



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

August 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>

Service Times:

Bible Education Hour (Puritans)
~ 9:30 A.M.—ON HOLD

Sunday Worship ~ 10:30 A.M.

Wednesday Prayer Service ~ 7:00 P.M.—ON HOLD

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

Order of Worship

(August 2nd, 2020)

Crown Him With Many Crowns —129

Scripture Reading: Psalm 48:1-14

This Is My Father's World—31

Before The Throne of God Above—187

Message:
Peace in a Troubled World
— John 16:23-33

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: We Will Glorify—97

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On-Call Deacon List:

- August 2: Lucas
- August 9: Egan
- August 16: Kyzer

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- August 8: Kyzer (K&R), Bean
- August 15: Allen
- Crapps/McSween

Church Bookstore:

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

Announcements

There are two free books available in the foyer to each family and/or single person. Those books are “Slave: The Hidden Truth About our Identity in Christ” by John MacArthur, and “Root and Fruit: Harmonizing Paul and James on Justification” by Joel Beeke and Steve Lawson.

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Ladies (of all ages), a study is starting here at the church on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10-11 AM, beginning in September and lasting through January. The book we are going through is called “Becoming a Titus 2 Woman” by Martha Peace. There is a sign-up sheet on the kitchen counter. Please also indicate if you would like to purchase the book through the CBC bookstore by today. We will be placing a bulk order to save on shipping, and the cost per book will be \$9. You are also welcome to join the study without purchasing the book, but we will be reading ahead and discussing the chapters when we meet. If you have any questions please see Rebecca Egan, Carey Smoak, or Coie Watson.

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Please pray for the “Rock Hill Church Plant” as they are meeting officially for the first time today at 4:30pm. Also pray for Mark Corral, who is the elder in training for this plant. If you would like more info, contact any of the elders or elders in training at Covenant. —In the future, the Lord’s Supper will be conducted in a different way than what we have practiced previously. We will have more information soon.

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Our mortgage balance is \$273,530.85 and we are planning on paying a large sum on the principle soon. If you would like to help pay on the principle with a special gift, please indicate on your check or envelope.

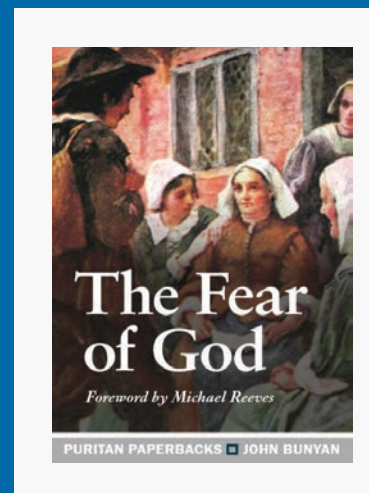
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The church elders, after studying and praying over the matter for several years, have decided to open an orphanage in Guntur, India. It will be near the church that we, thru the Mission Team, started 2 years ago named after our own church here, Covenant Baptist Church. Pastor Prabhu and his wife, Leena, will head it up. It will take about \$3230 to get it started. This will include rent for the house, food to stock the kitchen, electricity, 10 bunk beds with mattresses, boys clothing, and a kitchen stove. For a more detailed list or if you have any questions, please see Elder Alton Crapps. Remember this: thru this effort we can get these children off the streets and into a house where they can learn about Jesus and be fed meals from a table instead of from a trash pile. (Matthew 19:14) If you would like to participate in this church project, just earmark checks or envelopes ‘India Orphanage.’ We are still praying about a name for it. There will be at least 2 other churches, both already helping with the Mission Team work, that plan to help with this orphanage also. Please pray with us. It will come to only \$41 per child per month to take these children off the street, out of the trash dumps, and put them in a home, a bed, and into church. We plan to start with these 20 boys, and with God’s blessings and His will, we hope to get another house for a separate 20 girls off the street. Again, please pray as we seek God’s will and His strength as Alton will be sharing this with Pine Grove Baptist Church on Aug 2 at 6 PM. You are welcome to attend. 235 Pine Grove Rd, Leesville, SC.

Book of the Week: The Fear of God, by John Bunyan

Published the year after his Pilgrim’s Progress, in 1679, Bunyan’s Treatise on the Fear of God takes a widely misunderstood and neglected theme, wipes off the grime of confusion, and lets it sparkle. And sparkle really is the word: where most assume that the fear of God must be the gloomy theological equivalent of eating up your greens, Bunyan shows what a delightful and helpful subject it is.

— From the Foreword by Michael Reeves

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/the-correspondence-of-john-owen-1616-1683-owen.html>



Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class—*On hold*

Biblical Counseling Class—*On hold*

Second Sunday Dinner—*August 9th. Please plan to bring a dish to share and stay for the fellowship. 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)

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>*



Why Reformed Christians Are Vulnerable To Social Justice

—by Samuel Sey

Many young Christians didn't learn how to understand justice from Scripture. So in college, they learned how to understand justice from culture.

And now, they think injustice is justice. And they interpret Scripture through culture, not culture through Scripture.

That's why many professing Christians are more committed to Black Lives Matter than Biblical theology.

But our culture's understanding of justice—or social justice ideology—hasn't only infiltrated colleges, it's also infiltrated churches. Professors are influencing Christians to adopt an unbiblical view of justice, and pastors are encouraging them to embrace it—especially Reformed pastors.

I've received hundreds of emails from people over the last couple months. And they're almost entirely from people who feel pressured to adopt social justice ideology or critical theory from their Reformed pastors.

Social justice has become so widely accepted in mainstream Reformed circles it

might be considered their sixth point of Calvinism. Some influential leaders and organizations look like they identify with social justice just as much as they identify with the five points of Calvinism and the five solas.

At this rate, social justice is probably going to be one of the major legacies and pitfalls of the Young, Restless, and Reformed movement—and it's precisely what John MacArthur warned us about that almost a decade ago.

In 2011, John MacArthur said:

"The [Young, Restless, and Reformed] movement as it is shaping up also needs to face up to some fairly serious problems and potential pitfalls.

As the Young, Restless, and Reformed movement has taken shape, some of the best-selling books and leading figures in the movement have been completely uncritical (and in some cases openly supportive) of seeker-sensitive-style pragmatism.

And one cannot be genuinely "Reformed" and deliberately worldly at the same time. The two things are inconsistent and incompatible. To embrace the world's fashions and values—even under the guise of being "missional"—is to make oneself God's enemy (James 4:4). Many supposed reformations have faltered on that rock."

John MacArthur was severely criticized for those words, but he was right.

The Young, Restless, and Reformed movement—or New Calvinism—was born as an alternative to the seeker-sensitive movement, but it'll die as its own version of the seeker-sensitive movement.

Like the seeker-sensitive movement, the Young, Restless, and Reformed movement embraced a celebrity culture and naturally, an elitist model that sometimes prioritizes tribalism over truth, compromise over courage.

Therefore the Reformed movement today is also guilty of seeking approval from the world and approval from coveted groups in our culture. We seem happy to embrace worldly philosophies and social justice as a means of attracting some people to our churches. We seem willing to sacrifice biblical theology to keep some of our church-members or church-visitors from being offended.

Many Reformed pastors have emailed me saying they're being pressured by influential Reformed pastors to adopt social justice ideology so they can maintain or welcome black people in their church. And that is one of the major reasons why Reformed Christians have become vulnerable to social justice ideology.

John MacArthur said he was concerned many influential members of the Young, Restless, and Reformed movement had a high view of culture and a low view of scripture. The Reformed movement's attempt to redeem the culture has inevitably made it conform to the culture.

But that high view of culture isn't the only reason why Reformed Christians have become vulnerable to social justice ideology.

As I suggested earlier, many local churches—especially Young, Restless, and Reformed churches—failed to address the whole counsel of God. In their attempt to dissociate themselves from fundamentalists, they became uncomfortable addressing some burgeoning and controversial issues within our culture.

Therefore they failed address what the Bible says about racism, justice, and politics—to disastrous consequences. This produced what Voddie Baucham refers to as a “false unity” within some circles in the Church.

And that is the biggest reason why Reformed Christians are vulnerable to social justice ideology.

One of the most remarkable things about the Young, Restless, and Reformed movement is that it attracted many young black people from America, Britain, Canada and all over the world to Reformed theology—young black people like me.

When I became Reformed thirteen years ago, I was the only Reformed Black person in my community. That compelled me to become close friends with other unaccompanied Reformed black people in Britain and America.

We eventually multiplied with others in our respective nations and joined Reformed churches. And for several years, all Reformed people enjoyed and boasted over our increasingly multiethnic churches, and we didn't recognize our false unity—until Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown were killed and Black Lives Matter emerged in America, Britain, and Canada.

Black Lives Matter's emergence exposed our false unity, a false unity enabled by our failure to address race, politics, and justice in our local churches.

When Black Lives Matter became a major social justice group during the Ferguson riots—many Reformed black people were shocked to learn most of their white pastors and white church-members did not share their support for Black Lives Matter and social justice.

However, since the Young, Restless, and Reformed movement had invested so much into a seeker-sensitive-style pragmatism and an invested in redeeming the culture, it became vulnerable to conforming to the culture on social justice.

Behind rhetoric like “protecting our witness to the culture” and “producing more multi-ethnic churches”, many influential Reformed leaders have embraced social justice ideology.

Reformed theology isn't vulnerable to social justice ideology—far from it. In fact, as a synonym for biblical theology, Reformed theology is diametrically opposed to social justice ideology. But many Reformed people today are mostly just 5 point Calvinists who do not embrace our confessions or the implications of the solas.

And therefore today, we have just as much in common with the seeker-sensitive movement as we do with the Reformers. That's why we've become vulnerable to social justice ideology.

Also read: [Amazon bans Family Research Council from AmazonSmile program](https://www.christianpost.com/news/amazon-bans-family-research-council-from-amazonsmile-program.html)

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From: <https://slowtowrite.com/why-reformed-christians-are-vulnerable-to-social-justice/>



Biden, at Muslim voters summit, says 'I wish we taught more in our schools about the Islamic faith'

—by Morgan Phillips

Presumptive Democratic nominee Joe Biden spoke to a summit of Muslim voters Monday, telling them he wished U.S. schools taught more about Islam.

“I wish we taught more in our schools about the Islamic faith. I wish we talked about all the great confessional faiths. It’s one of the great confessional faiths,” Biden said Monday at the “Million Muslim Votes” summit hosted by Emgage Action.

Emgage Action, the country’s largest Muslim American PAC, endorsed Biden in April after endorsing Bernie Sanders during the Democratic primary.

Biden told the voters he would end President Trump’s travel ban affecting Muslim-majority countries on day one of his presidency and blamed the White House’s current occupant for “an unconscionable rise in Islamophobia.”

Biden also said he “won’t write love letters to dictators,” and would work to “meet the moral demands of the humanitarian crisis in Syria, Yemen, and Gaza.” He said he would champion the rights of Palestinians and Israelis to have a state of their own, among other priorities.

A number of Muslim American officials, including Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, Rep. Andre Carson, D-Ind., signed a letter organized by Emgage Action endorsing Biden on Monday.

“Our number one goal is to remove Donald Trump from office and to replace him with someone who can begin to heal our nation,” the letter said. “A Biden administration will move the nation forward on many of the issues we care about,” it said, citing racial justice, affordable healthcare, climate change and immigration.

Hillary Clinton, the 2016 Democratic nominee, did not attend any Emgage events in 2016 and former President Barack Obama was “cautious” to do so, The Washington Post notes.

Other News:

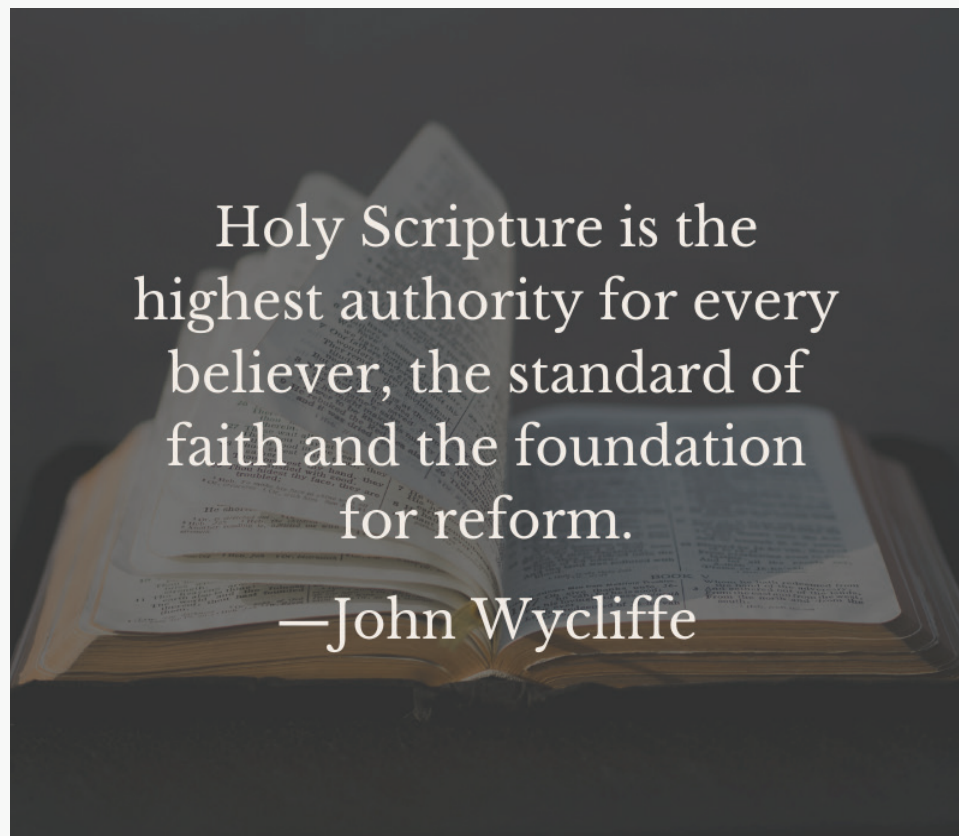
Telemedicine Abortion Gets Green Light From Federal Court— <https://reason.com/2020/07/14/telemedicine-abortion-gets-green-light-from-federal-court/>

All COVID-19 vaccines to be made with aborted human fetal cells— <https://www.naturalnews.com/2020-06-25-all-covid-19-vaccines-aborted-human-fetal-cells.html>

House Dem claims religious liberty is a ‘bogus term,’ ‘pretext for discrimination’— <https://www.foxnews.com/media/maloney-religious-liberty-bogus>

‘Horror Show’: Watchdog Reveals FDA Paid for ‘Fresh Human Fetal Parts’ for ‘Humanized Mice’ Experiments— <https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/2020/june/horror-show-watchdog-reveals-fda-paid-for-fresh-human-fetal-parts-for-humanized-mice-experiments>

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/>

Defeating Despair—by Tim Pasma
<https://biblicalcounseling.com/defeating-despair/>

Gracious Words Amid Sword Thrusts—by Jim Koerber
<https://biblicalcounseling.com/gracious-words-amid-sword-thrusts/>

You Can Please God—by Kyle Gangel
<https://biblicalcounseling.com/you-can-please-god/>

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.



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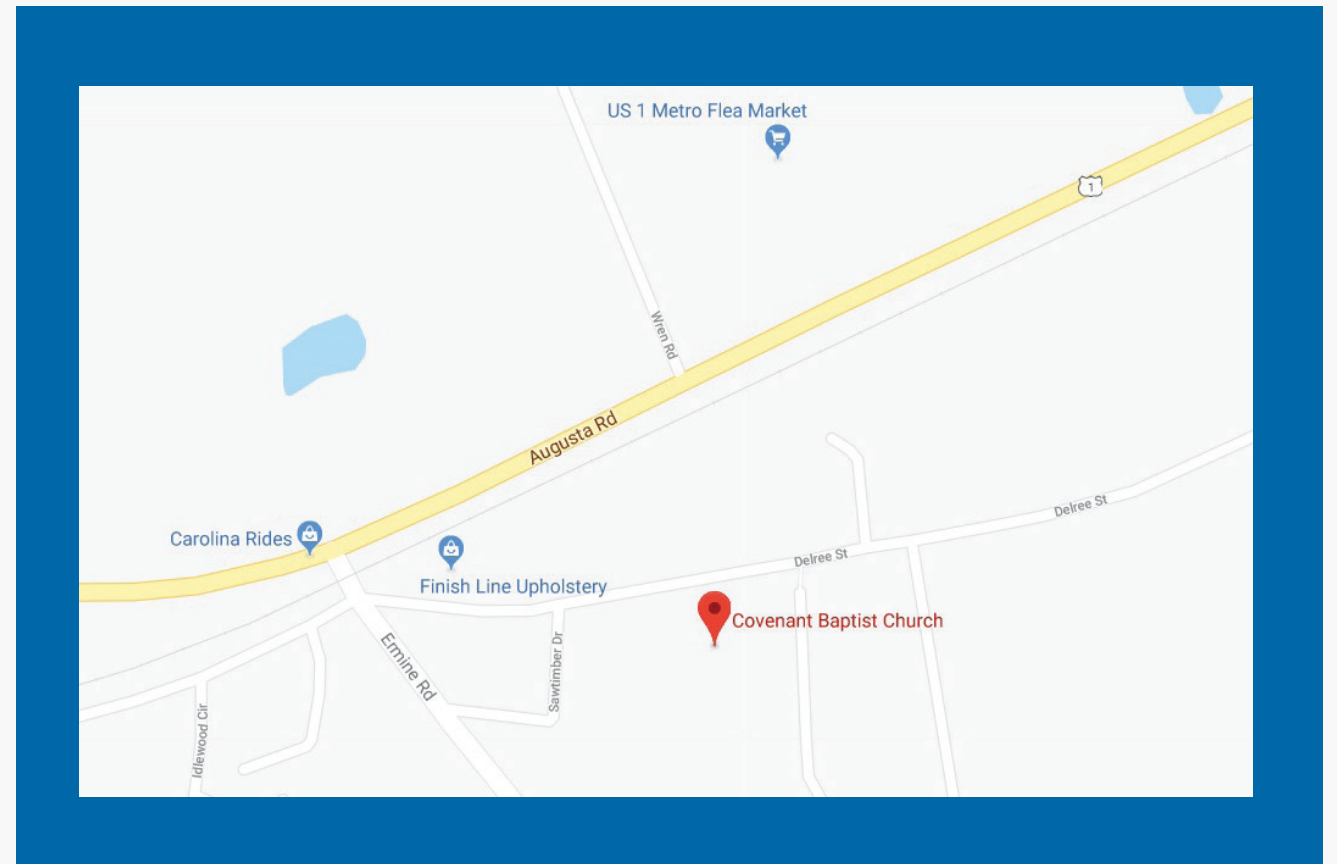
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Location:



*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.*