



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

October 25th, 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 25th, 2020)

Call to Worship: Matthew 28:18-20

Lead On, O King Eternal—124

Scripture Reading: Romans 10:1-17

Jesus Paid It All—281

Before the Throne of God Above—187

Message:

Evangelism Conference, Session 1
—Tommy Waltz

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: O Great God —35

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On-Call Deacon List:

- October 25: Shumpert
- November 1: Smoak
- November 8: Kyzer

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- October 31:
- November 7: Lucas/Waddell
- November 14: Bristol

Church Bookstore:

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

Announcements

The Lord's Supper will be observed Nov 1.

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Please plan to attend the conference this week on the topic of evangelism. Tommy Waltz from Gospel of God Ministries is with us and will be preaching in each service. October 25-28 each evening from 7-8 PM. Refreshments will be available at 6:30 to enjoy before and after each session.

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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. 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.'

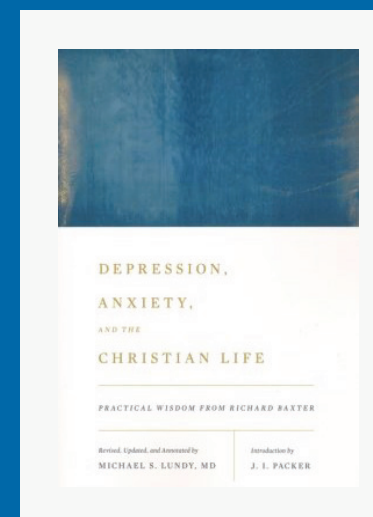
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Wednesday evenings at 6pm we have a special time of prayer for any need. We gather in the fellowship area and all are invited to come and participate. At 7pm we have our worship service with 2 focused prayers, the singing of hymns and our study through the book of Romans. We would love to have you come to worship together in this midweek service.

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Ladies: you are welcome to join a monthly meeting up of ladies at Ruby Tuesday on Augusta Road every first Tuesday of the month at 11:30. See Diane Falsetti for additional details.

Book of the Week: Depression, Anxiety, and the Christian Life, by Richard Baxter

Depression—whether circumstantial and fleeting or persistent and long term—impacts most people at some point in their lives. Puritan pastor Richard Baxter spent most of his ministry caring for depressed and discouraged souls, and his timeless counsel still speaks to us today. In this book, psychiatrist Michael S. Lundy and theologian J. I. Packer present Baxter's writings in order to comfort, instruct, and strengthen all who struggle with depression.

<https://www.amazon.com/Depression-Anxiety-Christian-Life-Practical/dp/1433542064>



Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class—*On hold*

Biblical Counseling Class—*On hold*

Second Sunday Dinner—*November 8th. 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 27th and Friday, Oct 30th*

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>*



The Wonder of the Human Voice

—by Prof. Andy McIntosh

The way the Human voice works is a marvel of acoustic engineering. Each person's voice reflects the way first that the original sound is produced at the vocal chords, then in the way the sound waves are channelled through the throat, and finally in the way the sound is released from the mouth where many harmonics are added. High-frequency consonants like “f,” “b,” “s,” and “t” are all formed by the lips and tongue operating in a collaboration, which acoustically is very rich indeed. This means that it is very difficult for apes and monkeys to emulate and speak in a human-like voice—they do not have the apparatus to do it!

Our voice can be broken into a set of frequencies (or “modes,” sometimes called “modal frequencies”). Each voice will have a different set of frequencies, and a different set of strengths at each frequency. So this brings us to a remarkable fact that each voice is unique. This is also true in the animal world. In a group of overwintering emperor penguins, an adult female returning across the Antarctic ice with food near the South Pole will find its male partner and chick, amongst 300,000 others, simply by its unique call! So in humans, though there may be similarities in families, nevertheless, even identical twins will have subtly different voices.

But our voices are also used for singing (well, perhaps some of us!). Other animals can sing (birds and whales), but humans are unique in one regard: humans can combine speech and music together. A few people have perfect pitch and can sing a perfect single note. What is remarkable is the ability to combine spoken words with the music as well. This is because our mouths, lips, and tongues can add to the basic note which our vocal chords provide, so that beautiful songs can be made either in harmony with others and instruments, or as a solo.

And supremely there is One Voice which is unique above all others: Christ himself. He spoke to the winds and the waves and calmed the storm on Galilee. The Voice that gave forgiveness to the paralytic in Mark 2 is the same Voice that raised Lazarus from the grave in John 11 and will be the same Voice that will one day raise all from the graves (John 5:28, 29). Christ's Voice is such that those sent to arrest him cried (John 7:46 KJV) “Never man spake like this Man.” And later, just before He was finally arrested in the garden of Gethsemane and stated, “I am He” (John 18:6), they were all thrown backward—such is the power of Christ's unique voice. One day all will bow before him whose Voice has the power of creation and judgement.



HeartCry: Middle East Student Ministry Update

—by Michael N. and Stephen P.

The long, hot Arabian summer is abating at last. University classes have resumed. For years, the 'Middle East Student Fellowship' (*name changed for protection) has been blessed with an unprecedented opportunity to reach thousands of university students, not only from the Middle East region, but from Africa and Asia as well. However, in the Fall 2020 semester, all the challenges of a global pandemic continue. Many of the schools are conducting classes virtually. The relational strength of their ministry has been somewhat crippled by severely limited personal interaction. The latest updates from student ministers 'Stephen P.' and 'Michael N.' acknowledge these challenges while maintaining a note of faith and hope in our wise and sovereign God. Please take note of their prayer requests and intercede for this ministry team that risks much for the sake of Christ.

'Stephen P.'

"So, we want to begin our new year of ministry by recalling our Lord's faithfulness over the past few months. We will share about challenges we have had and are currently facing, but we want to use that as a means to welcome you to pray along with us to our Faithful God.

More than 30 students from across the nation gathered weekly to work through 10 studies on the atonement of Christ. One African student came disagreeing about the necessity of Christ. "All I need is to live a good and 'clean' life", he said. At our closing discussion, he commented how the summer has exposed how 'unclean' he really is. Pray that he wouldn't stop seeing his sin and his need for Jesus!

I was encouraged to hear the following from a new believer when we finally met face to face for the first time in 5 months: "Honestly, COVID-19 and the lockdowns have given me the opportunity to search the Scriptures to study what a true church is! I didn't know the Bible had so much to say about it."

As we look ahead to the rest of the year, here are some specific ways you can be praying for us:

—We gathered with 9 key leaders to study Jonah and consider how God is sovereign, that He desires to save people, and that He is at work transforming even his messengers. One student leader spoke about his fear of sharing the Gospel and how he would never pray for opportunities. But as he studied Jonah, he realized that his heart did not fully trust God's sovereign power to save even the hardest of people. Pray for us not to lose focus and for God to open doors for many of us to be able to read the Bible and speak of Jesus with the students here.

—Most of the classes will still take place online. All outdoor seating has been barred and the food courts are limited in seating. So we need to think innovatively about interacting with our friends, while practicing social distancing.

—Most of the churches here are still unable to meet and that does affect the growth of the believers. Pray that the truths of 1 Thess. 1:3 will be applied in the lives of our young believers."

'Michael N.'

"At the end of August our staff team met in person for the first time in 5 months as we kicked off the academic year with a time of training. We welcomed four new interns and spent time reflecting on what it means that Jesus is our Good Shepherd and what it means to shepherd others, especially the students in our care. It was a great comfort to remember that Jesus leads us in paths of righteousness for His name's sake and does not lose any of His sheep.



While we face many limitations and uncertainties going into this semester, we are reminded that God is not limited and is in control of all things; we are excited to see what He will do this year. I am unable to enter the area of the country that I am responsible for without regular COVID-19 tests, so the majority of my interactions with students will be online this fall. Many of the students are still scattered across the globe, which brings additional scheduling challenges as we are coordinating five Bible discussions across four time zones. Pray that we would persist in prayer, rejoice in hope, and be patient in tribulation.

Last month my staff team and I hosted three retreats to prepare and plan for the semester. The first was with our student executive team, where we developed the vision for the student group and determined where to focus our efforts for the semester. We agreed that 1) we want to continue to be rooted in the Word and have that impact and guide all our activities as a group and 2) that we desire to grow in prioritizing corporate and individual prayer.

This fall we will host two in-person Bible discussions (one on campus here, and one in Ghana), and we will host three online Bible discussions for people in the Western hemisphere, the Middle East, and East Asia. One of the biggest challenges will be reaching out to new students, since they will all be studying from their home countries, but we're thankful to see how God has already connected us with a handful of interested freshmen.

Please pray:

- That we would rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, and constant in prayer.
- That we would be able to meet new students and have evangelistic opportunities.
- For students to take ownership of the student group and serve with joy in Christ.
- For God to save people and to grow the faith of students in these difficult times.
- That God would use our many struggles for His glory and help us trust Him.”

Other News:

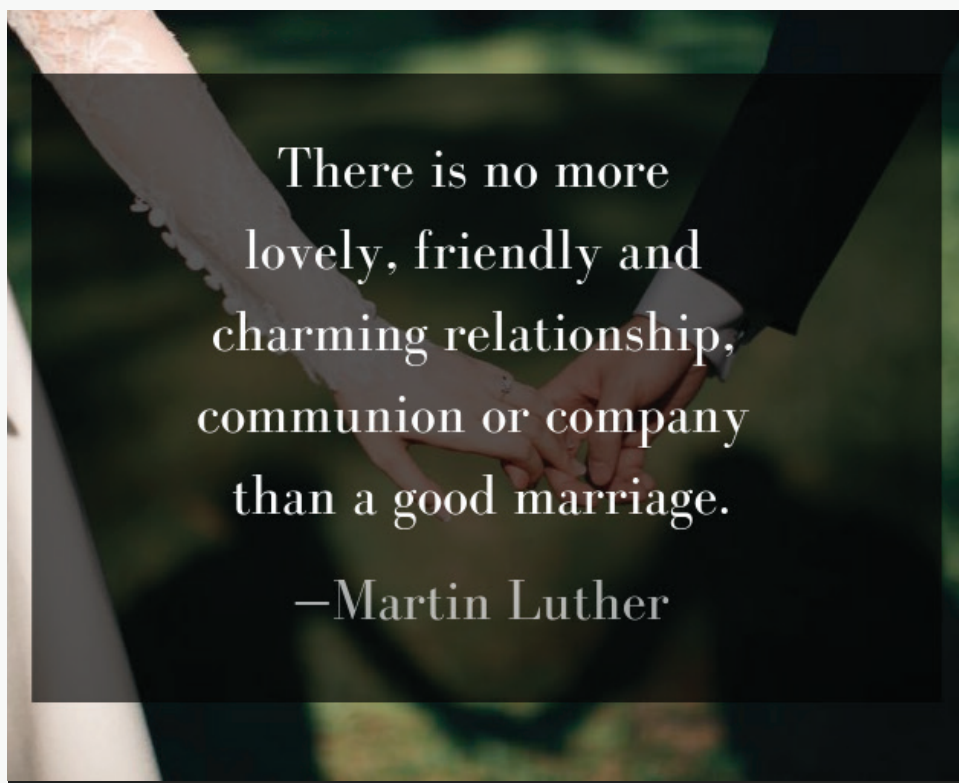
Texas man who took down church shooter cleared of all charges by grand jury— <https://disrn.com/news/texas-man-who-took-down-church-shooter-cleared-of-any-charges-by-grand-jury>

Entire Bible translated into 700 languages; 5.7 billion people now have access to Scripture— <https://www.christianpost.com/news/entire-bible-translated-into-700-languages.html>

American Atheists outraged at Betsy DeVos' new rule defending religious liberty at colleges— <https://www.theblaze.com/news/atheists-devos-religious-liberty-college>

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>

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/>

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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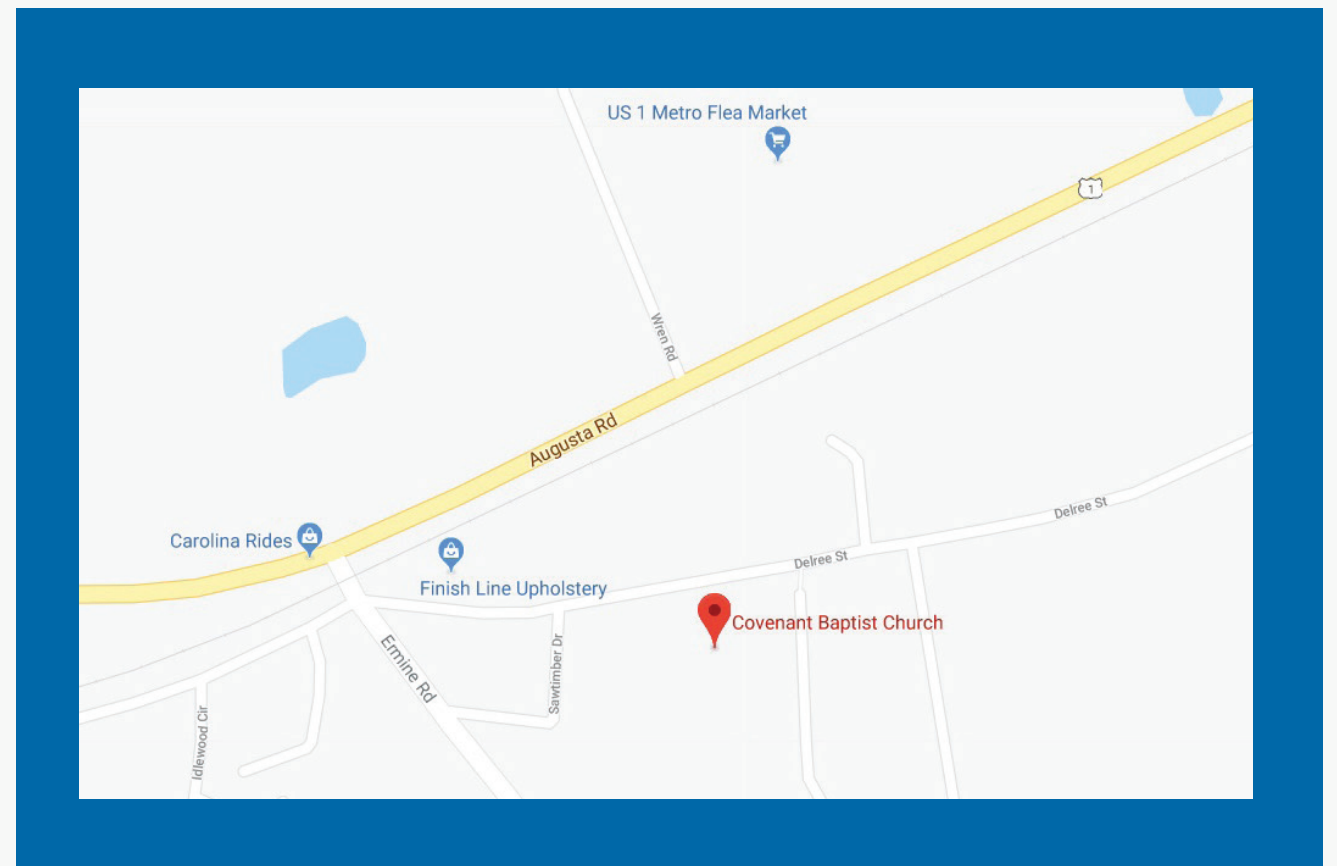
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West Columbia, SC 29170

<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.*