



## **Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, August 17, 2025**

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

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### **The Power of Encouragement - D. Reyes**

Hebrews 10:24–25 urges us, “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another...”

Encouragement might seem like a small act, but its impact can be eternal. A kind word can lift a weary heart. A listening ear can restore hope. A simple note, call, or prayer can remind someone they are not forgotten.

In the early church, believers faced persecution, uncertainty, and hardship. Yet one of the reasons they remained strong was because they intentionally encouraged each other. Barnabas, whose name means “Son of Encouragement,” became known for building others up—helping believers grow in faith and boldness.

In our busy lives, it’s easy to assume someone else will do the encouraging. But God calls each of us to take that role seriously. We never know when a single word of kindness might be the very thing God uses to strengthen a brother or sister in Christ.

Encouragement also flows both ways—when we pour into others, we often find our own spirits lifted. Proverbs 11:25 reminds us, “Whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”

This week, be intentional about reaching out to someone in the congregation—maybe someone who’s been absent, a young person facing big decisions, or a senior who may feel isolated. A simple act of encouragement could be the spark that renews their faith.

### **Praise and Prayer Request**

**Elder Ed Greenwood:** currently in Christiana Hospital and improving. He will transfer to Encompass Health rehab on Monday. Continue to keep him lifted in prayer.

**Virginia Clark:** prayer for travel grace.

**Jenn Ring-Martin:** continued prayers for my sister Lorri going through chemo and stage 3 cancer. Prayers for Chrissi Steiner's bridal shower on Sunday.

**Patty Conway:** Cathy S., Christine S., Chrissi & LeBron, Domingo, Ed Greenwood and the country.

**Chrissi Steiner:** LeBron and I and our upcoming marriage. The Mohsens & Steiners as they travel to Canada for missions this week.

**Aniqua Price:** pray that God continues to protect me on my walk in seeking Christ.

**Ice Brons Family:** Earl Wilkerson's (long time preacher/Elder at Holiday Park Church of Christ) passing and memorial.

**Dawn Dorrell:** having severe back pain and going to the doctor on Monday.

**Arturo Gallegos:** keep the church in prayer.

**Desmona Newsome:** prayers for a smooth move to my new home, prayers for the Rich family.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.greenbankcoc.org).

## Offer of Thanks

**Glenda Downs:** Thank you for your continued prayers for my daughter, Dominique. We appreciate and love you.

## Announcements and Events

### Small Groups

If you're interested in becoming a small group leader, please join us for a meeting directly after services on August 24th. We'll cover details regarding study materials, meeting locations, and proposed start/end dates. We encourage anyone considering this role to attend! See George, Boyd, or Rory with questions.

### Church Picnic-Saturday August 30th

Join us for good food, great company and a relaxing afternoon at Banning Park (102 Middleboro Road, Wilmington, DE) at 12:00. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers and ribs. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Children's Church Resumes September 14th

We are happy to welcome our children back to Children's Church! Children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to meet downstairs during the morning sermon on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

## 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](http://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](http://www.greenbankcoc.org). Click on the “Donate” button and follow the instructions. (Note: there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)