., and Cathy Mac.

Aniqua Price: guidance as I began this new chapter as a nurse this week and strength from the distractions of this world.

Colie & Vera Mason: J & B Jones-strength in God. Frank Mason-healing and health restoration.

Anna DaCunha: Aidan Osbourne (24 yrs old) lost his father suddenly, his mother died several years ago.

Desmona Newsome: prayers for Larry & Kameahle Rich.

Glenda Davis: thanks for prayers for daughter Dominique who is still suffering from a concussion.

Termarryer Johnson: mother, Loretta Johnson, has prognosis of throat cancer. Prayers that the test come back negative.

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

Deacon Installation-August 10th

The congregation is asked to prayerfully consider the nomination of Enoch Reyes and Manuel Galeano for the role of Deacon. Anyone with concerns may contact an Elder or Domingo. If there are no objections raised, they will be appointed as Deacons after our combined worship service.

Combined Worship Service & Fellowship Meal-August 10th.

Join us for a day of worship, food and fellowship. Worship service starts at 10:30 followed by a Sub & Chips lunch. Please bring your favorite cold cuts and cheese to share. Bread, condiments and chips will be provided. We encourage everyone to attend and enjoy this time of fellowship to glorify God and strengthen our church family.

Ladies Conference-October 11th,

Ladies are invited to attend a free one-day conference here at Greenbank hosted by Sisters Anchored in Unity, a team of faithful women from Churches of Christ across DE, NJ and PA. The theme is "I Am My Sister's Keeper". The conference is from 8 am-1 pm. Registration is required as seats are limited. To register, use the QR code on the flyer, call (302) 276-8377 or use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Reflect Campus Missions 15th Annual Golf Event

The annual golf tournament to raise funds for Blue Hens for Christ and Reflect Campus Missions will be held on Saturday August 7th at the Newark Country Club. To register, or to sponsor the event, go to: www.birdease.com/rcm. See 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

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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: 138 Contribution: 3,809 Weekly Average: \$5,190 Weekly Budget: \$5,443