

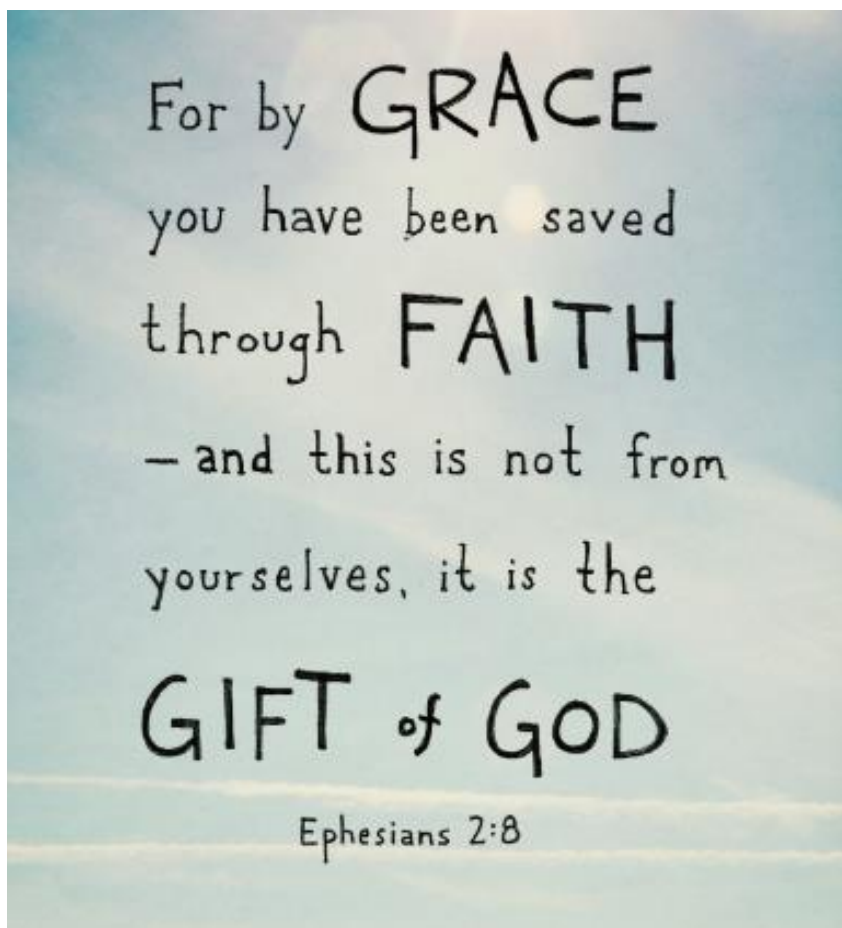


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Sunday Morning Service 11:00 am

The Fennell Ave Church will be open for Sunday Morning Service on August 9th., If you are not as yet comfortable to come to the Church on Sunday, we will be also broadcasting our Service via Zoom. Contact via Zoom is as indicated below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6585671730?pwd=K1k0QjIzcXBGOUIQN1NoaXpVeTlXdz09>

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“He Who Is Holy and True”

Scripture Reading: Revelations 3: 7-13

Sermons on Audio

The Sunday Morning CHURCH SERMONS for the past year are posted to the Fennell Avenue Church website- [click here](#)

<http://churchofchristfennellave.homestead.com/Sermons.html>

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm

Eastern Time (US and Canada) each week

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Blessed Are the Poor *(In Spirit) Part 2*

Randy Morritt

Luke has more in mind than physical poverty. The Greek expression *hoi ptōchoi* (“the poor”) probably comes from the Hebrew term *‘ānāwīm*, which originally referred to the physical poor, but came to be used of the righteous remnant of Israel who suffer oppression and poverty because of their status as God’s people. The “poor” are those who trust in God for their salvation. They stand over against the arrogant rich, who mock God’s name and oppress his people. (Lk. 1:46–55; cf. Is. 49:13)

Some scholars view Jesus’ statement as an insight into, what they call, “spiritual poverty.” The “poor in spirit” (Matt. 5:3) receive God’s unmerited favor and acknowledge that, on their own, nothing they do can enhance their spiritual standing. (Jn. 15:4, 5) Poverty of spirit and material poverty are not the same thing. However, they may be closely related. One who is wealthy in material goods is likely to feel self-satisfied and self-sufficient. (Lk. 12:16-21). The rich tended to compromise with surrounding heathenism (1 Tim. 6:9, 10; Jas. 5:1-6) while the poor remained faithful to God. Wealth and worldliness, poverty and godliness often went together. We must be careful not to think that this beatitude calls actual material poverty a good thing Jesus is not affirming the value of being poor materially but warning against the profound danger of being self-sufficient spiritually. A Christian, whether rich or poor, who is poor in spirit will possess his/her wealth as if he or she did not. (Acts 4:32) He or she will be ready and to resign it at any moment without regret, (Job 1:21; Acts 2:44, 45; 4:33-35; 2 Cor. 8:1-5; Eph. 4:28)

Although the New Testament was written in Greek, the beatitudes were originally spoken in Aramaic, a dialect of Hebrew. The Jews had a special way of using the word “poor,” ‘*aniy*’ or ‘*ebyown*’; which underwent a four-stage development of meaning. These words began by meaning simply poor; and then went on to mean that, because one was poor, he or she had no influence or power, or help, or prestige. Having no influence or power, they were downtrodden and oppressed by men. Finally, because one had absolutely no earthly resources, he or she put his or her whole trust in God.

If we put the Greek and the Aramaic together, this beatitude means “Blessed is the man who has realized his own utter helplessness, and who has put his whole trust in God. When one realizes his own utter helplessness and puts his whole trust in God, two things which are opposite sides of the same thing will enter his or her life. He or she will become completely detached from things thought to bring happiness or security; and, secondly, such a one will become completely attached to

God because he knows that God alone can bring him help, and hope, and strength. We must be careful not to think that this beatitude calls actual material poverty a good thing. A person who is poor in spirit is one who has realized that things mean nothing, and that God means everything.

The pious poor are blessed because they have a position in the kingdom of heaven. The Kingdom of heaven is a society where God's will is as perfectly done in earth as it is in heaven; and where God reigns in the hearts and lives of his people. If we take two petitions of the Lord's prayer, "Your Kingdom come." and "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."; and set them together, we can understand the kingdom of heaven/God. God is acknowledged as king/ruler and his people devote themselves to accomplishing his will. Only one who does God's will is a citizen of the Kingdom; and we can only do God's will when we realize our own utter helplessness, our own utter ignorance, our own utter inability to cope with life on our own, and when we put our whole trust in God and obey Him. Thus, the first beatitude means, "O the bliss of the man who has realized his own utter helplessness, and who has put his whole trust in God, for this is the only way he can render to God that perfect obedience which will make him a citizen of the kingdom of heaven! They will enter it by means of the new birth and have a new life. (Jn. 5:3-8; cf. Matt. 7:21; Rom. 6:1-4; Col. 1:12-14) Following this life, they look forward to experiencing heaven hereafter. (Matt. 25:34; Jn. 14: 1, 2; 2 Tim. 4:1, 18; 2 Pet. 1:11; cf. 1 Cor. 15:50; Heb. 12:26-28; Jas.2:5)



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Tintern Church of Christ

Attached is the link to the sermon from Noel Walker at Tintern Church of Christ
[Click Here](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgauWefOeBn7LzlikgmWuYw>



Below is the link for the worship Services provided by the Strathmore Blvd Church of Christ. The Link can also be found on the Fennell Avenue Church of Christ Facebook Page (Cut and paste into your browser or [Click Here](#))

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX_eia0aX9-7cSZLS_u0DGw/videos?disable_polymer=1

Attendance Last Week: August 2, 2020

Morning Service: 22

Collection July 2020 \$ 1,903.96



Feeding of the Five Thousand

Harold Copping

¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for

themselves.” ¹⁶ But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children

Matthew:14: 14-21

Prayer List:

- Julie V. mother....Please keep her in your prayers
- Pray for the strength and growth of our Church
- Prayers for the children attending City Kidz
- Isabel T, remember in your prayers
- Please pray for those who have lost their jobs as a rest of the Pandemic.
- Please remember to pray for Andrew Heron and his wife Mae. Andrew is having Chemo Treatments

- Please pray about the re-opening of our church. We are reviewing the process necessary to open the church in a safe and healthy manner for everyone.
- Dianne G mother was in the hospital for surgery. She is at home recovering comfortably. Please remember in your prayers
- Please pray for Patti Wiebe and her family. Patti has been fighting leukemia and has been in the hospital for most of the summer. They have determined that the chemo treatments are not working for her and they have stopped them.
- Congratulations to Sue Jones as she is a Grandma again! Simone Johanna Jones was born to Micah and Cassandra Jones on July 30th, 2020 @ 6 AM. 7lbs 12oz.

Returning to the Church Building.

From the meeting on Monday July 20, we have decided that we began Morning Services at the church building on Sunday August 2nd,

All precautions are being followed and members can meet and worship when they feel they are ready.

Entrance will be by the Fennell Avenue door. Please exit by the doors on the East 27th entrance. Those who require the Ramp entrance off the parking lot may use this entrance to enter and exit the building. The church basement will be off limits – no entrance to the basement. The washroom upstairs is available to use. Please use the hand sanitizer when you enter and leave the building. We ask that you do not linger in the building after the worship time is complete and follow the arrows on the floor to enter and exit.

When you enter from the Fennell entrance, there will be communion items available on the table. Please pick up your Communion cups which will contain a bread wafer and grape juice and proceed to the seating area. If you prefer to bring your own communion items, you are welcome to do that. Please choose your seat while being particular to social distance from other members. Masks are required within the church building. If you do not have one, there will be a supply of masks available for members to use. We will not be singing

during the worship time, but some Acapella music will be played.

We will be simultaneously using Zoom for those participating from home on their device or phone while we have our service. We will also record the service and post it to our website.

Please use your judgment when considering returning to the building for worship. If you do not feel comfortable at this time to return, that is understandable and acceptable.

Blessings to everyone!