

Weekly Newsletter - Sunday, January 5, 2025

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

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Revive and Thrive in 2025

As we prepare to close the chapter on 2024, I can't help but reflect on the journey we've shared together this year as the Greenbank Church of Christ. It has been a year marked by both joy and sorrow, growth and challenge, but through it all, one truth has remained constant: God has been faithful, and so have you.

This year, we celebrated new beginnings with the addition of precious souls—through births, baptisms, and those who have joined our family after moving into the area. Each new face reminds us of the ongoing work of the Lord in our midst. At the same time, we have felt the sting of loss. We said goodbye to beloved brothers and sisters who moved away or passed on to their heavenly reward. Their absence is deeply felt, but their legacy remains alive in the work they've done among us.

We've also had to make difficult decisions about our ministries, deciding whether to transform some for new seasons of service or, in some cases, to close them altogether. These choices were not made lightly, but they have helped us focus our energy on the mission God is calling us to now.

As we look ahead to 2025, it is clear that challenges lie before us. We will need to raise up new leaders, breathe life into revitalized ministries, and find innovative ways to serve both one another and our community. But if there is one thing history has shown us, it is that we are a loving, strong, and resilient body of believers.

That resilience inspires our theme for 2025: "Revive and Thrive in 2025."

We are not content to merely survive the challenges of the future—we will step forward in faith, leaning on God's power to revive our spirits, renew our ministries, and thrive as His people. As Paul wrote in Philippians 4:1, "You are my joy." It is my privilege to walk alongside each of you as we take on this mission together.

Let's approach this new year with boldness, not just to maintain what we've done, but to expand, deepen, and grow as the Greenbank Church of Christ. Together, we will honor the legacy of faith that has brought us this far while embracing the opportunities God has placed before us.

May God bless us as we embark on this journey to **revive and thrive** in His service. Let's make 2025 a year to remember for His glory!

In Christ's Love.

Domingo Reyes

Minister, Greenbank Church of Christ

Praise and Prayer Requests

Reyes Family: pray for Angel Reyes who is admitted to the hospital with a high fever.

Chrissi Steiner: safe travels for Lebron as he returns home to Ohio.

Sue Jones: Tina Jones is not feeling well.

Patty Conway: the Kings, McCollums, Reves, Brambles & Bentleys.

Dawn Dorrell: Barbara Wallace, Roxie Markey, Rick Markey, Newark Church and her family. **Linda Crusco**: Bobby is admitted to Christiana Hospital to find out why he is unable to walk.

Rose Mohsen: pray for Roland, he is not feeling well.

Sick and Shut In: pray for all members who are sick, battling serious medical issues and those who are unable to attend due to illness.

Greenbank church: Pray for godly wisdom and guidance for our leaders and 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 and Elder Search

We are looking for nominations for Deacons and Elders. Nomination forms are located on the greeting table in the foyer. Forms can be returned to any Elder. If you wish to nominate by email, send your nomination to Rory Irwin at rlirwin63@gmail.com. Please send in the submission no later than January 12th.

Annual Congregational Meeting-January 19

A congregational meeting will be held immediately after service on January 19. All members are asked to attend.

Church Service Day-January 25

Join us on Saturday January 25 at 9 am to clean and work on small projects inside the building. Thank you in advance for helping to keep our building clean. See George or Kamal with any questions.

2025 Winterfest-February 14-16, 2025

The next payment for Winterfest is due Sunday January 19th. If there is anyone who would still like to go on the trip, see Lisa as soon as possible.

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 – <u>Wednesdays @ 7pm</u> – 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 via Zoom – led by Crystal Reyes. Zoom Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88946018992 or dial in (301) 715-8592. Enter Meeting ID 889 4601 8992.

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 – <u>2nd & 4th Sundays @ 12:30 pm</u> in the building after services– hosted by Kamal Wall **North Wilmington** – <u>1st & 3rd Sundays @ 3pm</u> – hosted by Chrissi Steiner.

Married Couples – 1st Tuesday each month @ 7pm in the teen room – led by Domingo & Crystal Reves.

Teens – 1st Friday each month @ 7pm in the chapel – led by Domingo Reyes.

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: 121 Contribution: \$5,303 Weekly Average: \$5,446 Weekly Budget: \$5,443