



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, January 19, 2025

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

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Echoes of Renewal - Author Unknown

High atop the old stone church stood a bell tower, its once-proud bronze bell now silent and forgotten. Years had passed since it last rang, its surface now cloaked in rust and dust. The townspeople hurried past it daily, never noticing the silent sentinel that had once called them to worship, celebration, and comfort in times of sorrow.

One crisp autumn afternoon, a young boy named Samuel wandered into the churchyard. His eyes caught the towering structure and curiosity tugged at him. Climbing the creaky wooden stairs, he reached the bell. Samuel ran his fingers over the cold, corroded metal. "Why don't you sing anymore?" he whispered.

Determined, Samuel returned the next day with a rag and a small bottle of oil. Day after day, he scrubbed and polished, loosening the rust bit by bit. Weeks turned into a month, but Samuel's hands never tired. One chilly morning, he tugged the rope with all his might. A low groan echoed—then, slowly, a deep, rich tone filled the air. The sound rolled through the village, awakening memories in the hearts of the people. They paused, listened, and smiled. For the first time in years, the bell sang again.

Like the bell, many of us grow silent over time—our faith dulled by life's rust. But God isn't finished with us. With His gentle restoration, our voices can once again ring out with purpose and joy. All it takes is a willing heart and His renewing touch.

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." — Psalm 51:10 (NIV)

Praise and Prayer Request

Greenbank Congregation: pray for godly wisdom and guidance in all of the things we are considering for this year.

Dale Conner's Family: Dale (former Cedars member) passed away December 7th. Please keep the family in prayer.

Kirkland Family: continue to pray for their son, Jeff and for George who is not feeling well.

Virginia Clark: will be starting a new job and starting back on medication. Also, we will be traveling next week and asking for traveling grace.

Anna DaCunha: Aunt Michelle (Dad's sister) has pneumonia, friend Laura's mom, aunt and cousin are all very sick, Ruthalee Carroll is sick.

Chrissi Steiner: prayers for all those who are traveling, sick or hurting. Safety for all.

Ice-Brons Family: Ramona Dawkins-family health issues.

Patty Conway: Angel Reyes, Brother King and Cathy MacDonald-feel better soon.

Derrick: prayers for him and his family.

Moises Phillips: prayers for peace.

Jenn Ring-Martin: praying for all members who are sick, hurting and those who need uplifting. Prayers for the Kirkland Family with love.

Barbara Wallace: continued prayers for the Wallace Family.

Dawn Dorrell: Had foot surgery Jan 14th, Thank you for your prayers.

Asbell Family: Pray for son, Michael, who had bypass surgery last week and is recovering at home.

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

Annual Congregational Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held today immediately following our worship service today. All members are asked to attend.

Church Service Day

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.

Basement Renovations

There will be a meeting on Saturday, Feb. 1 at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel for anyone who would like to give input on updating the classroom spaces downstairs. This will be a brainstorming session for what we want the rooms to look like, so bring all your ideas. If you have any questions, contact Boyd or Lisa Reed.

2025 Winterfest-February 14-16, 2025

The third payment for Winterfest is due today. If you have not turned in your registration form, please do that today as well. Lisa Reed has extra forms if you need one.

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=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWVjd1djNpQT09>

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

North Wilmington – 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 3pm – hosted by Chrissi Steiner.

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

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.)