

**Covenant Baptist Church**

*Reformed and Refreshing*

*February 2nd, 2020*

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://covenantbaptistsc.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

*(February 2nd, 2020)*

All Creatures of Our God and King—11

Prayer and Scripture Reading:  
Psalm 139:1-24

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing—104

The Power of the Cross—272

Message:

The Biblical Response to Homosexuality  
—1 Cor. 6:9-11

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: There Is A Redeemer— 201

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## Upcoming cleaning volunteers:

February 8: Allen

February 15: Crapps/McSween

February 22: Lucas/Waddell

## Deacon on-call list:

February 2: Daryl Kyzer

February 9: Chris Waddell

February 16: Kenny Lucas

## Church Bookstore:

Purchases (cash only) can be made by seeing Annsley or Cristan Smoak,  
or following the instructions left near the bookstore entrance.

## Announcements—February 2nd, 2020

Greek class will not meet tonight.

Next week will be our 2nd Sunday Fellowship Meal. Please plan to bring a potluck dish and stay for the fellowship.

We have a special gift for every family and every single person in our church regarding the topic of “Are People Born Gay?” It is a DVD from Answers in Genesis. We need to lovingly show that, regardless of feelings, the choice to embrace any sexual lifestyle other than God’s design for marriage is sin, and as with any sin, the only hope for deliverance is the redeeming work of God’s grace offered through his Son Jesus Christ. In this illustrated presentation from the popular Answers for Women: Sacred conference, Dr. Georgia Purdom addresses one of our culture’s most controversial “hot-button” questions, Are People Born Gay? She shows from both the Bible and science that the answer is a resounding no! Biology is clear that gender is not a social construct and that only two genders exist. Dr. Purdom shares that scientific research has failed to show any genetic or biological link to homosexuality and transgenderism. In fact, these are incompatible with both a biblical and an evolutionary worldview. Get real answers that you can share with friends and family. Lovingly show them that there is freedom from sin and there is hope in Jesus Christ.

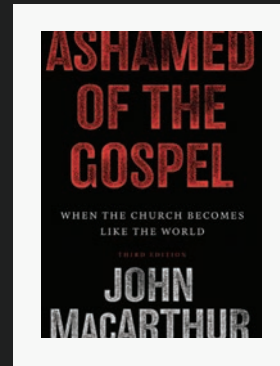
Our pastor is currently teaching some very important messages regarding “A Biblical Response to Abortion, Homosexuality and Women in Ministry”. These are and continue to be issues of confusion and compromise within evangelical churches. We would like to address these topics from God’s Word so that you have the ability to defend your beliefs and have a reason for the hope that is within you. Please invite others to come. Also a word to parents: be aware that the topics on abortion and homosexuality will deal with sensitive issues for small children to hear. Please use personal discretion for your children.

A Biblical Counseling class will be starting February 6th at 7 PM here at the church. If you would be interested in participating, please let the pastor know. We would like to see both men and women trained in biblical counseling here at CBC.

The Mission Team for India will be leaving on March 12 with big plans to work the fields of harvest in two places in south India. The team will consist of Alton Crapps, Pastor Swann, Luke Swann, Spencer Allen, Andy Shumpert, and Andrew Shumpert. Each individual is responsible to raise their own funds for air tickets, hotel room, and meals. If you would like to help in this ministry please earmark checks or label the missions envelope either for the individual you wish to help or if you wish to help with the ministry cost, label checks or envelope India Ministry. Your prayers and your support are much appreciated.

## Book of the Week: Ashamed of the Gospel

*John MacArthur*



The brilliance of John MacArthur’s book, “Ashamed of the Gospel” is that it was written long before Rick Warren and Bill Hybels were household names. MacArthur, like Spurgeon a century ago, is one of our generation’s leading apologist for defending the faith and the integrity of biblical doctrines.

<https://www.amazon.com/Ashamed-Gospel-3rd-Church-Becomes/dp/1433509296>

# Patterns of Evidence: The Red Sea Miracle Part 1 & 2

IN THEATERS

Feb. 18th-Part 1 May 5th-Part II

Tim Mahoney investigates one of the greatest miracles of the Bible. Did a mighty sea split? What secrets will be revealed?

After leaving Egypt, the Bible describes the Israelites crossing a deep sea that was miraculously split with walls of water on their right and left. When the Egyptians and their chariot force pursued, the water came crashing back down to destroy the entire army. Are miracles of this kind even possible?

Skeptics contend that no evidence has ever been found for huge numbers of people crossing the wilderness or a mighty sea. Does the lack of evidence at the traditional sites mean the events didn't happen, or might we have been looking in wrong places all along?

Join Timothy Mahoney in the next chapter of the series as he retraces the steps of Moses and the Israelites, looking for answers in Patterns of Evidence: The Red Sea Miracle Part 1 & 2.

Hear ideas from all sides of the debate as you journey back to the lands of the Bible in search of answers to one of the Bible's biggest mysteries; where is the lost sea of the Exodus, and what really happened there? Can a patterns approach help to solve the problem?

<https://patternsofevidence.com/redsea/>

# Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class:

*No Greek class tonight.*

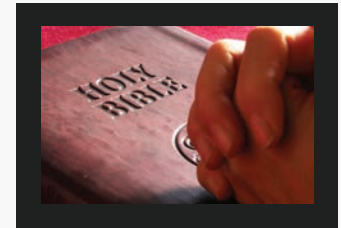


2nd Sunday Fellowship Dinner:

*Next Sunday is our next second Sunday fellowship meal. Please plan to bring a dish and join us after the service! Also remember that we usually have visitors who stay for the meal, and you are encouraged to bring more than a small side dish so that there is plenty to go around.*

The Lord's Supper:

*The Lord's Table observance is February 9th. Please pray and prepare your heart for this important time of worship.*



# 9 Things that Are Still Sins Whether We Agree or Not –by Michelle Lesley

*I do it all the time, Mother, and I've decided something—it's not a sin.*

I heard this line several years ago on a popular sitcom, spoken by an adult daughter to her Christian mother about a behavior the Bible unambiguously calls a sin. I mean, it's right smack dab in the middle of the Big 10; “thou shalt not” and everything.

It's one thing to say, “I know it's a sin, but I don't care. I'm going to do it anyway,” but how depraved is the world when they think they – in God's place – are the ones who get to define what sin is? And what's even worse is that the church has begun to adopt this audacious depravity as well, whether approving of sin by fiat or by simply ignoring God's word and letting sin slide without rebuke.

When it comes to what's a sin and what's not, God made up His mind a long time ago. And He's not changing it, regardless of what you or I or Joe Politician or Jane Celebrity might think. Maybe we all need a remedial course in hamartiology, so let's start with the basics. These things are all still sins whether the world and the church agree with God or not:

## 1. Homosexuality

Let's just get it out of the way right up front. I don't care how many celebrity “pastors” and “Christian” authors twist God's word to say otherwise, or how many people declare themselves to be (unrepentant, practicing) “gay Christians,” or how many homosexuals declare that God made them that way, God's word is clear: homosexual lust and behavior are sins.



# 9 Things that Are Still Sins Whether We Agree or Not —by Michelle Lesley (cont.)

## 2. Abortion

Abortion is the taking of an innocent human life. We don't murder people because they're small or sick or inconvenient or will hinder our success. God didn't say, "You shall not murder, except when..." He said, "You shall not murder." Period.

## 3. Extra-Marital (Heterosexual) Sex

Adultery, fornication, whatever form it might take, if you're not legally married to the person you're engaging in sexual activity—up to and including actual intercourse—with, you're sinning.

## 4. Cohabitation

See #3. And don't try to whitewash it by saying you're living together but not sleeping together. A) The Bible says we're to flee temptation, not move in with it, and B) we're supposed to avoid every form of evil, even the appearance of it. If you call yourself a Christian and you're shacking up, you're living in sin (that's why they call it "living in sin"). Repent and move out or marry up.

## 5. Divorce

Yep, still a sin, except in two cases: unfaithfulness or an unsaved spouse leaving a saved spouse. In those two cases the spouse who was wronged is not sinning and is free to marry again.

## 6. Swearing

The air is saturated with it. Foul language coming from our TVs, music, movies, social media, and the people we're around all day. But expletives have no place in the vocabulary of a Christian. Is your potty mouth on Saturday the same one you praise God with on Sunday?

## 7. Taking God's Name in Vain

It's gotten to the point where we think so little of casually punctuating our sentences with, "Oh my G-d," or using the name of Jesus as an exclamation that

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pastors are even doing so from the pulpit these days. God's name is high and holy and should be spoken only reverently and worshipfully. How can we look people in the eye and call them to repentance and faith in a Person whose name we use as a cuss word?

### 8. Gluttony

We have almost completely amputated gluttony from the spiritual realm by cordoning it off as merely a physical or medical issue. We've renamed it "over-eating," but that doesn't change the fact that it's a sin. God created good food for us to enjoy, but just as with all the other good gifts He gives us, He expects us to exercise Spirit-enabled self control when we receive it.

### 9. Female Usurpation

God makes it abundantly clear in His word that women are not to instruct men in the Scriptures or hold authority over them in the church. Women sin when they pastor churches, preach sermons in church, teach men in Sunday School classes, and hold other positions of authority over men in the church. Men, however, bear the primary responsibility for this when they sin by failing to rebuke usurping women, or when women feel they have no other choice but to take on male responsibilities in the church because men are shirking their own duties before God.

We don't get to decide what sin is. That's God's job. And all of us – whether we've committed one of these nine sins or not – are guilty of sinning against Him. That's the bad news.

But, in Christianity, we never give the bad news without following it up with the good news. And, oh what wonderfully good news it is: forgiveness. Jesus paid for our sin at Calvary so that if we will only turn from it and trust Him, He will forgive us for all nine of these sins and countless others.

**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (John 1:9)**

From:  
<https://michellelesley.com/2020/01/30/throwback-thursday-9-things-that-are-still-sins-whether-we-agree-or-not-3/>

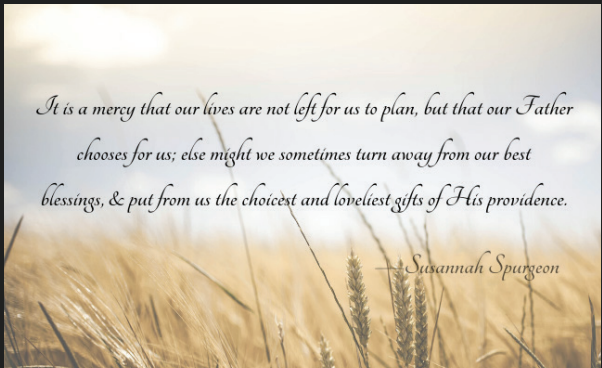
## WHO declares China coronavirus a global health emergency—by Adam Ford

The World Health Organization on Thursday declared the rapidly spreading Wuhan coronavirus that's killed at least 171 and infected more than 8,000 to be a global health emergency — only the fifth time WHO has used the designation.

“Over the past few weeks we have witnessed the emergence of a previously unknown pathogen that has [resulted in] an unprecedented outbreak,” WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said at a press conference. “We must act together now to limit the spread.”

WHO defines an international emergency as an “extraordinary event” that constitutes a global risk and requires a coordinated international response.

The number of coronavirus cases has spiked tenfold inside one week, and WHO's announcement came shortly after the first case of human-to-human transmission in the U.S. was confirmed.



*It is a mercy that our lives are not left for us to plan, but that our Father chooses for us; else might we sometimes turn away from our best blessings, & put from us the choicest and loveliest gifts of His providence.*

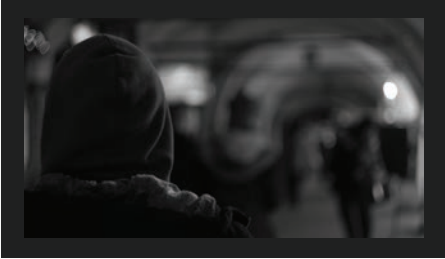
— Susannah Spurgeon

**A Reminder...**

From:

<https://disrn.com/news/who-declares-china-coronavirus-a-global-health-emergency>





## **Strategies for Fighting Depression Well—by Jim Newheiser**

<https://biblicalcounseling.com/fighting-depression-well/>



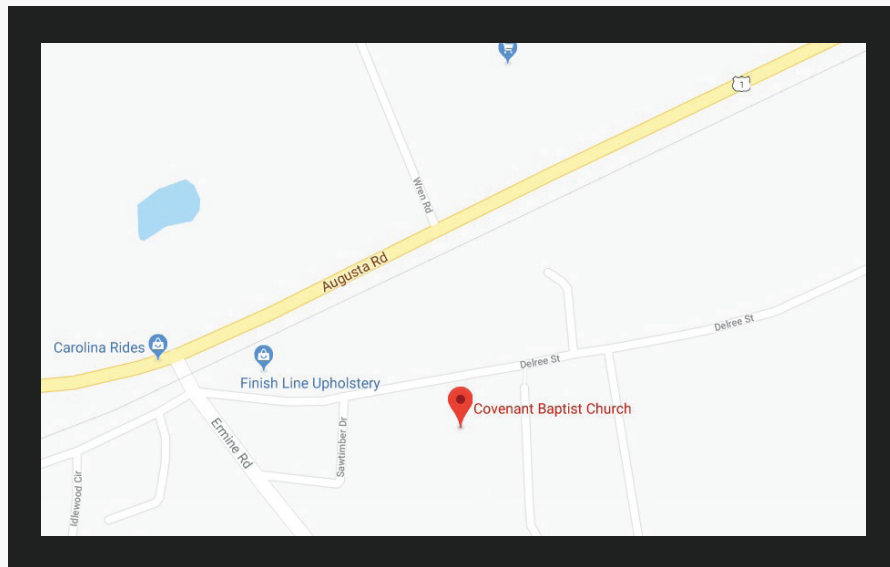
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*If you are interested in joining our church, please speak to one of our elders or deacons.  
They will be happy to give you the information you need.*