



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

March 15th, 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>

Service Times:

Bible Education Hour (Puritans)
~ 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.)*

Order of Worship

(March 15th, 2020)

Come, Christians, Join and Sing—125

Scripture Reading:
Proverbs 20:17-30

Hallelujah, What a Savior—296

He Will Hold Me Fast—388

Message:
Chosen to Serve—John 15:16

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: There Is a Redeemer—201

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Upcoming cleaning volunteers:

March 21: Olds/Shealy
March 28: Wheat
April 4: Kyzer (K&R)/Bean

Deacon on-call list:

March 15: Andy Shumpert
March 22: Wesley Smoak
March 29: Daryl Kyzer

Church Bookstore:

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

Announcements

We are aware of the situation with the coronavirus and are asking that everyone take the necessary precautions (i.e. wash hands, use hand sanitizer, etc.) and monitor the church website and the texting service for announcements regarding our services. Things can change overnight as we have seen, so there may be a time when we cancel all services. If you have any questions, you can ask any of the elders or deacons. If anyone needs help knowing how to livestream the service, please see one of the elders or deacons. Also, if you need to stay home for health reasons and need anything brought to you, please let us know. We would be glad to serve you in this way.

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Greek class tonight at 6 PM.

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NCFIC is offering a Singles Conference: Holiness to the Lord October 28-29. More details can be found at: <https://ncfic.org/events/216400/overview>

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Answers in Genesis will be hosting a women's conference (Truth: Answers for Women 2020) March 27-28 in Williamstown, KY. More information can be found at: <https://answersingenesis.org/outreach/event/answers-for-women-2020/>

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A special time of prayer in the overflow room/fellowship area will begin soon, taking place on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM. In an effort to have more prayer and to improve our Wednesday evening service, we are adding a time and place for men and women to pray for general needs. This is modeled after the men and women gathered together for prayer in the upper room in Acts 1. During the Wednesday evening service at 7 PM, we will have 2 or 3 men lead in a more directed prayer for specific topics or needs. Start date to be announced soon.

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The Mission Team for India has postponed their trip to June due to the spread and uncertainty of the coronavirus. Meanwhile, they are still preparing for the upcoming trip. 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. Funds are also needed to provide Telegu bibles. Your prayers and your support are much appreciated.

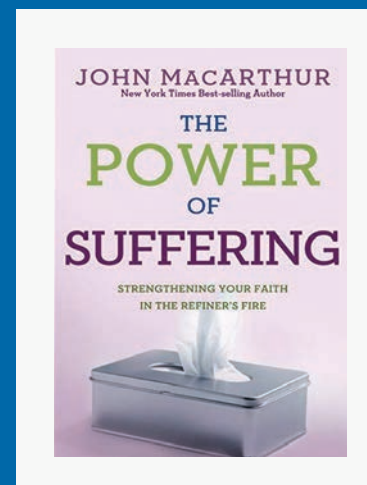
Book of the Week: The Power of Suffering, by John MacArthur

Why does God allow suffering? Where is God when I'm hurting? Can God really use pain—even tragedies—for my good?

In *The Power of Suffering*, John MacArthur takes an honest look at the reality of pain in the life of a believer. Packed with precious biblical truths and rich, practical insights, this book will equip you to experience God's glorious and transformative power—even in your most difficult trials.

Discover the tremendous encouragement, hope, and joy that comes when you embrace God's purposes in your pain.

<https://www.gty.org/store/books/452006/the-power-of-suffering>



Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class, March 15—Greek class tonight at 6 PM, in the fellowship hall.

Evangelism Conference, April 5-8—We will have a conference on Evangelism and Apologetics April 5-8. Tommy Waltz with Gospel of God Ministries will be with us. This is a great opportunity for learning how to share faith.

More at: <https://www.gospelgm.com/>

Fellowship Meal, April 12—April 12 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.

Other Events:

Truth: Answers for Women, March 27-28 2020—(Williamstown, KY) Featuring Ken Ham, Justin Peters, Dr. Georgia Purdom, Kay Arthur, Phil Johnson, Erin Benziger, Camille Cates, Amy Spreeman, and Sarah Mally.

More at: <https://answersingenesis.org/outreach/event/answers-for-women-2020/>

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Coronavirus: Opportunity for the Church to Be the Hands of Christ —by Ken Ham

If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works (James 2:15–18).

In all things I gave you an example, that so laboring ye ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

Recently, my good friend Dr. Andrew Fabich, professor of microbiology at Truett McConnell University, wrote an article (<https://answersingenesis.org/human-body/coronavirus-biblical-practical/>) about ways to keep safe, avoid panic, and trust God as we watch and wait out the well-publicized coronavirus outbreak. In this follow-up piece, used with his and Truett McConnell University’s permission, Dr. Fabich challenges churches to get people involved in practical ways to do things the church should scripturally always be doing anyway, particularly in times of crisis.

I’m convinced that this coronavirus outbreak is possibly the greatest outreach opportunity for the church worldwide. The coronavirus has covered the globe and, thus, brought missions to our own turf. The church needs to respond to the

current situation sensibly and centered around the gospel. Here are some things we should be doing during this time of worldwide panic.

1. Put together a medical mission team in your church for a local response (kind of like Samaritan’s Purse, but a local effort). The beauty of such a team is that infectious disease outbreaks happen regularly. Having something in place will mobilize the church moving forward.
2. Purchase as many personal hygiene products that are currently in high demand. We need to quit making memes about the shortages of toilet paper and hand sanitizer worldwide and begin to realize that people perceive these items as a need. Churches should stock up on these supplies for distribution to their local communities. Ideas for this include taking supplies to your community or putting together fliers indicating that your church is distributing free personal hygiene products. And if people quit overbuying these supplies, why wouldn’t the church not use the same items for its members during our weekly services? It just makes sense to promote good personal hygiene because it is ultimately derived from a biblical worldview.
3. Have someone creative and biblical write a tract for distribution to each person receiving the personal hygiene products. What a travesty to meet people’s physical needs and neglect to tell them about their most important spiritual need: a relationship with the Creator Redeemer Jesus Christ. Here’s an idea of something you can include to answer hard questions in light of sickness and death.

Everyone is talking about the coronavirus, so why should the church remain silent and not offer solutions instead of bemoaning the current panic. The church is called to be salt and light to this world (Matthew 5:13–14). We can be salt by promoting personal hygiene during this time of crisis. And we can be light to those in spiritual darkness, exposing their sin problem and sharing Christ. I feel like we’ve left behind an important song in our hymnal that applies to our current situation.

Rescue the perishing
Care for the dying
Jesus is merciful
Jesus will save

I'm grateful for other believers, like Dr. Fabich, who are always looking for ways to emulate Christ through serving and, more importantly, to give others what they need most: the gospel, knowing the Lord will provide.

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness (2 Corinthians 9:10).



PBS Kids' Clifford the Big Red Dog Introduces LGBT Characters —by Michael Foust

The beloved animated show Clifford the Big Red Dog in recent weeks became the second PBS Kids series with a recurring LGBT character when one of Emily Elizabeth's friends brought her two moms to a dinner party.

The series, based on a popular Scholastic book character, follows the exploits of an energetic girl named Emily Elizabeth and her giant red dog, Clifford, who is the size of a house.

It was rebooted by PBS and Amazon Prime last year with new animation and new voices. It is within this reboot that two lesbian characters were introduced – although it may not be obvious to many children.

In the episode in question, "The Big Red Tomato/Dogbot," Emily Elizabeth holds an outdoor dinner party for her friend Samantha. When the dinner is set to begin, Samantha walks up with her two moms.

"Won't you please join us?" Emily Elizabeth asks.

"It would be our pleasure," one of the women replies. "Oooh, something smells delicious!"

Samantha and her moms then prepare to sit down and eat dinner with

Emily Elizabeth and her mom as Clifford watches.

The two moms are not identified within the episode, but the credits call them “Dr. Mulberry” and “Ms. Mulberry.” In other episodes, Samantha calls each of the women “Mom.” In the episode titled “The Birdwell Island Blues/The Big Red World,” she calls Dr. Mulberry “Mom,” and in “Making Lemonade Out of Lemons/The Watering Hole,” she calls Ms. Mulberry “Mom.”

Clifford the Big Red Dog is the second PBS Kids series with an LGBT character. Last year, the series *Arthur* broke new ground when the primary character’s male school teacher, Mr. Ratburn, married a man. It was the first gay wedding in PBS Kids history.

Recently, Sesame Street recorded an episode with gay actor Billy Porter wearing a dress.

Monica Cole, director of One Million Moms, said in an email to supporters this week PBS is “taking advantage of parental trust.”

“Discussion of such controversial topics and lifestyle choices should be left up to parents,” she wrote. “PBS KIDS should not introduce the LGBTQ lifestyle to young children. PBS KIDS should stick to entertaining and providing family-friendly programming, instead of pushing an agenda.”

One Million Moms launched a petition to PBS Kids that has garnered more than 16,000 signatures.

Last year, PBS defended its inclusion of LGBT characters in children’s programs.

“PBS Kids programs are designed to reflect the diversity of communities across the nation,” Maria Vera Whelan, the senior director of marketing, communications and social media for children’s media and education at PBS, said in a press release. “We believe it is important to represent the wide array of adults in the lives of children who look to PBS Kids every day.”

Related:

‘Arthur’ the 1st PBS Cartoon with a Gay Wedding – ‘It’s a Brand-New World’ (<https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/michael-foust/arthur-the-1st-pbs-cartoon-with-a-gay-wedding-it-s-a-brand-new-world.html>)

Sesame Street to Feature Actor Billy Porter Wearing a Dress (<https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/michael-foust/sesame-street-to-feature-actor-billy-porter-wearing-a-dress.html>)

Disney-Pixar’s Onward Makes History with 1st Openly LGBT Character (<https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/michael-foust/disney-pixars-onward-makes-history-with-1st-openly-lgbt-character.html>)

Other News:

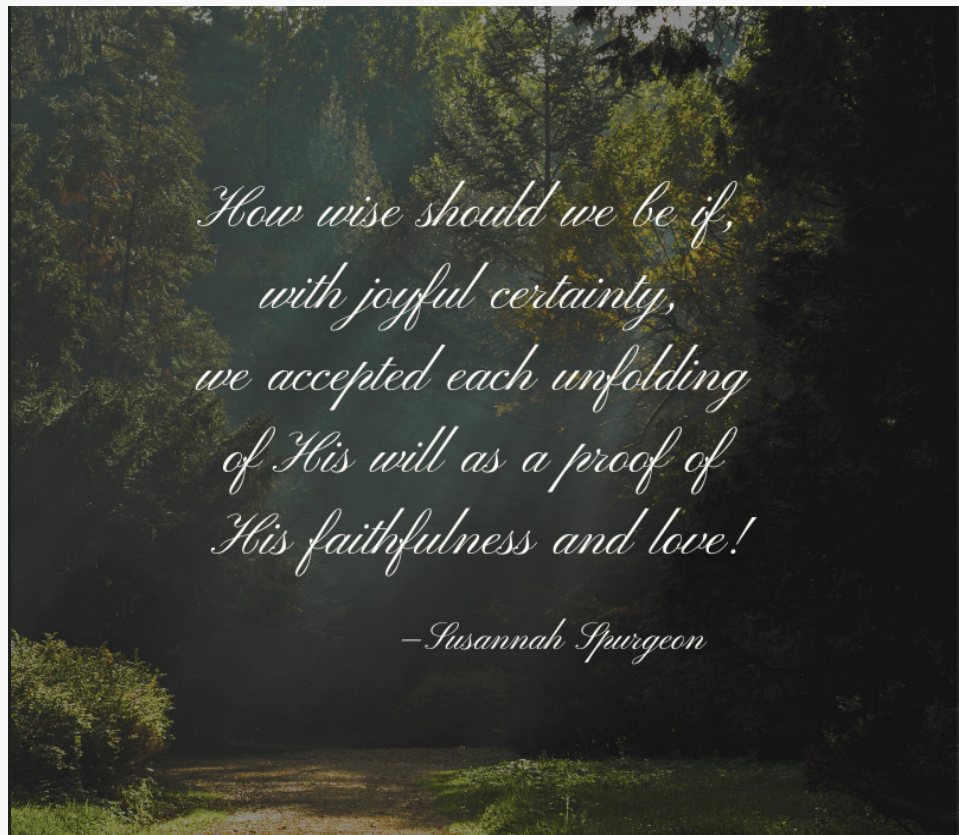
Court to hear case of 6-year-old traumatized by teacher insisting 'girls aren't real' — <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/court-to-hear-case-of-6-year-old-traumatized-by-teacher-insisting-girls-arent-real>

Egypt 2020 Conference— <https://heartcrymissionary.com/mission-updates/egypt-2020-conference/>

The "Oil-Producing Bible" Scam— <http://www.deliveredbygrace.com/the-oil-producing-bible-scam/>

Christian father loses wife, 6 children in house fire— <https://www.christianpost.com/news/christian-father-loses-wife-six-children-in-house-fire.html>

Quote of the Week:



Biblical Counseling Resources

Strategies for Fighting Depression Well—by Jim Newheiser
<https://biblicalcounseling.com/fighting-depression-well/>

Identity Language in Counseling—by Martha Peace
<https://biblicalcounseling.com/identity-language-in-counseling/>

Covenant Baptist Biblical Counseling Class:

A Biblical Counseling class started February 13th at 7 PM here at the church. If you would be interested in participating, please let the pastor know. We are going to livestream the class. Just go to the website at <https://covenantbaptistsc.org> and click the livestream button on home page at 7pm Thursdays.

Biblical counseling class on hold while teacher recovers from surgery. See page 2 for more info.



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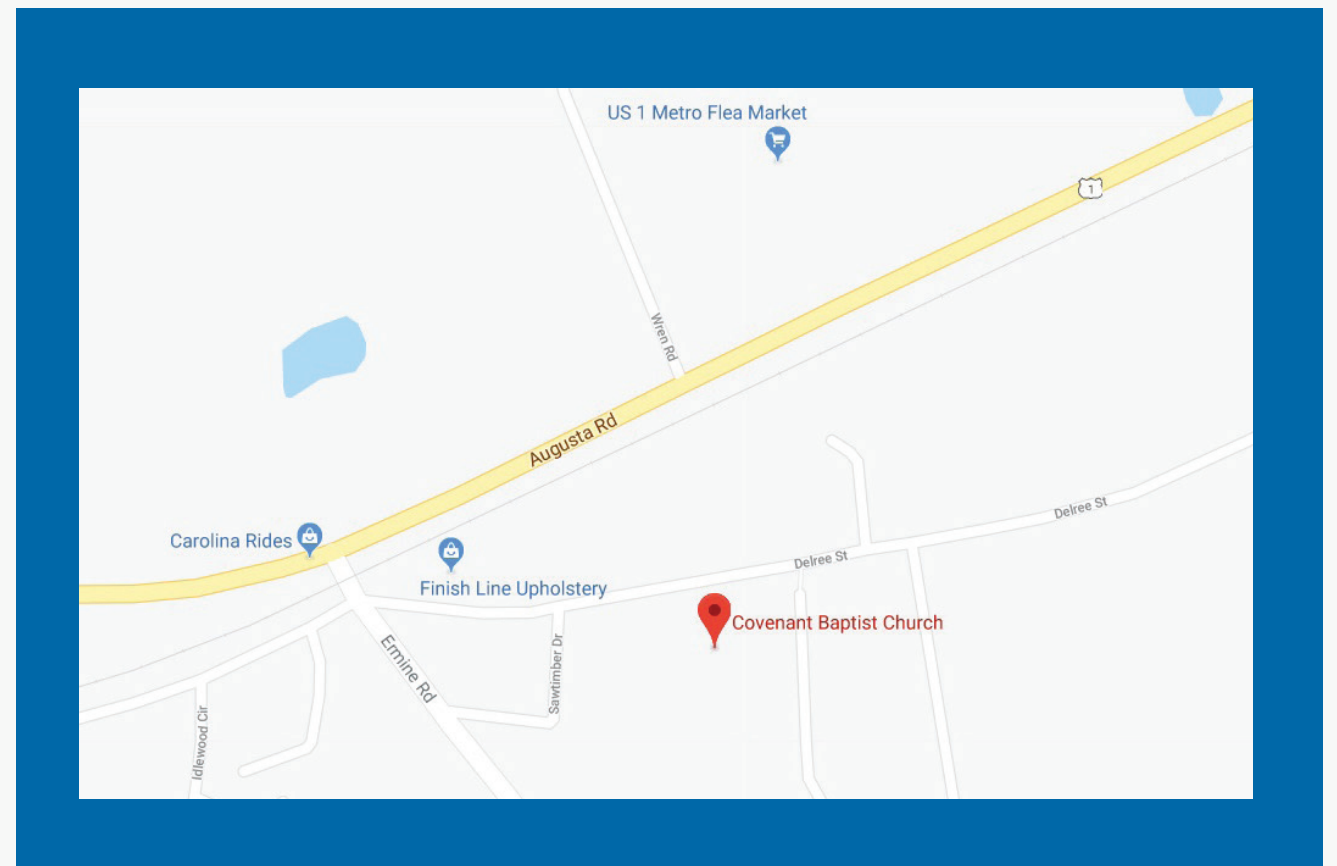
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3535 Delree Street

West Columbia, SC 29170

<https://covenantbaptistsc.org>

Location:



*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.*