



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

October 4th, 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 and Systematic Theology)
~ 9:30 A.M.

Sunday Worship ~ 10:30 A.M.

Wednesday Prayer Service ~ 6:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M.
—RESUMING SEPT.2 (See p. 2 for more info)

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

Order of Worship

(October 4th, 2020)

Call to Worship: Psalm 145:1–10

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty—2

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 3:1–19

This Is My Father's World —31

My Hiding Place—191

Message:

The Prayer of Christ For Believers Pt.1
Security in Christ—John 17:11-26

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: May The Mind Of Christ, My Savior —377

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On-Call Deacon List:

- October 4: Egan
- October 11: Rogers
- October 18: Campbell

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- October 10: Kyzer (K&R)/Bean
- October 17: Allen
- October 24: 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

Our Fall Conference will be Oct 25-28th with Tommy Waltz from Gospel of God ministries. The topic is on evangelism.

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We will observe the Lord's Supper on October 11th. The bread and juice will be in the foyer as you come in. Please make sure you pick yours up before worship.

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Ann Shumpert (daughter of Andy & Kay Shumpert) will be married to Mr. Kirk Douglas (US Air Force) on October 9, and moving to Japan. If you would like to write a note of encouragement, or gift them with an Amazon gift card for home supplies, you can bring it to church and place in the decorated box set up in the foyer for that purpose.

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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. If you have any questions please see Rebecca Egan, Carey Smoak, or Coie Watson. If you ordered a book and need to pick it up or pay, you can do so with Rebecca or Coie.

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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. Pastor Prabhu and his wife, Leena, will head it up. It will take about \$3230 to get it started and then about \$41 per child, per month. 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. If you would like to participate in this church project, just earmark checks or envelopes 'India Orphanage.'

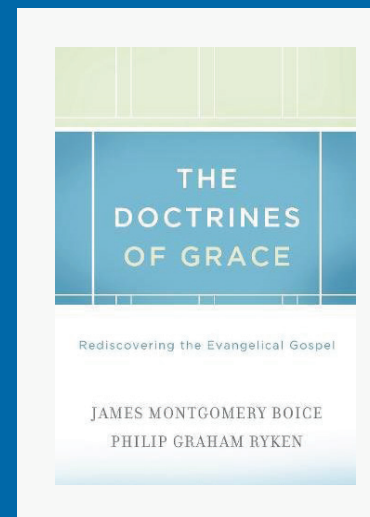
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On Wednesday evening, at 6pm we have a special time of prayer for any need. We gather in the fellowship area and all are invited to come and participate. At 7pm we have our worship service with two focused prayers, the singing of hymns and our study through the book of Romans. We would love to have you come to worship together in this midweek service.

Book of the Week: The Doctrines of Grace, by James Montgomery Boice & Philip Graham Ryken

"We live in an age of weak theology and casual Christianity. And this situation will continue as long as God's people insist on substituting intuition for truth, feeling for belief, and immediate gratification for enduring hope. Yet if evangelicalism will again denounce this self-centered faith and place Christ and his cross at the center of its vision, the church will see great days once more. According to authors James Montgomery Boice and Philip Graham Ryken, this will happen when believers specifically return to the gospel foundation with its doctrines of radical depravity, unconditional election, particular redemption, efficacious grace, and persevering grace."

<https://www.amazon.com/Doctrines-Grace-Rediscovering-Evangelical-Gospel/>



Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class—*On hold*

Biblical Counseling Class—*On hold*

Second Sunday Dinner—*October 11th. 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.*

Planned Parenthood Gospel Outreach—*Tuesday, Oct 6th and Saturday, Oct 10th*

Fall Conference with Gospel of God Ministries—*October 25-28, 2020*

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>*



Do I Have to Forgive Others?

—by *Tim Chaffey*

Tim Chaffey, AiG–US, discusses the Lord’s command to forgive others and explains why forgiving others is so important.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Matthew 6:14–15)

Today’s big question: do I have to forgive others?

In this series, we have been examining certain instructions in Scripture that are often overlooked by Christians. Although frequently neglected, the words of this verse are straightforward. Immediately after giving his disciples an example of how to pray, Jesus told them how important it is to forgive others. If we refuse to forgive others, then we will not be forgiven. Failure to obey this requirement brings severe consequences.

Forgiving others is contrary to our sinful flesh, which tempts us to focus on ourselves. Our society promotes the lie that we need to love ourselves and look out for number one. It is so easy and natural (in a sin-cursed world) to fall into the trap of self-centeredness.

Christians are not immune to failure in this area. Rather than having a heart of forgiveness, believers often complain about and insult those who have slighted them. Instead of making things right, we make situations worse by failing to forgive.

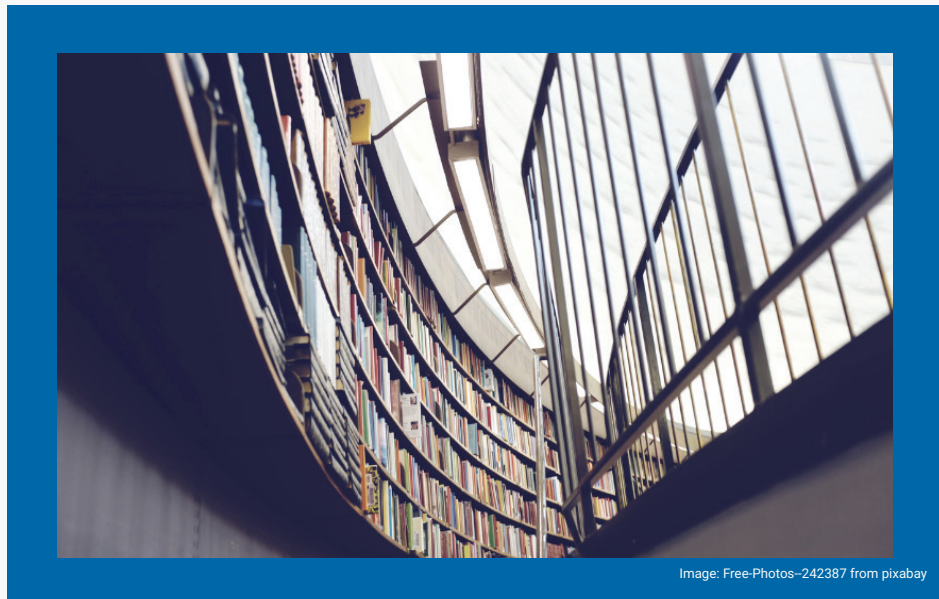
There was a time when a fellow believer and close friend did something that led to a great deal of difficulty for my family and me. For a while I harbored bitterness toward him and did not forgive him for what he had done. Then, for several nights in succession, I continued to wake up in the middle of the night, and all I could think about was praying for him. So that’s what I did. I started praying for him, and within a few days, all of that bitterness dissipated. God taught me an important lesson about forgiveness: It is very hard to hold a grudge against someone you are praying for.

I had to forgive my friend whether he asked for it or not. Jesus did not tell his disciples to consider forgiving others. He didn’t say we should forgive them only after they ask for it. Nor did he tell us that we need to focus on ourselves before we consider how we should treat others. Essentially, he taught that if we expect to be forgiven by God for our many sins then we will forgive others.

For the Christian, forgiveness is not an option. We have been commanded by the Creator to forgive (Matthew 18:35; Mark 11:25). The key is to remember how much God has forgiven us. Our sin led to the crucifixion of the Son of God, yet God forgives all who turn to him in faith and repentance. How can we fail to forgive those who have done far less against us?

Today’s big idea: just as Christ forgave us, we must forgive others.

What to pray: pray for those who have treated you poorly, and ask God to help you forgive them.



American Atheists outraged at Betsy DeVos' new rule defending religious liberty at colleges

—by Carlos Garcia

The American Atheists organization released a statement outraged at a decision made by Betsy DeVos, the secretary of Education, aimed at defending religious liberty at colleges and universities.

The group released the statement on Thursday condemning DeVos and the Trump administration.

“The regulation requires public and private colleges and universities to fund discriminatory religious groups that discriminate against would-be members. Under this new rule, the Department would especially privilege the speech and activities of religious student groups rather than applying the law neutrally,” the group claimed.

Vice president for legal and policy at American Atheists Allison Gill gave an example of the discrimination they claimed would be sanctioned under the new rule.

“If it comes out that a student is LGBTQ, a single mother, or had an abortion, DeVos’s rule would allow the group to eject the student, discriminating against that

person, all while receiving funding from taxpayers and other students through the public university. Such a policy would silence dissenters and discourage students from being open about their different identities, weakening free speech on college campuses,” said Gill.

The president of American Atheists added that the rule would allow Christians to prevent gays, atheists, and other dissidents from joining their groups.

“What DeVos is really doing is cloistering off religious students from the existence of atheists, religious minorities, and LGBTQ people, and trying to force all students to remain in their ideological bubbles,” said Nick Fish.

“That’s not free speech. That’s a multiplication of echo chambers,” he added.

“If student groups want to turn away prospective members because of who they are, they can do so on their own dime. Taxpayers and other students shouldn’t be on the hook for funding this discrimination,” Fish concluded.

Many religious groups and other free speech advocates praised the DeVos rule.

“These regulations hold public institutions accountable for protecting the First Amendment rights of students and student organizations,” said DeVos on Wednesday.

Critics of the Trump administration have also condemned DeVos for her efforts in trying to reopen schools during the coronavirus pandemic.

Other News:

At least 13 people have been arrested for West Coast arson crimes. Here are the details.— <https://www.theblaze.com/news/at-least-13-people-arrested-arson-wildfires>

Minneapolis City Council members complain about city's crime wave after proposing to defund police department— <https://disrn.com/news/minneapolis-city-council-members-complain-about-citys-crime-wave-after-voting-to-defund-police-department>

Singing 'no riskier than talking' for virus spread— <https://www.bbc.com/news/health-53853961>

China orders hospitals to abort, kill newborn babies of religious and ethnic minorities— <https://www.christianpost.com/news/xinjiang-hospitals-forced-to-abort-kill-newborn-babies-born-outside-family-limits.html>

Quote of the Week:

Six reasons—In my humble opinion—why the church in America is becoming increasingly impotent:

1. Hermeneutical immaturity
2. Theological progressivism
3. Soteriological universalism
4. Ecclesiastical ecumenicism
5. Pneumatological ventriloquism
6. Evangelical pragmatism

—Darrell Harrison



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/>

Crafting Temptation and Repentance Plans to Help Addicts—by Keith Palmer
<https://biblicalcounseling.com/crafting-temptation-and-repentance-plans-to-help-addicts/>

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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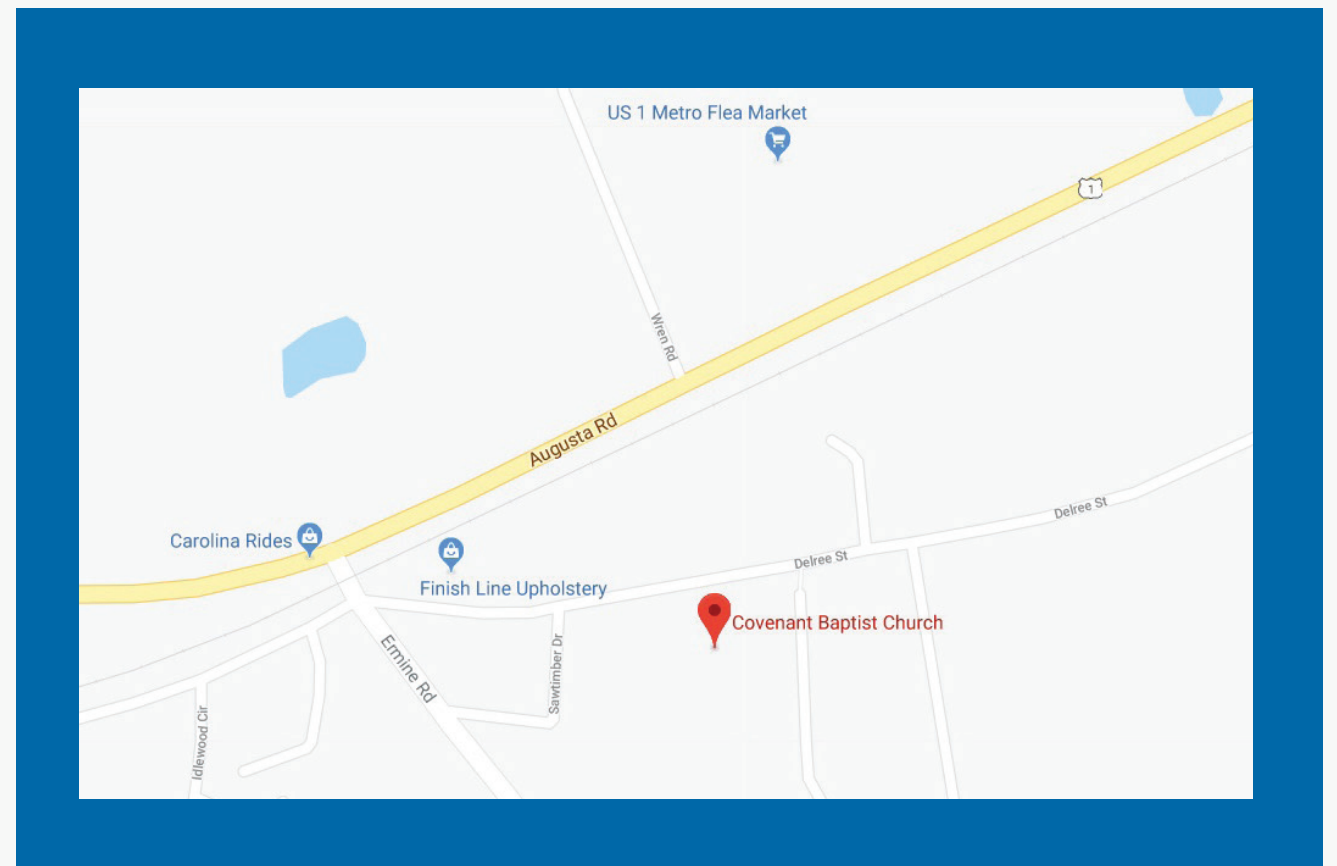
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Location:



*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.*