



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

April 5th, 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

(April 5th, 2020)

Service cancelled; live-stream at 9:30 am
(Chris Olds) and 7:00 pm (Pastor Swann)

<https://covenantbaptistsc.org/live-stream/>

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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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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.

Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class, April 5—*No Greek class tonight.*

Evangelism Conference, April 5-8:—
CANCELED

Fellowship Meal, April 12—*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. (MAY BE CANCELED.)*

Other Events:

Truth: Answers for Women, March 27-28 2020—*(Williamstown, KY)*

DELAYED UNTIL 2021

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

NCFIC Singles Conference—*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>*

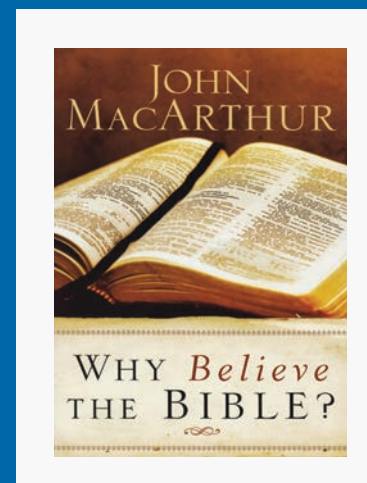
Book of the Week: Why Believe the Bible?, by John MacArthur

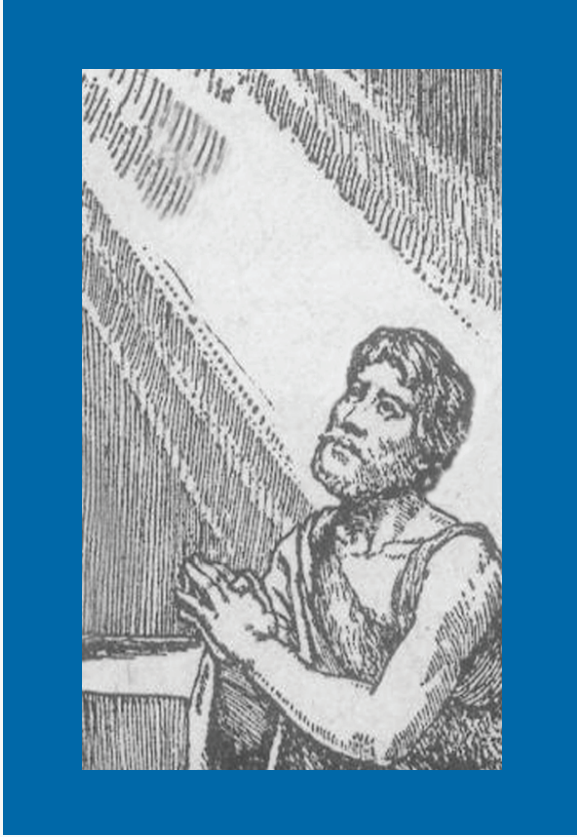
In a culture in which all truth is relative and there are no absolutes, what does it mean to trust in God's Word? Do we really believe that such ancient texts have meaning for us today? How can we get the most from God's Word?

In *Why Believe the Bible?* esteemed Bible teacher John MacArthur examines these and other questions regarding the authority, infallibility, and trustworthiness of the Word of God. Whether you are a new Christian or just want to brush up on some of the basic truths of Scripture, this book will give you confidence in the power of God's Word to transform your life . . . and show you that the Bible does make a difference!

This book includes a Bible reading plan, a new preface, and helpful tools and resources for studying the Bible.

<https://www.gty.org/store/books/451009/why-believe-the-bible>





American Indians, also died at age 29. On the other hand, the great man of faith and prayer, George Muller, died at age 92. Likewise, brilliant creationist and nationally known Bible teacher, Dr. John Whitcomb was very active in the Lord's service up to his death at age 95.

When the Lord Jesus foretold Peter's death, Peter immediately asked about John, "What shall this man do?" (John 21:21). Jesus answered, "If I will [desire] that he tarry [remain alive] till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou Me" (John 21:22). A short life is not necessarily an incomplete life. The issue is not how long we live, but how well we live; and the faithful servant of the Lord knows that he is immortal until his work is done for Him. James finished the work that God had for him to do.

God Chooses Our Path—Acts 12:1-11

—by *George Zeller*

James, the brother of John, was arrested and killed (Acts 12:2); Peter was arrested and was miraculously released (Acts 12:3-11). God's plan for James was different from His plan for Peter. James was the first of the twelve disciples to die the death of a martyr. His brother John lived a long life and wrote his epistles and the book of Revelation toward the end of the first century. While some think John may have been martyred, John Foxe wrote, "He was the only apostle who escaped a violent death, and lived the longest of any, he being nearly 100 years of age at the time of his death."

These brothers illustrate that God has a different and unique plan for each of our lives. Our times are in His hands (Psalm 31:15). His plan for one is not His plan for another. In His grace, we are each treated individually. The godly saint, Robert McCheyne, died at the young age of 29. John Brainard, devoted missionary to

Helpful Coronavirus Articles:

The pastor has requested that these free National Geographic articles be put in the bulletin for the use of the church.

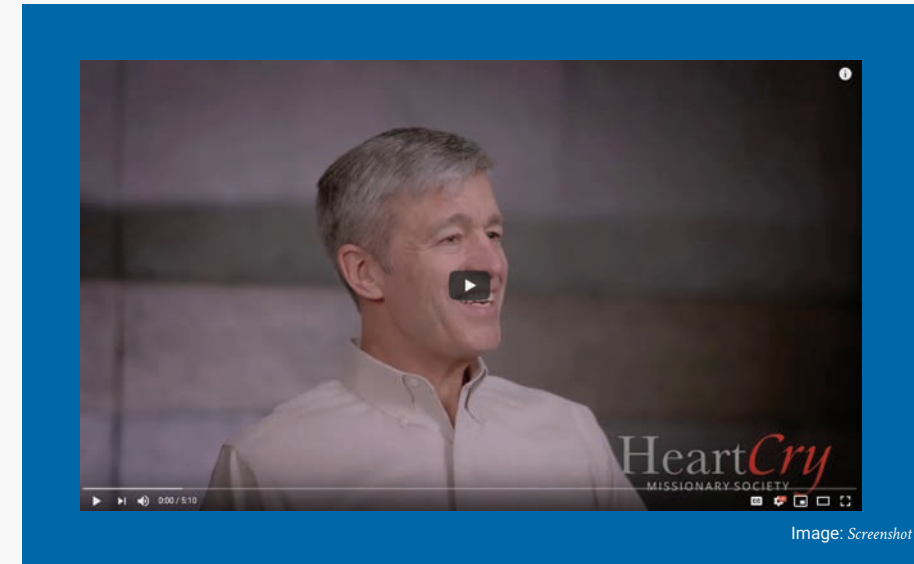
What scientists do and don't know about treating coronavirus: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/2020/03/as-coronavirus-surges-how-hospitals-are-treating-covid-disease/>

How some cities 'flattened the curve' during the 1918 flu pandemic: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/2020/03/how-cities-flattened-curve-1918-spanish-flu-pandemic-coronavirus>

How coronavirus mutations can track its spread—and disprove conspiracies: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/2020/03/how-coronavirus-mutations-can-track-its-spread-and-disprove-conspiracies>

The coronavirus spares most kids. These theories may help explain why: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/2020/03/coronavirus-sparers-most-kids-these-theories-may-help-explain-why>

Coronavirus 101: What you need to know: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/2020/03/covid-overview-coronavirus>



Extra!

Paul Washer: HeartCry's New Missionary Documentaries

Paul Washer details HeartCry's new YouTube channel and the first series of videos to be released: missionary documentaries.

DOCUMENTARY SCHEDULE

Peru | February 24

Nepal | March 17

Finland | May 14

Zambia | June 19

Italy | August 26

Germany (Part 1) | October 31

Germany (Part 2) | November 9

Germany (Part 3) | November 13

HeartCry is a missionary society with one great and overriding passion: that God's Name be great among the nations (Malachi 1:11) and that the Lamb receive the full reward for His suffering (Revelation 7:9-10).

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From: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3-cAwIDDOY>

Other News:

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

<https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/michael-foust/pbs-kids-clifford-the-big-red-dog-introduces-lgbt-characters.html>

Court to hear case of 6-year-old traumatized by teacher insisting

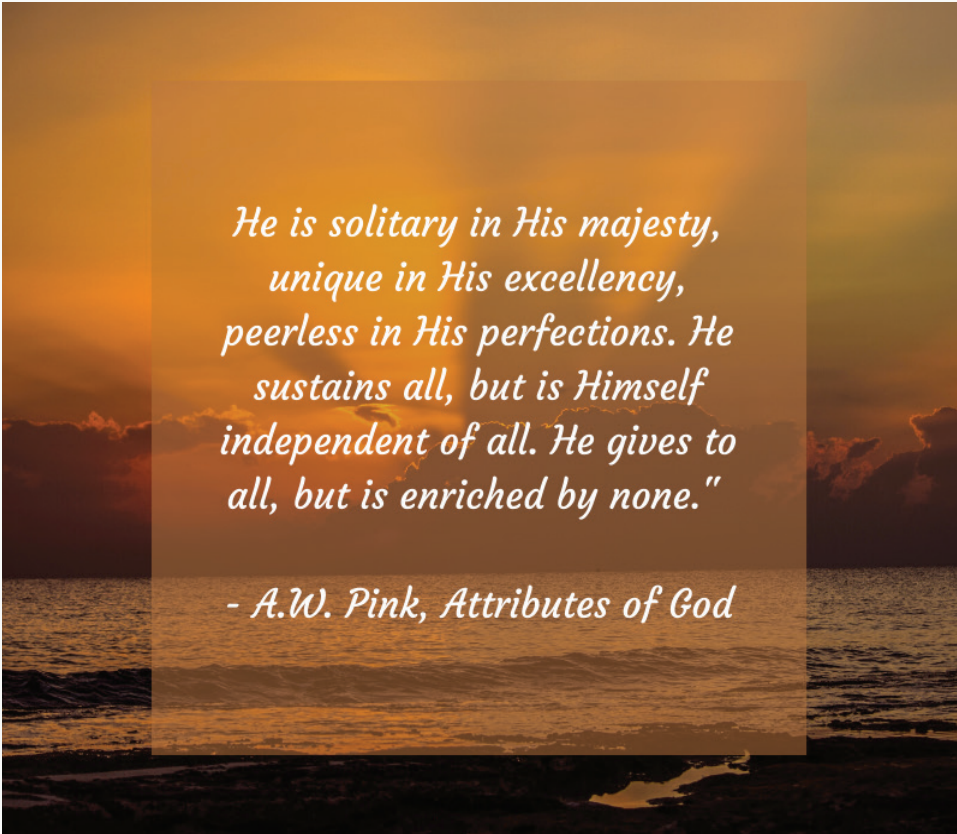
'girls aren't real' — <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/court-to-hear-case-of-6-year-old-traumatized-by-teacher-insisting-girls-arent-real>

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

Speaker Nancy Pelosi Caught Trying to Include Abortion Funding

in Bill to Combat Coronavirus— <https://www.lifenews.com/2020/03/12/speaker-nancy-pelosi-caught-trying-to-include-abortion-funding-in-bill-to-combat-coronavirus>

Quote of the Week:



*He is solitary in His majesty,
unique in His excellency,
peerless in His perfections. He
sustains all, but is Himself
independent of all. He gives to
all, but is enriched by none."*

- A.W. Pink, Attributes of God

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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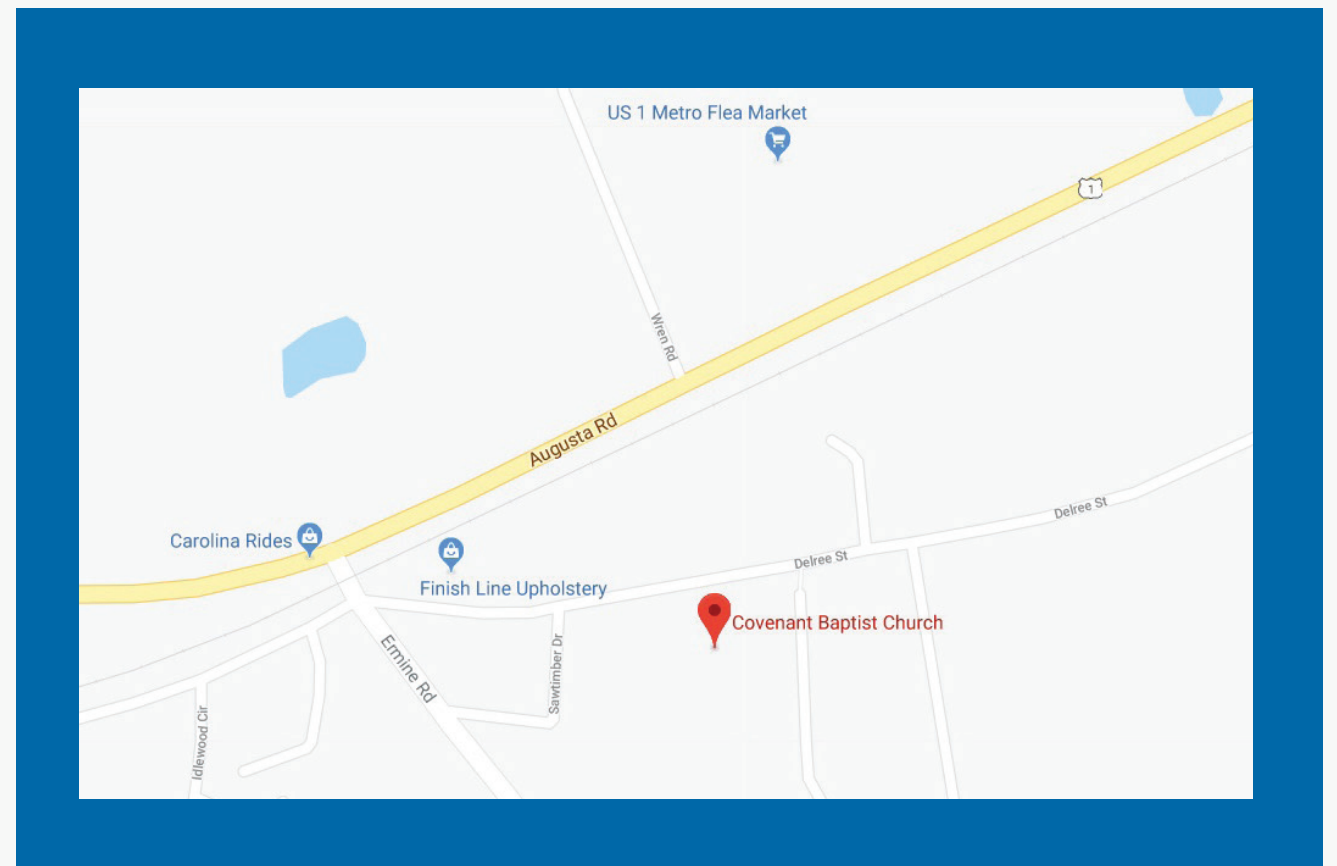
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Location:



*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.*