

# Weekly Newsletter - Sunday, November 16, 2025

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

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# Sharing the Gospel Without Making It Complicated

I think a lot of us get nervous when we hear the phrase "share the gospel." We start imagining big speeches, memorized verses, or debates we hope we never get pulled into. But most of the time, sharing the gospel doesn't look like standing on a stage — it looks like opening your life.

People rarely come to Christ because someone "won" an argument. They come because someone cared enough to show them Jesus in real ways. A listening ear. A steady presence. A moment of kindness when life is falling apart. Those things preach louder than we realize.

Sharing the gospel starts with paying attention. Who's hurting? Who's searching? Who keeps dropping little comments that sound like they're trying to make sense of life? God usually opens the door long before we say a word.

And when the moment comes to speak, we don't need a sermon. Just be honest. Tell what God has done in your life. Tell how He's carried you, corrected you, forgiven you, and held you together. People can argue theology all day, but they can't argue your story.

My prayer is that we'll be a church full of people who live the gospel before we speak it, and speak it when God opens the moment. Not pressured. Not forced. Just real faith, shared with real people, one conversation at a time.

### **Domingo**

## **Praise and Prayer Request**

**Jenn Ring:** Pray for those who are suffering and struggling right now. Pray for the sick and for anyone who may be questioning their faith.

McPhersons: Prayers to keep us sober in mind and spirit in our walk with Christ.

**Patty Conway:** The King family, the Younger family, the Davis family, and the Bramble family. **Chrissi Parker:** Continued prayers for our health, our marriage, and for LeBron's job offer in Delaware.

**Glenda Downs:** Thank you all for your continued prayers for Dominique. She's getting better. To God be the Glory.

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 <a href="mailto:office@greenbankcoc.org">office@greenbankcoc.org</a> 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 <a href="www.greenbankcoc.org">www.greenbankcoc.org</a>.

### **Announcements and Events**

### **Sunday Youth Bible Classes**

Bible classes are held every Sunday from 9:30 to 10:30 am for children from Pre-K through grade 12. The Cradle Roll class is designed for children ages 6 months to 2 years, those who can't sit up on their own should be brought to class in their car seats. Parents are encouraged to participate in Bible study and bring their children so the whole family can learn about God's word together.

### **Combined Bible Study Class**

Join us for an exciting bilingual (Spanish/English) class on the birth and death of Jesus. The class will be held in the auditorium on December 21st and 28th at 9:30. See Rory Irwin with questions.

#### **Clothed in Love**

The clothes closet has fall and winter clothing for men, women, and children available. Feel free to stop by and pick up something for yourself or anyone you know who might need it. The closet is always open, and everything is free of charge. Any items not taken by our congregation are donated to other free charities for distribution.

### **Food Drive Update**

Thanks to your generosity, Greenbank donated 165 cans of canned vegetables and packages of canned fish, peanut butter, pasta and rice. This month we are collecting healthy snacks such as raisins and granola bars.

#### **Greenbank Event Calendar**

Our new event calendar is available at <a href="https://www.greenbankcoc.org/events">https://www.greenbankcoc.org/events</a>. To book a class or event, confirm availability and email your request to the office. All building activities require an Elder's approval and final confirmation from the office. You can also view the building usage calendar in the foyer to see which rooms are currently occupied.

### Holiday Party: Saturday December 13th 5:00-8:00 pm.

You're invited to our annual holiday party! Take part in our Gingerbread House Building Contest—graham crackers and candies will be provided, and the contest runs from 5:30 to 7:00. Please sign up if you'd like to join in. We'll also have a gift exchange; if you wish to participate, bring a wrapped handmade gift or one recycled from home. Don't forget to bring finger food to share with everyone.

### Caroling: Saturday December 21st 2:00 pm

Join us at 2400 N. Broom St, Wilmington, where we'll be singing for the residents. If you'd like to take part, please add your name to the sign-up sheet. For any questions, reach out to Chrissi Parker.

# New Year's Eve Party: Wednesday 12/31 2:00-8:00 pm.

Open Mic and Game Night. Step up to the mic and share your talents. Bring finger foods and soup to share.

# **Winterfest 2026-February 13-15, 2026**

Students from 6th to 12th grade are invited to join our annual youth trip to Gatlinburg, TN. We're also looking for a few adult chaperones. The trip costs \$200 per person. Forms and down payments are due now to reserve your seat. Contact Boyd or Lisa Reed with questions/concerns.

### **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 <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88946018992">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88946018992</a> 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.

**Teens** – 1st Friday each month @ 7pm in the small 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:** using our website, <u>www.greenbankcoc.org</u>, 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: 173 Contribution: \$3,124 Weekly Average: \$5,402 Weekly Budget: \$5,454