



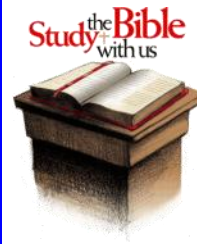
**Armstrong Court
Backpack Block Party
Saturday, August 14th
11am – 3pm**

This will be our fourth year of showing the love of Christ to the public housing residents of Armstrong Court here in Greenwich. We will be handing out backpacks full of school supplies to about 130 kids. We will also be partnering with the Greenwich Housing Authority to host a block party at Armstrong Court including bounce houses, food, and other activities.

We need your help for this incredible event! We need help handing out backpacks, supervising the bounce houses, cooking food, and getting to know the residents. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Dave at dave@greenwichbaptist.org.

**Saturday Men's Fellowship
August 7th**

All men are invited for a morning of prayer, Bible study, donuts, coffee, and great conversation on the first Saturday of each month at 8am in the Youth Cabin on the church property.



Small Groups -

Here are the small groups that are currently meeting:

Sunday Morning Adult Combined Bible Study - 11am right after the worship service

Wednesday Night Bible Study - 7pm

New groups will kick off again in September, watch for new information in the September Newsletter. So be in prayer about joining a small group for the Fall! If you have questions please contact Pastor Dave.



**Save the Date for:
Annual Fall Church-wide
Kick-Off Cookout**

Join the Greenwich Baptist Church family on Sunday, September 19th, for wonderful fellowship and great food.

It's a great way to start off the new church year!

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A Word from Our Pastor ...

As many parents do, we share a Bible story with our children each evening. One story we have recently read is the story of *The Poor Widow's Gift* found in Mark 12 and Luke 21. In summary, Jesus and the disciples were in the temple watching people put money into the offering box. Many of those with wealth contributed a lot of money, while one poor widow put in two small coins. Jesus told the disciples that the poor widow's gift was greater than all the others. The reason, the poor woman gave all she had and the rich people gave with plenty remaining.

This is a common story that perhaps you have heard many times before. The emphasis is often on the poverty of the woman who gave all she had, as it should be. However, today, I would like us to consider, and be reminded, that she was also a widow. Being a widow two thousand years ago was extremely different from today. Women were unable to "run out" and get a job. They were often completely reliant on their previous husband's family to assist them and take care of them. It was common for them to be neglected and shown little care.

With conditions being as they were, it would seem reasonable, smart and prudent to keep what you had for yourself. The two coins given would do little to provide substantial food and yet she was giving it away.

Not only that, but she had relatively no feasible way to acquire additional money.

What conditions have you set that determine your contribution to God? Comparisons often limit our giving of finances, resources and talents. Please pray about the contribution God wants you to make to His Kingdom. He is worthy and to Him be the glory, forever and ever.

Sincerely,

Pastor Joel
