



GRACE COVENANT BROADCASTER

Week of February 13, 2017

A Message from the Pastor

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Mt 5:3). What does it mean to be “poor in spirit”? The world tells us to do everything in our power to avoid being poor. While the Scriptures teach of the temptations that come *with being* rich, it also warns concerning the temptation *to be* rich. The materially poor might steal, take advantage of others, think less of themselves than their worth as God’s creation, etc. Or worse, those who have just enough “religion” to be dangerous tell us that material poverty is *our* fault — we simply lack faith or haven’t planted enough seed to prosper.

But it is crucial to know what “poor in spirit” means because of the blessed promise attached — “the kingdom of heaven.” To state it negatively, those who are not “poor in spirit” will not inherit the kingdom of heaven. So, our eternity is bound up in being “poor in spirit.” It is a *spiritual poverty*, an understanding that we are spiritually bankrupt before God. We have no resources in ourselves to satisfy what God demands for our salvation.

So, to be “poor in spirit” is to recognize you are spiritually broke, and further to be broken by the Spirit of God and led to the only riches that matter — Jesus Christ! 2Co 8:9: “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. “ Are you “poor in spirit” today?

By His grace and for His glory,

Pastor Todd

This Coming Sunday, February 19th:

Sunday School: Pastor Stephen teaching

Morning Worship: Mike Gaydosh preaching

Please be in prayer for the services this week.

Childcare for February 19th:

Morning Worship Service – Tara Hyde, Linda Lee

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:

Feb 15 — Kevin Millard in prayer meeting

Feb 16-19 — True Church Conference, Muscle Shoals, AL, Grace Life Church

Feb 27 — Ladies’ Bible Study, 6pm @ the church

March 7 — Lord’s Supper & Fellowship Meal

March 19 — Baptismal Service, 2pm @ Dominion Baptist

May 7 & 14 — Annual Missions Fair

Oct 3-5 — National Founders Conference, South Woods Baptist, Memphis, TN

Worship Schedule:

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

Morning Worship Service – 11:00 am

Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting – 6:30 pm

One-Year Chronological Reading Plan *(Week 7)*

Feb 14 — Ex 37-40

Feb 18 — Rest

Feb 15 — Lev 1-4

Feb 19 — Lev 11-14

Feb 16 — Lev 5-7

Feb 20 — Lev 15-18

Feb 17 — Lev 8-10

Sunday, February 12th:

We had 58 members and guests present.

General Fund Giving	\$3,144.00
Designated Benevolence	\$25.00
Total Giving	\$3,169.00
Monthly Budget	\$11,400.00
General Fund Giving Month-to-Date	\$5,228.00
Weekly Budget Need (February)	\$2,850.00
Monthly Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(472.00)
Weekly Budget Need Year	\$2,630.77
Year-to-Date Budget	\$18,415.39
General Fund Giving Year-to-Date	\$18,456.00
Year-to-Date Surplus/(Deficit)	\$40.61

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