

Weekly Newsletter - Sunday, November 2, 2025

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

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Giving Grace

We all have someone who tests our patience — a coworker, a neighbor, or even a family member. They misunderstand, criticize, or drain our energy. Yet how we respond says more about our walk with Christ than their behavior.

Jesus didn't avoid difficult people; He loved them. Even as He was betrayed and mocked, He prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34) That's the model of grace we're called to follow.

Ephesians 4:32 reminds us: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Here are three ways to practice that kind of grace:

- 1. Pray for Them.
 - "Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." (Luke 6:28)
 - Prayer changes perspective. It reminds us that behind harshness is often hurt.
- 2. Set Healthy Boundaries.
 - "Above all else, guard your heart." (Proverbs 4:23)
 - Loving others doesn't mean tolerating abuse. Boundaries protect peace.
- 3. Respond with Kindness.
 - "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:21)

Grace disarms negativity and reflects Christ's love more powerfully than anger ever could.

We've all been someone's "difficult person" before. The same grace God gave us is the grace we must offer others.

Domingo

Praise and Prayer Request

Patty Conway: Paul, Sharon King and family, the Davis family, George K., the Younger family.

Chrissi Parker: ongoing health concerns, transitions and Lebron's job offer to come through. Also, for us

to keep Jesus at the center of our hearts and our marriage and to shine as a light to the world. **Sherry Kirkland:** please continue to pray for George and the doctors that work with him.

Rose & Roland Mohsen: leaving today for France, will miss you all.

Elisha Wall: continued spiritual growth in and for the church, the church worldwide and those facing persecution.

Liz Cox: Keep us in your prayers and pray for healing and my legs.

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 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

Remembering Brother Paul King

The funeral service for Brother King will be on Friday, November 7 at 11:00 am here at Greenbank. Continue to keep Sharon and the King family in your prayers.

Ladies Bible Class-starting Saturday November 8th

Classes will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9 am with the option to attend in-person or on Zoom. For more information go to https://www.greenbankcoc.org/ladies-bible Please share the link with your family, friends and on your social media platforms.

Babies Class-starting November 9th.

A new Babies Class will begin on Sunday, November 9th for children ages 6 months - 2 years in Room 3 (yellow room) downstairs. Children who are not sitting on their own should be brought to class in their car seats. Speak with Lisa Reed if you have questions or want more information.

Security Meeting-November 16th

All security personnel, greeters and those interested in joining the security team are requested to attend a meeting immediately after service in the main chapel. See Stanley Bernard with any questions.

Greenbank Monthly Food Drive

Thanks to your generosity, we donated 100 cans of tuna, salmon and chicken in August and 282 bottles, boxes and pouches of fruit juice in September. The donation item for the month of November is healthy snacks such as raisins and granola bars. Place items in the plastic bin in the foyer. See Rick Mickowski with questions.

Winterfest 2026

We are planning our annual youth trip to Winterfest in Gatlinburg, TN – Feb. 13-15, 2026. Students in 6th-12th grade are encouraged to attend. We will also need a few adult chaperones. The cost is \$200 per person. Those who are interested and would like more details should speak with Boyd or Lisa Reed. Pick up a registration form and payment schedule today! Financial assistance is available if you have a need.

November is Mozambique Missions Month.

We will be doing a special contribution for the work that Chad and Amy Westerholm do in Mozambique through the month of November. They are active in teaching at the bible training school, translating the bible into the Mekua Metto language, and working with refugees and local churches. Chad will be providing an update of their works during his visit on December 14. If you would like to make a donation to support this work, please write a check to Greenbank Church of Christ and put "Mozambique" in the memo. Cash donations can be made using the special contribution envelopes in the back of the auditorium.

November Birthdays

1 – Shelley Irwin, Anna DaCunha

2 – Maria Gatlin-Burgos

8 – Elton Oakley

9 – Eileen Hence, Jese Ortiz

12 - Kevin Galeano, Stefy Andino

14 - Chelsea Brasefield

November Anniversaries

11 - Darrin & Janell Anderson

12 – Francisco Paguada & Delmis Reyes

29 – Stanley & Monique Bernard

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

18 – Liz Cox

19 – Darrin Anderson, Jason Grabowski

21 – Enoc Reyes

22 – Crystal Reyes

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.

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 Reves.

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: 139 Contribution: \$2,277 Weekly Average: \$5,466 Weekly Budget: \$5,392