



## Weekly Newsletter – Sunday, Aug 25, 2024

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

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### What does it mean to have faith and why is it so important?- Jacqui Hazel (edited)

Hebrews 11:1 defines faith as "confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

Faith is the result of believing the Gospel — the good news that Jesus died for our sin and made a way for us to be right with God and spend eternity in heaven. When we allow the reality of the Gospel to affect every part of our lives, it changes the way we think which changes how we behave.

Faith causes us to act on what we haven't experienced yet, to believe promises in the Bible that haven't been fulfilled yet, and to trust God when our situations haven't changed yet.

### **3 Ways Faith Changes Your Life Practically**

1. Faith in God gives you strength: the inner resolve to withstand turmoil.

The writer of Psalm 138 says of God, "In the day when I cried out, You answered me, and made me bold with strength in my soul." When we are right with God, we never go into turmoil alone. We have the Creator of the Universe on our side.

2. Faith in God gives you courage.

Courage and strength aren't the same things, even though they are often seen together. Courage is the ability to do what scares us, to act on our beliefs despite threats of danger, to show strength in face of grief or pain. Courage, like strength, comes directly from our faith in God. Our confidence that heaven is real will directly affect the risks we're willing to take. If death is the worst thing that can happen to someone, how do you hurt the person who believes there is a better life waiting after this one?

3. Faith in God provides stability.

We all want to persevere through the day without melting down or throwing a tantrum (despite how we feel at times). Faith in God is what allows us to experience stability in the middle of instability. When life feels out of control, we take comfort in knowing that God is in control.

Faith can do a lot of things in your life if you let it. It will grow you and allow you to do things you never thought yourself capable of. It will turn you into a dreamer who really believes that with God, all things are possible (Matthew 19:26). What next step can you take in faith today?

### **Praise and Prayer Requests**

**Stevens family:** keep the family in prayer as they grieve the loss of Karisma and Zamiyah. Pray for the children as they continue to recover from their injuries and the family as they work through the emotional and financial burdens from this tragedy.

**Deborah Sanichar:** pray for Caroline Kennedy.

**Ron Cox:** continue to keep Liz in prayer.

**Barbara & Bruce Wallace:** prayers needed for several family members.

**Patty Conway:** pray for this world.

**Yani Normand:** pray for Renee Faith Conway and her children, her mom (Hope Titus) passed away after a long battle with various health conditions,

**Chrissi Steiner:** safe travels for Lebron Parker and that Adaliyah can come to church on Sundays.

**Dawn Dorrell:** having right shoulder and hand surgery on 9/12 at St. Francis then going to Rehab. Also pray for Newark Church-pastor Rex and family and the congregation.

**Virginia Clark:** pray for James Clark, Sr. (Jeff Sr's father).

**Lebron Parker (visitor):** to continue his journey and faith in his relationship with Jesus.

**Grace Matoy:** pray for Aaron Moores and his family. He lost his leg in a motor vehicle accident, prayers for him to recover and accept the gift of life and salvation.

**Tanisha Jones:** pray for Tanisha, her mother, Isaiah and Mekhi.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.greenbankcoc.org).*

## **Announcements and Events**

### **Bilingual Service**

Join us on Sunday September 1 for our combined worship service with our Hispanic brothers and sisters.

### **Annual Church Picnic**

The Fellowship Committee encourages you to join us at our Annual Church Picnic September 8<sup>th</sup> at Brandywine Springs Park-Rudy William Pavilion after worship service. Burgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts to share.

### **Song Sunday**

Join us September 29<sup>th</sup> for an afternoon of worshipping through song. We will be singing some familiar songs and learning new ones. If you have a favorite, add it to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. We hope to continue these Song Sundays throughout the year.

### **GriefShare Program**

The GriefShare program is a safe, comforting place to talk with others about your grief. Sessions start September 16. For more information contact Fern Davis at [fpellman2@comcast.net](mailto:fpellman2@comcast.net) or visit [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org). Informational brochures are located at the Welcome Center.

### **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](http://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.

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

**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](http://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: 145 Contribution: \$7,468 Weekly Average: \$5,263 Weekly Budget: \$5,435**