



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, February 15, 2026

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

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The “Ordinary” Walk: Why Your Storm Is Just a Sidewalk to Jesus (Matthew 14:25–33) By Rory L. Irwin

We’ve all read the story of Jesus walking on water, but we usually focus on the “impossible.” We see the crashing waves, hear the wind, and feel the disciples’ terror. But if we look closer at the original language, the most shocking part isn’t the miracle—it’s how unimpressed Jesus was by the storm.

A Casual Stroll in a Hurricane

The Bible uses the word *peripateo* to describe Jesus’ walk on the lake. In a Hebrew context, this refers to an ordinary daily walk. While the disciples were terrified, Jesus was essentially taking a casual stroll. To Him, walking on a liquid mountain during a gale was as ordinary as walking from your car to Sunday morning worship.

Why the Storm Terrifies Us (But Not Him)

When the disciples saw Him, they didn’t see a Savior; they saw a ghost. They were viewing the situation through the lens of human limitations.

- **Our Perspective:** The storm is in control.
- **Jesus’ Perspective:** The storm is just a floor.

Storms strengthen our faith because they force us to realize how little control we have.

Walking Over the Enemy

Jesus didn’t just survive the storm; He walked on the very thing trying to swallow the disciples. He doesn’t watch from the shore. He is prepared to:

1. Pierce the chaos to get to you.
2. Crush the waves meant for your destruction.
3. Guide you to safety when your strength fails.

Reflecting on the Storm

When Peter looked at the wind, he sank. When the disciples looked at Jesus, they worshipped.

There is no storm so big that Jesus cannot reach you. Your “Category 5” crisis is still just a sidewalk for Him.

Praise and Prayer Request

Schinnerer Family: continue to keep Lisa, Boyd and their family in prayer as they mourn the recent passing of Lisa’s mother, Glenda.

Taylor McPherson: for my dad to come back to Christ and for Lindsay and Drew to come to Christ. Also, prayers for my husband and I, when we travel to St. Maarten.

Mona Newsome: continued prayers for my brother, Larry Rich, who is now home recovering from pneumonia.

Sue Jones: the Rose family (former members), with the loss of Briley Rose, daughter of Rochell Rose Waddill. She passed on Feb 2nd.

Benita Baines: job advancement for myself and work for Brad.

Patty Conway: Chrissi, Tina, George, Cathy, Cathy Mac, Paula, Amber and Darrin's Mom.

Jamie Jones: family of Serena White who passed on December 26th.

Chrissi Parker: grateful for all the prayers on behalf of my family. Praise God for healing and restoration of health.

Jan Adair, Juanita Anderson, Betty Asbell, Linda Crusco, Christy Mickowski, Bob & Penny Pennington and all who are sick, homebound or have limited mobility.

Greenbank church: Pray for godly wisdom and guidance for our elders, minister, deacons, and ministry leaders.

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

Fellowship Meal-March 1st.

Our first fellowship meal is a Chili Cook-off. If you'd like to compete with your favorite chili recipe, sign up on the sheet at the Welcome desk. We also need 4-6 judges (see Anna DaCunha to volunteer). Everyone, please bring toppings like shredded cheese, sour cream, crackers, plus side dishes, or desserts to share.

Greenbank Monthly Food Donation

Thanks to your generosity we donated 44 containers of cereal and 17 canned fruits to the Food Bank of Delaware in January. This month we will be collecting peanut butter (creamy or chunky). Thank you for your continued support.

Fellowship Game Night-February 20th 6:00 pm

The Fellowship committee will be hosting game night in the Fellowship Hall featuring Bingo and a variety of board games, dominoes, and card games. Everyone is welcome, join us and invite your family and friends.

Downstairs Renovation Update!

We are excited to begin the next phase of our downstairs renovation. Installation of the remaining flooring in the hallway and classrooms is scheduled to start around February 23rd and is expected to take approximately one week. To ensure the project goes smoothly, we ask all teachers to please secure or remove any supplies and materials from the work areas before February 23rd. If you have any questions, please reach out to Lisa Reed or an elder.

Bible Study Materials

We invite you to participate in a 30-day Bible study entitled "Now That I Am a Christian." Although originally designed for new believers, this program is relevant to individuals at any stage of faith. The study emphasizes building a solid foundation through Scripture, reflection, and practical application. To access the 30-day Bible study materials, please visit <https://www.greenbankcoc.org/resources>

One Church Software

We are using the One Church app to help us communicate better. With this app, you can check in for services (so we can track attendance), update your family information for the directory, view your serving assignments, send notifications, and much more. Use the QR code to download the app, enter Greenbank Church of Christ or zip code 19808 and search to connect to our app. Complete registration and explore the app.



Money Management Classes: “Financial Peace University”

We will be hosting our 2nd Financial Peace University program starting in April.

Interested in budgeting, debt payoff, or saving? Join our brief program overview on March 8, 12:30–1:00.

Contact Jason Grabowski with questions.

Grief Share-Spring Events

Our Spring cycle begins March 9th through June 1st. All sessions will be held on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:15 in the small chapel. Please share with your contacts and post on your social media accounts.

For more information use the QR code below or log in to

<https://www.greenbankcoc.org/event/griefshare>



Camp Manatawny Ladies Retreat May 1-2, 2026

Come for a weekend of refreshment and restoration as we enjoy God’s creation! This year’s theme is “A woman like me...loved by our Savior”. Cost is \$45 and includes meals, snacks, program, all activities and 1-night seasonal cabin lodging; upgraded lodging available at additional cost; Girls 12 and under only \$10. For more information and registration go to <https://www.manatawny.org/ladiesretreat>

Sunday Meeting Times

In-Person Bible Classes @ 9:30 a.m. – including a Spanish-speakers class.

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

Community – Wednesdays @ 10 am – led by Domingo Reyes.

English Mid-Week – Wednesdays @ 7pm – hybrid class (in person & online) on Facebook Live or Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWVjd1djNpQT09>

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.

Men – 3rd Saturday each month @ 10am at Greenbank led by Mark Ray.

Youth – Thursdays @ 6:30pm at Greenbank – led by Eileen Hence

SMALL GROUPS

Greenbank – 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 12:30 pm in the building after services– hosted by Kamal Wall

North Wilmington – 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 2pm – led by Mark Ray.

Married Couples – 1st Tuesday each month @ 7pm in the small chapel– led by Domingo & Crystal 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: using our website, www.greenbankcoc.org, go to “Give” at the top of the page, scan the QR code or select “give online”. (Note: with PayPal there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)



Last Week: Attendance: 138 Contribution: \$2,622 Weekly Average: \$4,754 Weekly Budget: \$5,600