



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

September 8th, 2019

Welcome to Covenant Baptist Church. We are a Reformed church committed to three things:

- **The Exaltation of God**

We desire that the people at Covenant truly understand who God is and His rightful place in their lives as their Lord and sovereign Savior.

- **The Edification of the Saints**

We consider it extremely important to correctly teach the Bible, verse by verse, so we can properly have the Holy Spirit apply it to our lives.

- **The Evangelization of the Sinner**

We understand that God has given us the responsibility to be stewards of the Gospel and that means sharing it exactly like God gave it to us with those who need Jesus.

<https://covenantbaptists.org>

Covenant Baptist Church Schedule

Bible Education Hour (Systematic Theology)
~ 9:30 A.M.

Sunday Worship ~ 10:30 A.M.

Wednesday Prayer Service ~ 7:00 P.M.

*(We are not interested in traditional worship
or contemporary worship. We are only
interested in true worship.)*

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Order of Worship

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Praise to the Lord, The Almighty, pg. 2

Prayer and Scripture Reading: Proverbs 13:1-25

How Sweet and Awful Is the Place pg. 350

Wonderful, Merciful Savior, pg. 162

Message: The Promise of Greater Works and
Answered Prayer —John 14:6-11

Closing Hymn: Oh, How He Loves You and Me, pg 157

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Upcoming cleaning volunteers:

September 7: Egan/Watson
September 14: Olds/Shealy
September 21: Wheat
September 28: Kyzer (D&P, K&R)

Deacon on-call list:

September 1: Daryl Kyzer
September 8: Chris Waddell
September 15: Kenny Lucas
September 22: Trey Egan

Announcements—September 8th, 2019

Greek class will resume September 15 at 6 PM.

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This is our 2nd Sunday fellowship meal. Please plan to stay for food and the fellowship.

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It is the time of year that our church supports and raises money for military Bible sticks (audio bibles) to be sent to our troops. The cost for one is \$25. Please earmark your check or envelope with “Bible Stick” if you would like to give towards this. We will be taking offerings for this through September 15.

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The church bookstore is now open, and purchases can be made between and after services by seeing Annsley or Cristan Smoak. To simplify the process for the store operators and church bookkeeping, all transactions are cash only.

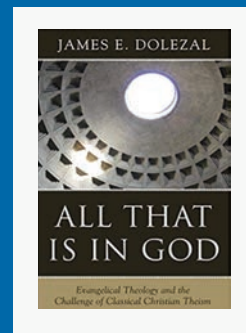
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We will be having a conference here at CBC. The date however has changed to the month of February 2020. We will have more info as get closer to the event.

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Ladies: you are welcome to join a monthly meeting up of ladies at Ruby Tuesday on Augusta Road every first Tuesday of the month at 11:30. See Diane Falsetti for additional details.

Book of the Month:

All That Is In God

James E. Dolezal



Increasing numbers of conservative evangelicals are denying basic tenets of classical Christian teaching about God, with departures occurring even among those of the Calvinistic persuasion. James Dolezal's *All That Is in God* provides an exposition of the historic Christian position while engaging with these contemporary deviations. His convincing critique of the newer position he styles “theistic mutualism” is philosophically robust, systematically nuanced, and biblically based. It demonstrates the need to maintain the traditional viewpoint, particularly on divine simplicity, and spotlights the unfortunate implications for other important Christian doctrines, such as divine eternity and the Trinity, if it were to be abandoned. Arguing carefully and cogently that all that is in God is God Himself, the work is sure to stimulate debate on the issue in years to come.

By What Standard?

Watch the trailer at: <https://founders.org/cinedoc/>

“In 1979 the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) formally entered into the “Battle for the Bible” that was raging within North American evangelicalism. Over the next 15 years, the SBC was returned to its historic commitments on the inerrancy and infallibility of Scripture. Many of those who resisted this conservative resurgence were driven by religiously progressive convictions...

“Now, 25 years after the clear success of the conservative resurgence, it seems like evangelicals, including Southern Baptists, are in danger of loosening their commitments to those basic, Christian commitments. Dangerous ideologies like Critical Theory and Intersectionality are gaining inroads into the thinking of some leaders, churches and organizations....

“Founders Ministries is producing this cinedoc to sound an alarm and issue a call for pastors and churches to stand firm against this onslaught by reaffirming the authority and sufficiency of God’s written Word. If we care about true justice—what God has revealed to be just—then we must stand against what is being promoted under social justice. If we care about the true gospel—the gospel revealed in the faith once-for-all-delivered to the saints—we must reject the agendas being promoted by godless ideologies.”

(From: <https://founders.org/cinedoc/>)

Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class:

Our Greek class, “It’s Greek to You and Me”, will continue in the fellowship hall at 6 P.M. on Sunday, September 15.



2nd Sunday Fellowship Dinner:

Today is our second Sunday fellowship meal. Please plan to join us after the service!



2019 Kenya Mission Trip:

We will have a presentation on the Kenya mission trip on September 8 during the B.E. hour.



8 Ways to Pray for Your Pastor's Wife—by Jennifer Buck

As a pastor's wife, I have seen many lists of ways to “pray for your pastor.” I admit, I usually scroll through and delete them as I find most to be...well...generic.

Michelle, however, actually hit the pulse of what a pastor really needs in our prayers. I found myself reading and inwardly shouting, “YES! This is exactly what pastors need.”

Then my mind began forming a list of what their wives need in our prayers—more than just physical strength and a good group of friends. Although those things are important, I believe these other areas, as they are cultivated in her life would result in physical endurance and draw women wanting friendships with her.

I don't think a pastor's wife should live or look differently than any other believer in Christ. However, I do think she's in this sometimes awkward but wonderful position of having a pulse on the heart of the church her husband serves and is so heavily invested in.

She's an insider, but not really; it's complicated. She may know a lot of what's happening, but may have no leadership position. Even if she does, she's limited to the scope of the area of which she heads.

She is not a female version of her husband. She is usually looked to as an over all leader by the people, but has no authority to act independently as a decision maker. Therefore, it does take an extra measure of grace to be acutely aware of the inner workings of the church but often only able to watch, offer ideas or opinions when asked, or mostly, wait as the leaders/committees make the decisions that will shape the church.

With those things in mind, if I were asked what to pray for me or any pastor's wife, this would be my list:

1. Pray she has a deep love for the people in her church. There is a special love that can be developed for the Lord's church. She doesn't have to intimately know each person to hold a deep and genuine concern for their well-being and spiritual development.
2. That she loves the Lord God with all her heart and soul and mind. Being in the ministry does not guarantee that a once teachable heart cannot grow cold. Her per-



8 Ways to Pray for Your Pastor's Wife—by Jennifer Buck (continued)

sonal walk must not be neglected in the doing of ministry. She needs to operate with a steady and sound mind.

3. That she delights in caring for her family/home. Her husband's role will by necessity make his presence in the home sometimes erratic as he cares for the church. She needs to be the steady presence in the home. Her attitude will help form the opinion of her children about the church and the demands on their father. She will also need to be able to alert her husband when the needs of the home are greater for a period of time. Sometimes in ministry, the church will need his attention more than home and at other times the family will need his attention more. A wise wife will help him see the greater needs and willingly allow him to be where he is needed the most.

4. Pray she is able to submit to the reality that her daily living will serve as a model for others. She will naturally be looked to as an example, and she needs to be willing to live a life that reflects well the work of Christ in her.

5. That she does not have a grudge-holding heart. Ministry can be hard. Sometimes hurtful things are said and done and a pastor's wife will not endure well if she carries the offenses of her husband. She must be able to take her hurt to the Lord and be willing to remind her husband, when he forgets, to lay his grievances before the cross also.

6. She needs to be able to allow her husband time to grieve in situations she cannot help him through. Sometimes he carries a grief no one but the Lord can lighten. He must simply walk through it.

7. That she be less concerned about what others think of her and more concerned about pleasing the Lord. That will provide much protection for her heart.

8. That she learns contentment and finds comfort in the knowledge that her personal and family needs will be provided by the Lord – in his time. Pray she functions knowing, “When I need it, it will be provided, if I don't have it, I don't need it yet.”

This is by no means an exhaustive list, these are just some of the things I have had to walk through and learned how to process in my years as a pastor's wife. I've seen many other wives do these things well and watched them flourish in home and church. Others have not fared so well and I have watched with sadness as their marriage and ministry either crumbled or lost all effectiveness.

There is no doubt that ministry has its hard moments, however, it is also an amazing journey to be a part of laboring alongside your husband and witnessing the transforming work of the Gospel. Praying for your pastor and his wife can be a way for the church family to participate in the continuation and transforming work of the Gospel in the hearts of those who lead them.

From:

<https://michellelesley.com/2019/08/02/guest-post-8-ways-to-pray-for-your-pastors-wife/>

Archaeologists may have found biblical town Emmaus—by Samuel Smith

Archaeologists believe they might have discovered the location of the town of Emmaus, where Jesus was said to have first appeared before two of his disciples after His resurrection.

As reported by Haaretz, scholars on a Franco-Israeli expedition in Kiriath Yearim that began in 2017 have found a massive, ancient wall of a Hellenistic-era fortress that might have been built by a Seleucid general who defeated the famed Jewish leader featured prominently in the Hanukkah story.

Kiriath Yearim is a hill that overlooks the approach to Jerusalem. It was mentioned various times throughout the Old Testament and is said to have been the location of the Ark of the Covenant for decades before the ark was taken to Jerusalem by King David.

The discovery, researchers say, could help to identify the location of the biblical town of Emmaus. It is written in the book of Luke that it was on the road to Emmaus where Jesus made his first appearance before two of His disciples after His resurrection from the dead.

In the biblical account, the two disciples walk from Jerusalem to Emmaus when the resurrected Jesus joins them on the walk. However, the men do not recognize the man who joined them as Christ.

Later, upon reaching Emmaus, Christ accepted an offer to eat and stay with the men as night fell. After the bread was broken and the food was blessed, the disciples' eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus. After they recognized Him, according to Luke 24, Jesus vanished from their sight.

According to the book of Luke, the village of Emmaus was located about 60 stadia (about 7 miles) from Jerusalem.

Haaretz reports that an upcoming study from the expedition that will be published on Oct. 24 makes a suggestion that could have “broader implications for biblical archaeology and Christian history.”

The study is led by Tel Aviv University archaeologist Israel Finkelstein and College de France biblical studies professor Thomas Römer. The researchers suggest that the hill of Kiriath Yearim and the adjacent town of Abu Gosh could be identified as the biblical town of Emmaus that was fortified by Seleucid general Bacchides in the Old Testament.

Archaeologists may have found biblical town Emmaus—by Samuel Smith

The book of Maccabees lists a number of cities surrounding Jerusalem in which General Bacchides built fortresses. Those towns included Emmaus, Beth Horon, Bethel, Timnath, Pirathon, Tephon, and Jericho. Finkelstein and Römer suggest that Kiriath Yearim is Emmaus because there are no other known major Hellenistic strongholds west of Jerusalem.

“Geographically I think that the distance to Jerusalem fits well, so I do think that Kiriath Yearim could have been the Emmaus of the New Testament,” Römer was quoted as saying.

As Haaretz notes, most of the places included on the list in 1 Maccabees 9 can be identified as sites that lie north, south or east of Jerusalem. At some of those sites, Archaeologists have found remains of other Hellenistic fortifications.

“Finkelstein and Römer have a good case archaeologically, geographically, and topographically,” Benjamin Isaac, emeritus professor of ancient history from Tel Aviv University, told Haaretz. “However, it is a hypothesis and remains a hypothesis.”

Isaac warns that there is not enough hard evidence to conclusively link Emmaus to Kiriath Yearim. Isaac notes that there are at least two other sites nearby that could also be Emmaus from the New Testament.

Historian Eusebius of Caesarea from the second and third century identified Emmaus Nicopolis, a Byzantine town in the Ayalon Valley near the modern-day Latrun junction, as the Emmaus mentioned in Luke.

Emmaus Nicopolis was destroyed in the 1967 Six-Day War and the ruins today are part of a national park.


However, Emmaus Nicopolis, lies about 15 miles from Jerusalem, which would be double the distance from Jerusalem described in Luke.

According to Haaretz, others believe that the modern-day village of Motza, which lies between Kiriath Yearim and Jerusalem, is where Emmaus of the Bible was located. However, that village is too close to Jerusalem to fit the description provided in Luke.


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According to Römer, the word “Emmaus” is the Greek version of the Hebrew word for “hot spring.” He said there likely could have been a number of towns sharing the Emmaus name.

A Reminder...



3 reasons reformed folk should be
the kindest Christians...

1. Election is undeserved mercy. Be merciful.
 2. Grace is irresistible. Be gracious.
 3. Depravity didn't stop God from loving you. Be loving. (Eph 2:4-10; 1 John 4:19; Acts 1:8)
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From:

<https://www.christianpost.com/news/archaeologists-may-have-found-biblical-town-emmaus-where-christ-appeared-after-his-resurrection.html>



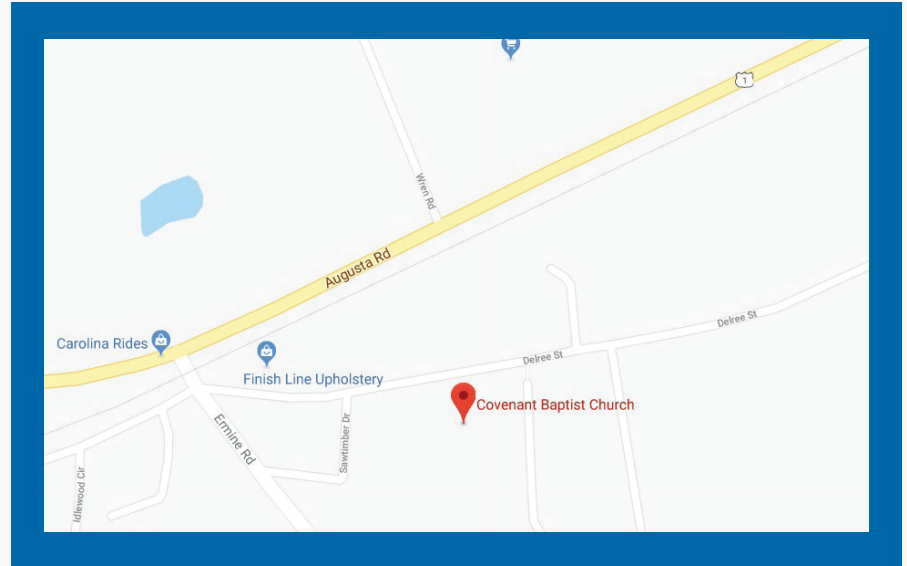
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*If you are interested in joining our church, please speak to one of our elders or deacons.
They will be happy to give you the information you need.*