



## **Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, September 14, 2025**

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

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### **Bible Study: Loving Our Enemies**

Jesus said in Matthew 5:44, *“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”* Those words may be some of the hardest to live out. When people hurt us, speak against us, or do evil in the world, our natural response is anger. We want to fight back. Yet Christ calls us to a different way.

To love our enemies does not mean pretending their actions are right. It does not mean we stop caring about justice. What it does mean is that we refuse to let hatred take root in our hearts. When we pray for those who oppose us, we are turning the matter over to God, who alone is the perfect Judge.

This kind of love is costly. It stretches us beyond what feels comfortable. But it also frees us. Bitterness and resentment chain us to the hurt we’ve experienced, while forgiveness and prayer open the door to healing.

Jesus Himself showed us the way. On the cross, as He suffered, He prayed for His executioners: *“Father, forgive them.”* If Christ could pray for His enemies in that moment, then by His Spirit we can learn to do the same.

In a world that often feels overcome by violence and division, God invites us to answer darkness with light. When we choose love over hate, we become living witnesses that His Kingdom is real—and that His love is stronger than death.

**- D. Reyes**

### **Praise and Prayer Request**

**Desmona Newsome:** prayers for Shirl Ellis as she prepares for surgery on 9/19.

**Patty Conway:** Andrea & Bishop, Nate, Ed G., Crystal R., Cathy Mac, Barb & Richard.

**Shetia Tunis:** my coworker to receive God after breaking her ankle and out of work.

**Chrissi Steiner:** the fellowship hall will be ready for my wedding and a health concern.

**Cathy Servas:** Carol, Paul, Maria and James for healing.

**Nada Harris (visitor):** my health, son Eric, my grandchildren and that God will guide me in the direction he wants me to go job wise.

**Dawn Dorrell:** Praise God!

**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**

**Jenn Martin:** *“As of today, my sister is cancer free! Thank you to our entire church and everyone who has prayed for my sister and our family... what we witnessed today can only be described as a miracle and we know it’s from prayer and God!”*

**Lawrence Dickinson:** *“...thank you for letting my family use the meeting house for my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday...your generosity and care perfectly luminates God’s love shown through his saints. I’ll cherish the memories.”*

**Jason Grabowski:** *“Thank you for the support and participation in the Financial Peace class. It was a great success!”*

## **Announcements and Events**

### **Children's Church**

Children ages 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend Children's Church during the morning sermon. Parents are asked to pick up the children from downstairs at 12:00.

### **Church Website Draft**

The new church website will launch on September 15th. Please visit

<https://greenbankchurchofchrist.thechurchco.site> to explore the updated design. The site features sermons, bulletins, information on upcoming events, and additional resources. We encourage you to share our website with your family, friends, and through your social media channels.

### **Movie Night-Friday, Sept 19th**

The fellowship committee is holding a movie night in the small chapel featuring "Moses" from Sight and Sound. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the movie begins at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

### **Fellowship Committee Meeting-October 4<sup>th</sup> -9 am**

We will be planning for the 2026 fellowship activities. Anyone interested in being on the committee next year should attend. Any questions, contact Anna DaCunha.

## **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.)