



GRACE COVENANT BROADCASTER

Week of August 7, 2017

A Message from the Pastor

On Sunday we return to Ephesians 5 and the character of love, of demonstrating the love of Christ (5:3-6). Verse 4 ends with an exhortation that is oft found in some form in Paul's epistles—but perhaps oft overlooked, “let there be thanksgiving.” Here is Albert Barnes' note on this text:

Thanks to God, or praises are more becoming Christians than jesting. The idea here seems to be, that such employment would be far more appropriate to the character of Christians, than idle, trifling, and indelicate conversation. Instead, therefore, of meeting together for low wit and jesting; for singing songs, and for the common discourse which often attends such “gatherings” of friends, Paul would have them come together for the purpose of praising God, and engaging in his service. Human beings are social in their nature; and if they do not assemble for good purposes, they will for bad ones. It is much more appropriate to the character of Christians to come together to sing praises to God, than to sing songs; to pray than to jest; to converse of the things of redemption than to tell anecdotes, and to devote the time to a contemplation of the world to come, than to trifles and nonsense.

A fitting reminder as we prepare our hearts for worship this Sunday. May we be busy with the thongs of God and the gospel of our great Savior!

In His ministry,
Pastor Todd

This Coming Sunday, August 13th:

Sunday School: Pastor Stephen teaching, “Worldviews Continued”

Morning Worship: Pastor Todd preaching, “The Walk That Is Worthy: Love (2)” (Ephesians 5:3-6)

Please be in prayer for the services this week.

Childcare for August 13th:

Morning Worship Service – Tara Hyde

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:

Aug 12 — Ladies Summer Reading Fellowship, 3pm

Aug 20 — *Behold Your God* session 2, 5:30pm @ the McCrary's

Aug 21 — Ladies Summer Fellowship. TBD

Sept 3 — Lord's Supper; *When Helping Hurts*, chapter 6, 5:30pm @ Pastor Todd's

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

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 32)*

Aug 8 — Joel 1-3

Aug 12 — Jer 13-16

Aug 9 — Jer 1-4

Aug 13 — Rest

Aug 10 — Jer 5-8

Aug 14 — Jer 17-20

Aug 11 — Jer 9-12

Sunday, August 6th:

We had 41 members and guests present

General Fund Giving	\$3,465.00
Designated Benevolence	\$10.00
Designated African Pastors Conference	\$50.00
Total Giving	\$3,525.00
Monthly Budget	\$11,400.00
General Fund Giving Month-to-Date	\$3,465.00
Weekly Budget Need August)	\$2,850.00
Monthly Surplus/(Deficit)	\$615.00
Weekly Budget Need Year	\$2,630.77
Year-to-Date Budget	\$84,184.64
General Fund Giving Year-to-Date	\$99,600.86
Year-to-Date Surplus/(Deficit)	\$15,416.22

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