



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, May 12, 2024

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

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Honoring Motherhood: A Biblical Perspective on Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a wonderful time when we honor the invaluable role of mothers in our lives. Beyond the flowers and cards lies a deeper significance rooted in biblical principles and historical nuances. As we celebrate this special day, let's reflect on the profound impact of maternal love.

One of the fascinating aspects of Mother's Day is its origin. Established by Anna Jarvis in the early 20th century, it was initially intended as a day of remembrance and gratitude for the sacrifices mothers make. However, Jarvis later became disillusioned with the commercialization of the holiday, advocating for its simplicity and sincerity. This serves as a reminder to us all to cherish the essence of Mother's Day beyond material gifts.

In the Bible, we find numerous examples of the honor and reverence accorded to mothers. Proverbs 31 paints a vivid picture of a virtuous woman whose worth surpasses pearls. Her strength, wisdom, and compassion are celebrated, and her children rise up to call her blessed. This passage encapsulates the essence of Mother's Day, urging us to recognize and appreciate the mothers in our lives for their selfless devotion.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, let us not forget those who may find this day difficult. For some, it serves as a painful reminder of loss or unfulfilled longing. Let us extend compassion and support to those who may be grieving or struggling, acknowledging their pain while offering solace and understanding.

In conclusion, Mother's Day is a time to honor and celebrate the remarkable women who have shaped our lives. Let us cherish their love, emulate their virtues, and express our gratitude for the countless sacrifices they have made. May this Mother's Day be a time of reflection, appreciation, and profound love, guided by the timeless wisdom of Scripture and the example of Christ's unfailing love. Happy Mother's Day!

Domingo Reyes

Praise and Prayer Requests

Patty Conway: pray for Leck, Elia, Noah, Cathy M, Cathy S, Terri, Liam & Lucas

Chrissi Steine: pray for more faith and to put all her concerns to Him. Also for thanksgiving and gratitude for all of the blessings in her life.

Vita Reyes & Family: pray for everyone to follow God and always keep positive even when times are tough.

Kamal & Elisha Wall: pray for health and wisdom.

The Cruscos': Linda is having minor surgery on a valve in her left leg, Bob's dementia is slowly getting worse.

Gifty Opoku: prayer for protection against numerous spiritual attacks.

Sick and Shut In: pray for all members who are battling cancer, covid and other serious medical issues and those who are unable to attend due to illness or 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

Children's Church

Children 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to attend children's church downstairs during today's sermon.

Married Couple Small Group

The married couple small group will be taking a break during the summer season. We look forward to reconvening for our new session in September. During this break, we encourage you to take time for yourselves, nurture your relationships, and enjoy the summer months.

English as a Second Language Class

The ESL class had a fantastic start last week! With 10 enthusiastic participants joining us, the energy was palpable, and we anticipate even more attendees in the future. Thank you to everyone who helped make this initiative possible. Let's continue to support and pray for the success of this valuable program.

Clothed in Love Clothing Closet Update

Fall and winter items will be moved out of our clothing closet at the end of the month to make room for spring and summer clothes. Stop in and see what is available. See Dawn Grabowski with questions.

Ladies Luncheon-May 19th

Our Ladies luncheon will be on Sunday May 19th at 12:15. This year's theme is "Jesus Take the Wheel." Lunch will be provided. Sign up on the bulletin board with your name and number of guests so we know how to plan. There will be a Spanish interpreter for our Hispanic sisters. We hope you will join us.

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 more information.

Ladies – 2nd Saturday each month @ 9am via Zoom – led by Crystal Reyes. Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88946018992> If you do not have internet access, you can dial in on your phone to connect. (301) 715-8592. Enter Meeting ID 889 4601 8992

Men – 3rd Saturday each month @ 10am at Greenbank led by Paul King.

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

SMALL GROUPS

Bear/Glasgow – 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 2pm – hosted by George & Sherry Kirkland and Walter & Susan Johnson.

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

North Wilmington – 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 2pm – hosted by Chrissi Steiner.

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: 120 Contribution: \$4,380 Weekly Average: \$5,471 Weekly Budget: \$5,435