



GRACE COVENANT BROADCASTER

Week of January 2, 2017

A Message from the Pastor

I have enjoyed reading the new biography of Martin Luther edited by R.C. Sproul and Stephen J. Nichols, *The Legacy of Luther*. Luther's journey from Eisleben to Wittenberg to Worms had many unforeseen twists and turns, many not so pleasant, but all orchestrated by God. In fact, we would be right to conclude that Luther's legacy was crafted through misery and suffering, some of his own making, some hoisted on him from above. Luther certainly didn't immediately understand the divine purpose in these events, whether it was a storm that led him to cry out to God to save him or a piece of paper nailed to the door of the church in Wittenberg or the words, "Here I stand," at Worms. Each of those events and other "misfortunes" in Luther's life had an impact on the world like few others.

We too sometimes walk through times of uncertainty, times of misery and suffering. How we respond in such times will probably impact more than we know while we are in the storm. We need God's grace just as Luther did to survive and serve the One who knows all. May we, like Luther, stand for the truth, seeking to please God and not man.

By His grace and for His glory.

Pastor Todd

This Coming Sunday, January 8th:

Sunday School: Mike Gaydosh teaching Jeremiah 20

Morning Worship: Pastor Todd preaching, "Dead Men Walking" (Ephesians 2:1-3)

Please be in prayer for the services this week.

Childcare for January 8th:

Morning Worship Service – Linda lee. Jamila Greene

If you are not able to fulfill your day, please let Tara know of replacement. Thank you for your ministry to our families!

Mark Your Calendars:

Jan 9 — Ladies' Soup Swap @ the church, 6pm

Jan 15 — Fellowship meal followed by *When Helping Hurts* study, chapters 2 & 3

Jan 26-28 — Deep South Founders Conference w/Dr. James White, Laurel, MS

Jan 29 — Quarterly Business Meeting, 1:30pm

Worship Schedule:

Sunday School – 9:30 am (Classes begin @ 9:45)

Morning Worship Service – 11:00 am

Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting – 6:30 pm

One-Year Chronological Reading Plan (Week 1)

Jan 3 — Genesis 3-5	Jan 6 — Genesis 10-11
Jan 4 — Genesis 6-7	Jan 7 — Rest
Jan 5 — Genesis 8-9 Psalm 12	Jan 8 — Genesis 12-13
	Jan 9 — Genesis 14-16

Sunday, January 1st:

We had 50 members and guests present.

General Fund Giving	\$3,193.00
Designated Benevolence	\$70.00
Total Giving	\$3,263.00
Monthly Budget	\$11,400.00
General Fund Giving Month-to-Date	\$10,895.00
Weekly Budget Need (January)	\$2,280.00
Monthly Surplus/(Deficit)	\$913.00
Weekly Budget Need Year	\$2,630.77
Year-to-Date Budget	\$2,630.77
General Fund Giving Year-to-Date	\$3,193.00
Year-to-Date Surplus/(Deficit)	\$562.23

Other News

Church Website and Twitter!... Visit www.gracecovenantbaptist.org to access church news and sermons. Also, if you have a Twitter account, please follow at @GraceCovBaptist.

Meals for our Church Families are sometimes needed in the event of illness or in celebration of the homecoming of a new baby. If you know someone in our church family in need of this service, please contact Lori Wilson.

Men's Thursday Bible Study meets at Panera Bread in Vestavia Hills at 6:30 a.m. Current study is in Galatians. Please contact Mike Gaydosh with any questions or for more information.

Brother Bryan Mission Monthly Dinner... Our church has supported this ministry for a number of years and currently serves on the second and fourth Sunday evening of each month. If you would like to participate in the meal preparation and serving at any time, please contact Susie Gaydosh for more details.

The phone number for Grace Covenant Baptist Church is 426-2234. Pastor Todd's cell phone number is 249-4979. Our address is:

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Please continue to pray for this church and how we can be used effectively by God.

Soli Deo Gloria

Pray for Our Missionaries and Missions:

- Ben & Jolie C in Central Asia
- Mike & Amy B in Central Asia
- [Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries](#)
- [Founders Ministries](#)
- [To Every Tribe Missions](#)
- Steve & Robin Henry – Self-supporting, [Frontiers USA](#)
- [Mid-South Love Home](#) (Ministry to unwed mothers)
- Kevin Millard, self-supporting, [FIEL Adopt-a-Pastor](#) in Brazil
- The Charles Woodrow family, self-supporting, [FIEL](#) in Mozambique
- [HeartCry Missionary Society](#)
- [The Voice of the Martyrs](#)
- [Chapel Library](#) in Pensacola, FL
- Baruch Maoz, self-supporting, [Soli deo Gloria, Israel](#)
- Pastor Gideon Richards in Punta Gorda, Belize
- [The WellHouse](#)
- The Layton's in Ethiopia
- Choctaw Mission – Philadelphia, MS