



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

May 10th, 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

(May 10th, 2020)

Service cancelled; live-stream at
10:30 am (Charles 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—*On hold*

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/>

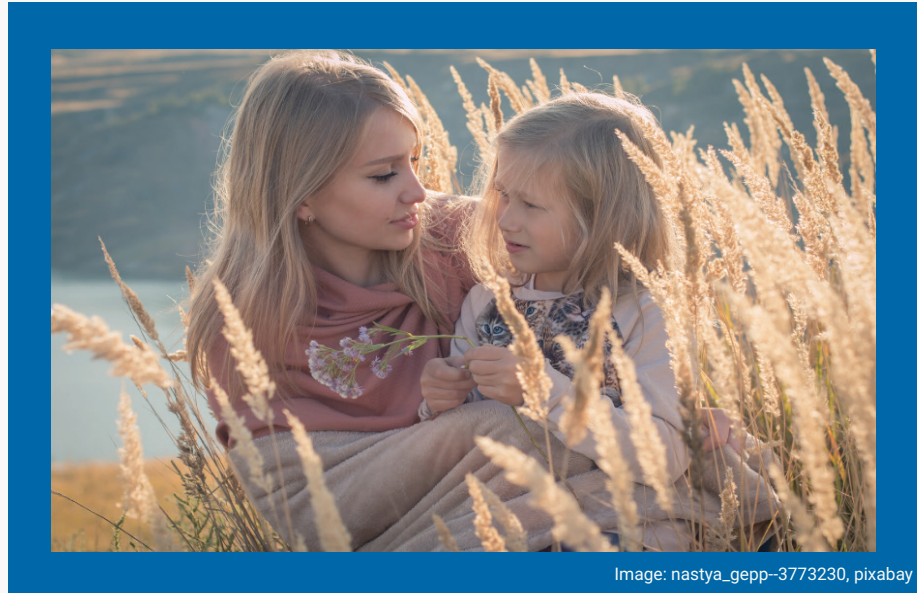
NCFIC Singles Conference—NCFIC is offering a Singles Conference: Holiness to the Lord October 28-29. More details can be found at: <https://ncfic.org/events/216400/overview>

Book of the Week: God's High Calling for Women, by John MacArthur

Before God, men and women are absolutely equal. Yet along with that equality, God created some differences. He has called women to a unique role that no man can ever fill. Yet there are those who denounce that role...In particular, the feminist movement—and sadly, many in the church—undermine the biblical values that give women a great sense of joy and accomplishment...Is there a way to achieve the fulfillment feminism promises—and fails—to deliver? Is there more a woman can hope for?...The answer is yes! And the key is in following God's High Calling for Women. In this study, John MacArthur considers the New Testament's most comprehensive treatment of the woman's appearance, attitude, testimony, and her contribution to the Lord's work—the true path to fulfillment.



<https://www.gty.org/library/topical-series-library/152> (also avail. as hard copy in church bookstore)



I'd Rather Be with You: An Open Letter to My Children

—by Courtney Feulner

In a world where children are seen not as a blessing, but an inconvenience, I want you to know:

I'd rather be with you, my darlings.

While others are getting their eight hours of blissful slumber, and I wake for the third time with tired groans (and bags under my eyes), secretly,

I'd rather be with you.

When you greet me before the first morning light with sleepy eyes and wobbly steps, and other moms are off to their morning work-outs, I know this time is fleeting, so

I'd rather be with you.

While other kids your age are carted off from one activity to another, I know your time will come, but for now,

I'd rather be with you.

While other couples are trekking across the globe and taking adventurous trips, just the two of them, I look out and see you playing without a care in the world, and I smile because I know my time will come, and if given the choice,
I'd rather be with you.

When my name is on the invitation, and yours are not,
I'd rather be with you, my loves.

While career-woman chases financial freedom and grasps for the next rung, I consider her little ones who foot the bill. Money can't buy what I have, so
I'd rather be with you, my sweet babies.

When you throw tantrums, big and stubborn like your personality, I laugh and cry because you're cute and naughty, but I remember that this is all shaping who you are and who you will become. Even on the days when my wherewithal has been through it all, still,
I'd rather be with you.

When you make messes that I've cleaned up a million times already, and oh the piles of laundry, I recall how empty and vain it was before, and my heart knows that
I'd rather be with you.

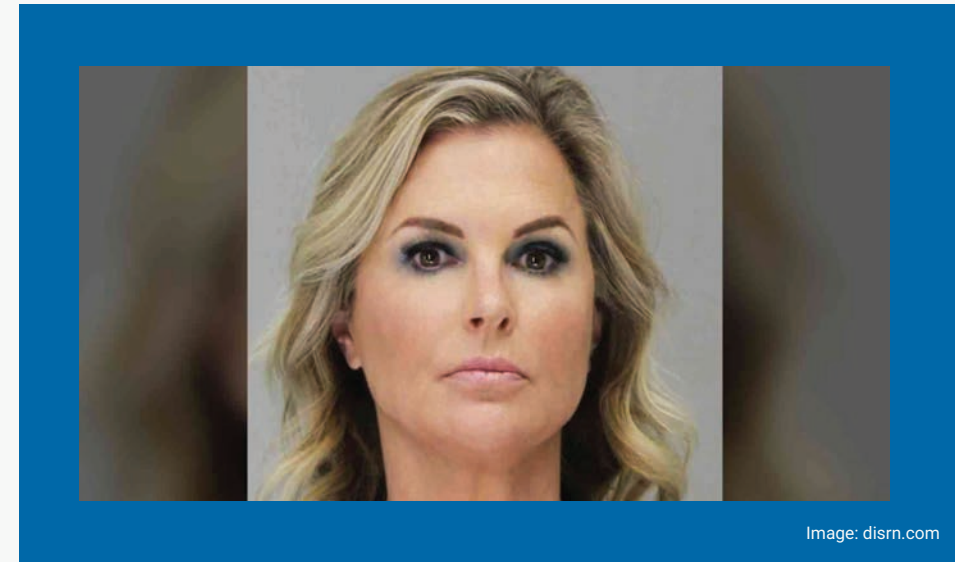
When you come running with your ceramic mugs shouting, "Tea! Tea!" as I just sit down to enjoy my only-hot-for-so-long coffee,
I'd rather have it lukewarm and be with you.

When your eyes grow wide with excitement over a big story, and I try to hide my laughter and take you seriously (but I can't because you're too funny!), yes,
I'd rather be with you.

You see, the transient things, they come and they go, but you are a priceless gift! Without you I wouldn't know the true satisfaction, the lasting blessing, the deep joy that comes from dying to self and living for others. You help me to see the gospel more clearly.

When I look into your wonder-filled eyes, when I truly take the time, and realize how much older you look than yesterday, oh my, how
I'd much rather be with you!

So, my little sweethearts, when the world doesn't welcome you, this one thing I need you to know:
I'd always rather be with you.



Dallas salon owner gets 7 days in jail, \$7,000 fine for reopening shop

—by Adam Ford

Dallas salon owner Shelley Luther was sentenced to a week in jail and fined \$7,000 for criminal and civil contempt Tuesday for reopening her business, Salon à la Mode, early and in defiance of a court order and Governor Greg Abbott's stay-at-home rules.

At her hearing, Dallas County Judge Eric Moyé asked her to admit that her decision to reopen was "selfish," and told her to apologize.

Luther was unrepentant, explaining that she reopened on April 24 because she hadn't earned income since the county's stay-at-home order was set in March, and that she applied for a federal PPP loan but hadn't received the aid until Sunday. She also explained that she was operating her business at reduced capacity and with a number of new safety protocols in place to protect staff and customers.

"I couldn't feed my family, and my stylists couldn't feed their families," Luther said.

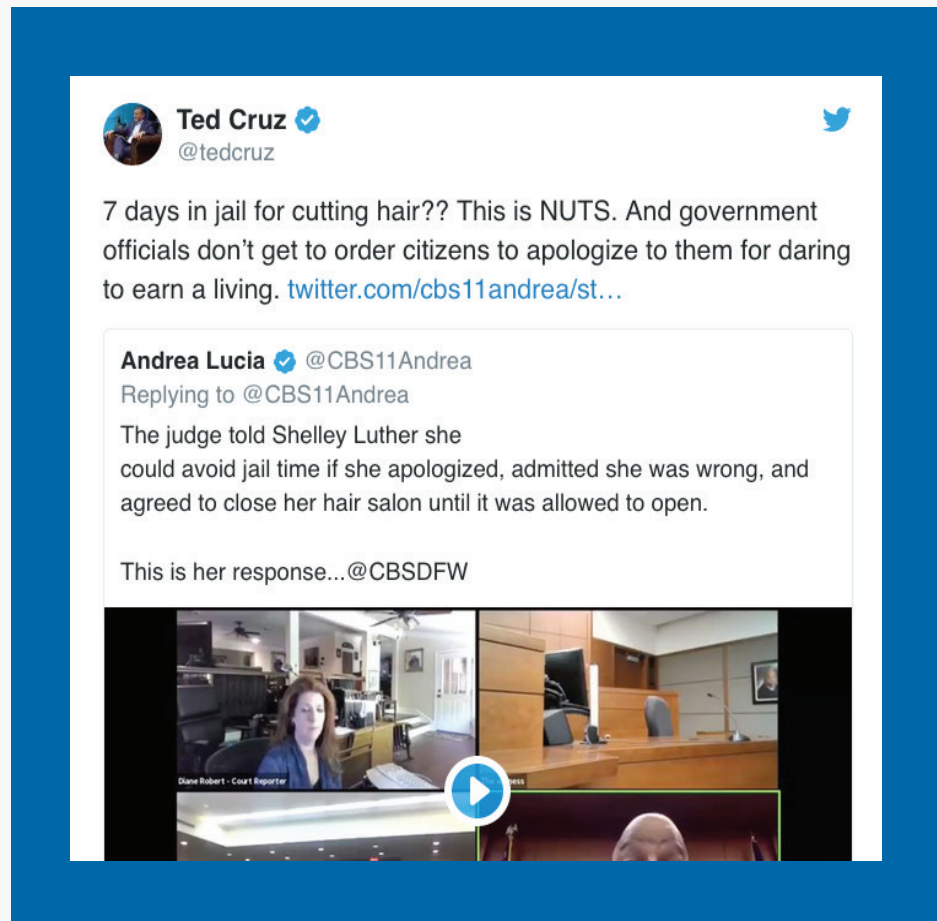
“I have much respect for this court and laws. I have never been in this position before and it’s not someplace that I want to be. But I have to disagree with you sir, when you say that I’m selfish because feeding my kids — is not selfish. I have hair stylists that are going hungry because they’d rather feed their kids. So sir, if you think the law is more important than kids getting fed, then please go ahead with you decision but I am not going to shut the salon.”

Luther was taken into custody immediately after the hearing and booked into the Dallas County jail just after 4:30 p.m., where there are currently 248 inmates who have tested positive for the coronavirus.

Texas Senator Ted Cruz weighed in on the judge’s decision Tuesday evening, calling it “NUTS”:

Luther had received a cease-and-desist letter from a Dallas County judge last week, ordering her to close the salon, and she publicly tore it up at a demonstration.

Gov. Abbott decreed Tuesday that all salons may reopen on Friday, at which point Luther will be legally allowed to open her business.



From: <https://disrn.com/news/dallas-salon-owner-gets-7-days-in-jail-7000-fine-for-reopening-shop>

Other News:

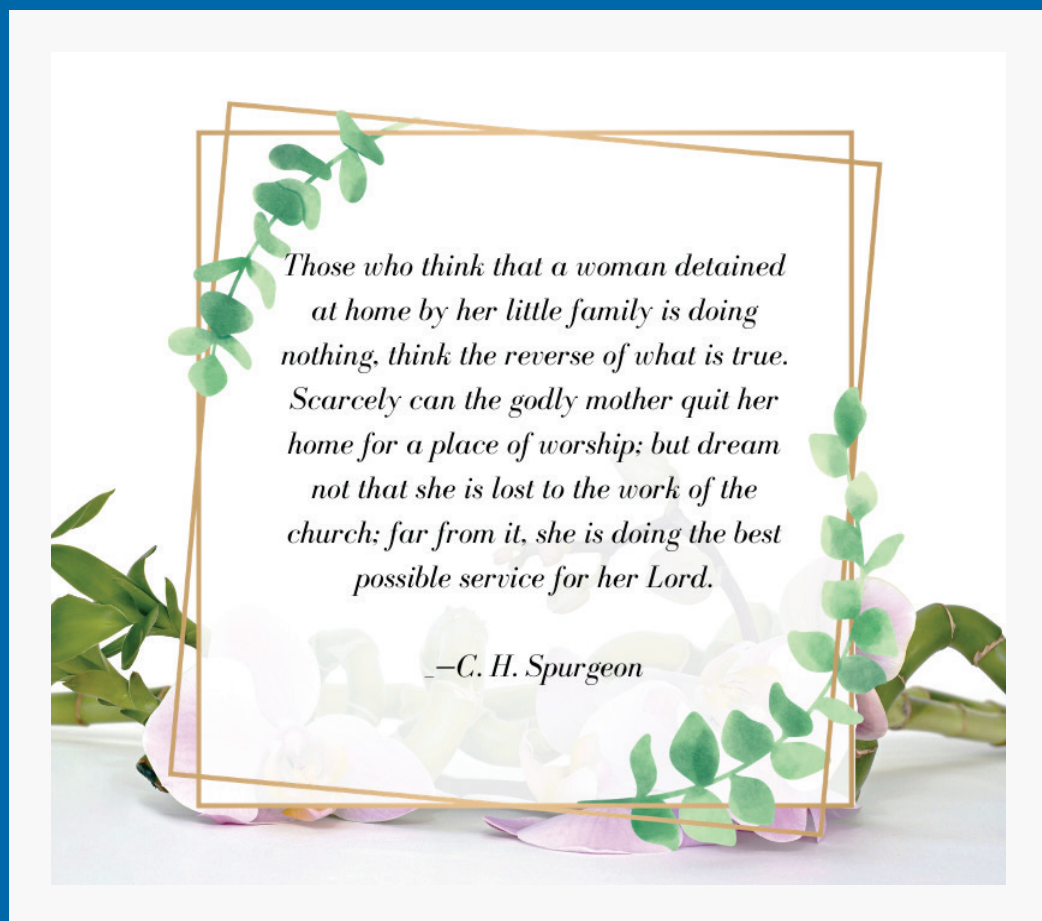
More than 5,600 Planned Parenthood clinics worldwide have closed due to pandemic— <https://disrn.com/news/more-than-5600-planned-parenthood-clinics-worldwide-have-closed-due-to-pandemic>

COVID-19 antibody testing finds number of Bay Area infections may be 85 times higher than reported— <https://disrn.com/news/covid-19-antibody-testing-finds-bay-area-infections-may-be-85-times-higher-than-reported>

Google Play suspends evangelical church's app over COVID-19 'sensitive events' policy— <https://www.christianpost.com/news/google-play-suspends-evangelical-churchs-app-over-covid-19-sensitive-events-policy.html>

NWS: 20 tornadoes hit SC on Monday, at least 5 were EF3— <https://www.wistv.com/2020/04/17/nws-tornadoes-hit-sc-monday-least-were-ef/>

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/>

The Pursuit of Peace—by Sam Stephens
<https://biblicalcounseling.com/the-pursuit-of-peace/>

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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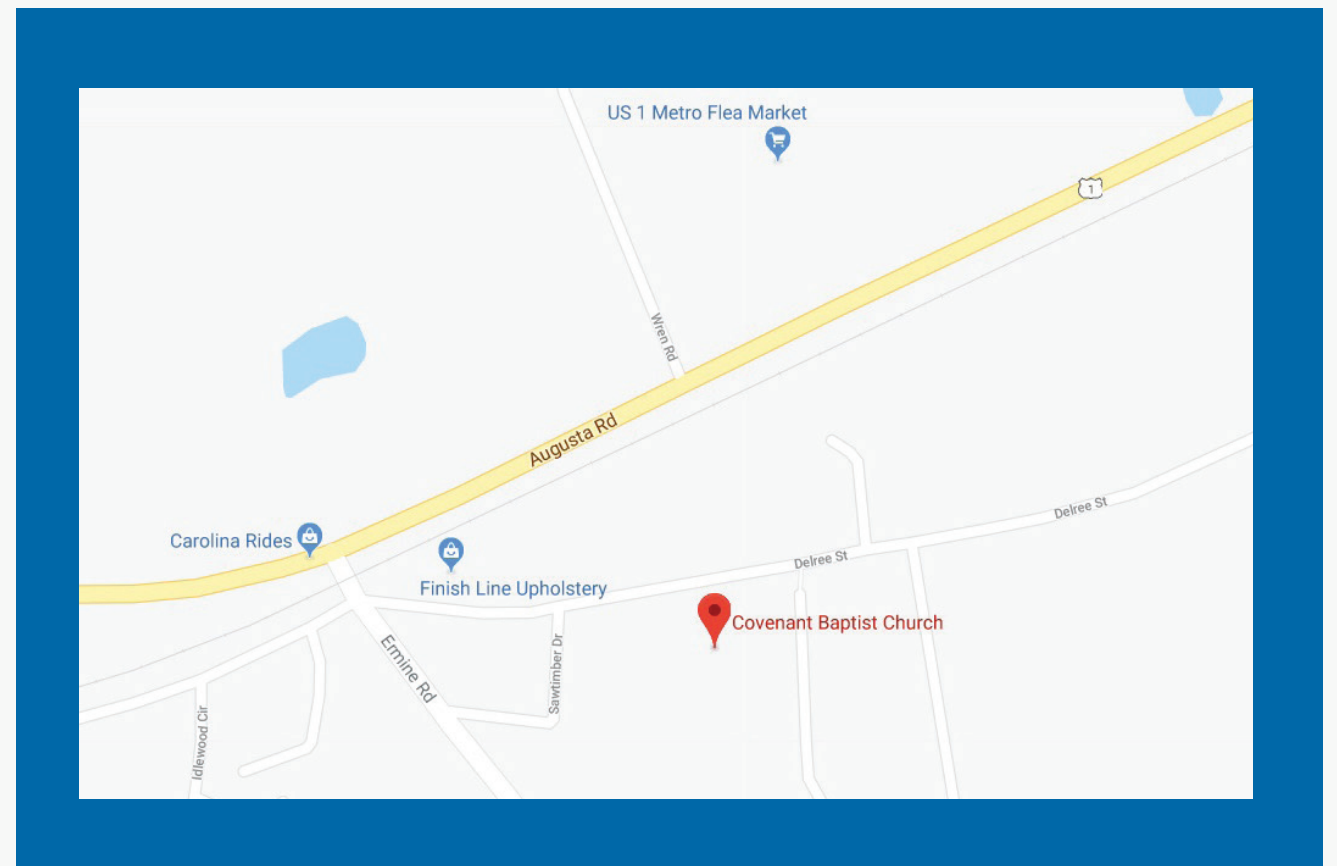
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<https://covenantbaptistsc.org>

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.*