



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, March 1, 2026

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

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Pride Goes Before Destruction at the 2026 Winter Olympics by Mike Phillips

I recently witnessed first-hand the Bible verse from Proverbs 16:18, “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall” (ESV) at the 2026 Winter Olympics in the men’s figure skating event.

Ilia Malinin the prolific United States figure skater who dubbed himself the “Quad God” (picture: <https://pbs.twimg.com/media/GEzbjnfWEAABdr6?format=jpg&name=small>) after repeatedly landing four revolution jumps, also known as the “Quad”. Other skaters have successfully landed quad jumps, but Malinin is the only skater to have successfully landed the most difficult quad jump, the quad axel, in a figure skating event. Malinin is also the only figure skater to have successfully landed seven quad jumps in a single competition and rarely falling when attempting to perform a quad jump, whereas other skaters often fell to the ice when attempting a quad jump.

With Malinin’s demonstrated prowess at successfully landing the quad jump, he was the odds-on favorite to win the gold medal at the 2026 Winter Olympics and was well on his way to achieving a gold medal after leading all the other competitors in the short program event.

However, in the men’s free-skating event Malinin fell two times when attempting a quad jump and several attempts at performing a quad jump were only successfully landed at lower difficulty jumps with fewer awarded points.

Malinin fell from first place after the short program to eighth place after the free skate, well-off the medal podium and even farther from the coveted gold medal which was won by Mikhail Shaidorov from Kazakhstan. Shaidorov a figure skater who first learned to skate at a skating rink located in a shopping center (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mikhail_Shaidorov). Kazakhstan, a country who has now won a total of 2 Olympic gold medals in the winter games since 1994 (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mikhail_Shaidorov).

This turn of events in men’s figure skating at the 2026 Winter Olympics reminds me of a couple of verses from the Bible: Jesus’ teaching in Luke 14:11, “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (ESV) and Galatians 6:7, “Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap” (ESV).

So, is it possible God intervened in the Winter Olympics to humble Malinin? It wouldn’t be the first time, as God demonstrated His power to humble when He humbled King Nebuchadnezzar in Danial 4.

Hopefully, Ilia Malinin learns who is the one and only true God, which is the God of the Bible, the only One deserving to be associated with the term “God”.

Link to video of Ilia Malinin’s free skate at the Winter 2026 Olympics

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=apy0059KaIM>).

Praise and Prayer Request

Please pray for our members who are mourning or facing health challenges.

Aniqua Price: Praise the Lord for all He has done and continues to do in my life.

Anna DaCunha: Great Aunt Leona passed away Friday night at the young age of 96. Please pray for her children and the rest of the family.

Alethia Jones: prayers for the Jones family in Virginia in the recent loss of cousin, Genesis.

Patty Conway: Reyes' traveling, Dawn D., George K., Cathy Mac.

Maria Gatlin-Burgos: for the sick and for my family and church family.

Taylor McPherson: Lindsey and Drew come to Christ and pray for all those that have strayed-that they be led back to God and live for Him.

Elisha Wall: for the sick and shut in, those in recovery and the body of Christ as a whole.

Sue Jones: Tina Jones is having complications from surgery.

Fern Davis: Barbara Davis is having some health challenges.

Chrissi Parker: Thankful for all answered prayers, continued healing and for all the thoughts, prayers, meals and encouragement.

Jan Adair, Juanita Anderson, Betty Asbell, Liz Cox, 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

Combined Worship Service and Fellowship Meal-March 1st.

Join us for our Bilingual service followed by a Chili Cook-off Fellowship meal. We are still looking for a few judges-see Anna DaCunha if you would like to help. Please bring side dishes, chili toppings and desserts to share.

Greenbank Monthly Food Drive

This month we will be collecting canned meats (tuna, salmon or chicken in water). Thank you for helping to support the Food Bank of Delaware's efforts to feed our community.

Candy Donations

The Children's Easter party will be on March 29th. We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy for this event. Please bring donations by Sunday, March 22nd and place them in the basket located in the lobby. See Shelley Irwin with questions.

Money Management Classes: "Financial Peace University"

Our second Financial Peace University will begin in April. If you want to know more, come to our information session on March 8th from 12:30 to 1:00. You'll learn about the program and see if it's right for you. If you have any questions, contact Jason Grabowski.

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>



March is Manatawny Month

Each year we designate the month of March to collect donations for Camp Manatawny. The camp's mission is to be "A Christian camp Glorifying God and Transforming Lives for Christ for a Lifetime." Visit their website <https://www.manatawny.org> for a schedule of events. We will accept donations through Sunday, March 29th. Make checks out to Greenbank Church of Christ and write "Manatawny" in the memo. If you would like to give cash, please use the special contribution envelopes located at the welcome desk and place in the offering plate.

March Birthdays

4 – Felicia Connor, Ricardo Reyes
6 – Dana Reyes
7 – Sedic Willis
8 – Nora Reyes
9 – Ruthalee Carroll
12 – Tia Tunis
13 – Wendy Diaz Gomez

16 – Dawn Grabowski
20 – Cindy Peace
21 – Barbara Davis, Nelson Garcia Reyes
22 – Justice West
26 – Keila Diaz, Angelica Maisuh, Barbara Wallace
29 – Hilda Balascio

March Anniversaries

10 – Jack & Linda Gaynor

28 – Kevin & Eileen Hence

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=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 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: 117 Contribution: \$4,291 Weekly Average: \$4,810 Weekly Budget: \$5,600