



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

January 10th, 2021

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.

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

Order of Worship

(January 10th, 2021)

Call to Worship: Daniel 2:20-22

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy—391

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 9:16-28

My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness—374

Be Thou My Vision—176

Message:

Stand Firm in This Evil Day, Part 3
Ephesians 6:10-18

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: O Church, Arise—353

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On-Call Deacon List:

- January 10: Waddell
- January 17: Lucas
- January 24: Egan

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- January 16: Bristol
- January 23: Shumpert/Smoak
- January 30: Egan/Fudge

Church Bookstore:

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

Announcements

If this is your first time worshipping with us, we want to thank you for coming today. Please make sure you get a welcome packet if you did not receive one from our greeters on the way in.

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Today is our 2nd Sunday Fellowship Meal. If you are visiting, please plan to stay and use this time to meet our church family. There is always plenty to go around.

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We are excited to announce that Justin Peters will be with us in February for a 4-day conference. Dates are confirmed: February 14-17. Begin spreading the word and inviting others to come. This will be a very important conference on discerning truth in these troubled times. Topics will include: Roman Catholicism, Do Not Hinder Them –Children and Conversion, Hearing From Heaven—How God Does and Does Not Speak

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Thank you for your prayers and support for several of our men and leadership's trip to Washington, D.C. this past week. We participated in evangelism, handing out Gospel tracts, street preaching, and standing for the Truth of God's Word.

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Elders meeting will be January 12 at 6 PM. This will be the beginning of some very important meetings and decisions that will be made regarding the response and direction of CBC in the future with the new presidential administration coming to our country.

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Join us each Wednesday at 6 PM for "Prayer in the Other Room" and 7 PM for our Wednesday evening service. This Wednesday will be dedicated to giving a report on the Washington D.C. trip. Testimony and pictures will be shared. You will not want to miss this, as we were privileged to be able to share the Gospel during one of the most important events in the history of the nation.

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Ladies, our last session for the Becoming a Titus 2 Woman study will meet this Saturday at 10 AM. Please read chapter 10 in advance. Tea and water will be provided

Book of the Week: The Power of Suffering, by John MacArthur

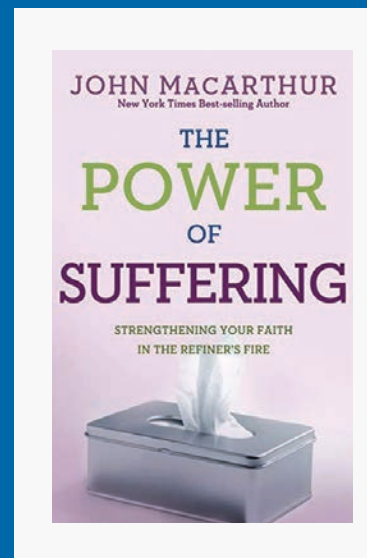
Why does God allow suffering? Where is God when I'm hurting? Can God really use pain—even tragedies—for my good? In *The Power of Suffering*, John MacArthur takes an honest look at the reality of pain in the life of a believer.

Packed with precious biblical truths and rich, practical insights, this book will equip you to experience God's glorious and transformative power—even in your most difficult trials.

Discover the tremendous encouragement, hope, and joy that comes when you embrace God's purposes in your pain.

Purchase at:

<https://www.gty.org/store/books/452006/the-power-of-suffering>



Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class—*On hold*

Biblical Counseling Class—*On hold*

Second Sunday Dinner—*January 10th. 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/>

2021 National Conference | Ligonier Ministries, March 18-20— (*Orlando, FL*)

More at: <https://www.ligonier.org/events/2021-national-conference/>



7 Practical Reasons Every Christian Should Be a Biblical Creationist

—by *Nathan Ham*

There are many Christians who think that the issue of how God created the world doesn't really matter, that this type of intellectual bickering doesn't affect how we live our Christian lives. There may be intellectual arguments that have little effect on our lives, but creation is not one of them. Here are seven wonderfully practical benefits of being a biblical creationist.

Biblical creationists, in particular, can take comfort and joy in these things. And anyone who isn't or doesn't think that creation really matters should take the time to seriously consider the seven reasons below.

1. God is always good.

God used the word good seven times in Genesis 1 to describe His creation. The seventh time, He said, "God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good." If God allowed millions of years of death, disease, and bloodshed to bring the world about, then we had better ask ourselves what God means by "very good." But if God created the world in six 24-hour days the way He said He did, then we can know that when God said "very good," He meant a good greater than

we can possibly imagine because He is always good. In fact, God is the very definition of good (Psalm 34:8, 107:1)!

2. God always keeps His promises.

In Genesis 6:5–7 God said that He was so grieved by the wickedness of man that He would destroy all men, beasts, creeping things, and birds from the face of the earth. Go read the account yourself. God puts such an emphasis on the Flood being global that it actually sounds quite redundant (Genesis 6–9). Yet many people still deny that a global flood ever happened, just like the Apostle Peter predicted in 2 Peter 3:5–6. Trying to reinterpret the Genesis Flood as a local flood creates a troubling problem because God promised that "never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." There have been thousands of local floods since that time. If God didn't keep all of His promises, all other promises would be brought into question. But if God meant what He said, then we can put our trust in Him, because God always keeps His promises (Titus 1:2; Hebrews 10:23)!

3. Strong faith is rooted in God's Word.

If we place too much faith in man's word, then we will be "tossed about by every wind of doctrine" (Ephesians 4:14). Every scientific report that doesn't seem to fit with the Bible will make us question whether God meant what He said in His Word. But when we realize that "the entirety of Your word is truth" (Psalm 119:160), then man's godless opinions will be put in their place. Even unbiblical ideas like millions of years are "like the chaff that the wind drives away" (Psalm 1:4). Our faith will grow like a strong oak tree as it's rooted in God's Word.

Not only that, but when trials come and bad things happen, we will have a greater faith to trust that God is good in the midst of those trials. God shouldn't be blamed for the bad things that happen in this world. He created the world very good, but man's sin brought death, disease, bloodshed, and sorrow into it (Romans 5:12). Faith rooted in God's Word allows us to look trials in the face and trust our very good God that He will complete His good and perfect work (Romans 11:33–36).

4. Worship is based on creation.

When we value God's written Word as our highest authority, we also have a high view of God. Anything we can do to have a higher view of God will breathe life into our worship. We are created to worship God, and in a sense our worship is

based on the reality that He created us. In fact, in Heaven one of the praises directed at God is for His creation of all things (Revelation 4:11). When we study creation, we can ignite our worship. For example, gazing at the vast expanse of stars that God created on Day 4 reminds us how high God is and how low we are. Yet God still chose to create us uniquely in His image and, despite our rebellion, chose to redeem us.

5. Jesus is trustworthy.

Whenever Jesus talks about history in the Scriptures, it's clear that He knew it was real history. In Matthew 19:4–5 Jesus said that God made Adam and Eve “from the beginning.” If God used evolution, then man came along billions of years after the beginning. Was Jesus mistaken? Was He lying? When we take Genesis as literal history, we don't have these major theological problems. Jesus' words are trustworthy. Jesus is truth.

God, the Creator, made man unique and in God's image. If God used sickness and death to drive the evolution of life, why would Christ heal the sick and raise the dead when He came to earth? If evolution is God's tool for biological progress, then sickness and death are in some sense good things. But Jesus didn't seem to have that mindset. Sickness and death grieved Him because they weren't part of the original creation (John 11:33). Jesus lived by a consistent worldview. He is always trustworthy.

6. Jesus conquered death.

Jesus lived a sinless life, died physically, and rose from the dead physically. But if sin only brought spiritual death and not physical death, then why did Christ have to die physically? Christ's physical death and resurrection demands a young earth where a literal Adam and Eve sinned against God and brought death into the world. Christ's physical resurrection also shows us that our future resurrection will be physical.

7. Our hope is sure.

The Apostle Paul says in Romans 8 that “the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs.” If God called millions of years of death, disease, and bloodshed “very good,” then why would the new heavens and new earth be free of death, dis-

ease, and bloodshed? But if we take Genesis plainly, we can also have a sure hope that when Christ returns He will “wipe away every tear” and create a new heaven and new earth (Revelation 21:1–4) that are indeed very good!



Watchdog group International Christian Concern reports there have been multiple threats against Christians in Putikda village.

Indian pastor murdered in front of his wife while returning from baptizing believers

—by Peter Heck

An unnamed Christian pastor was shot and killed along the streets of Jharkhand, India, as he was returning home with his wife from baptizing other believers in Putikda village.

His grieving wife said that three assailants confronted and harassed them, before shooting her husband in the chest.

“They killed my husband in front of my own eyes,” she said. “I was terrified seeing my husband collapse having been shot in the chest. I started to think about my children and loudly cried out to God to save me and take care of my [two] children. I ran into the thick bushes and the nearby forest. I probably walked for more than 10 hours to reach my home. I purposely did not take the road to avoid the attackers.”

Villagers located the pastor’s body about 5 a.m. by the side of the road. The murder remains under investigation, but both the minister and several fellow Christians in the his church had received threats from Hindus living in the region.

Other News:

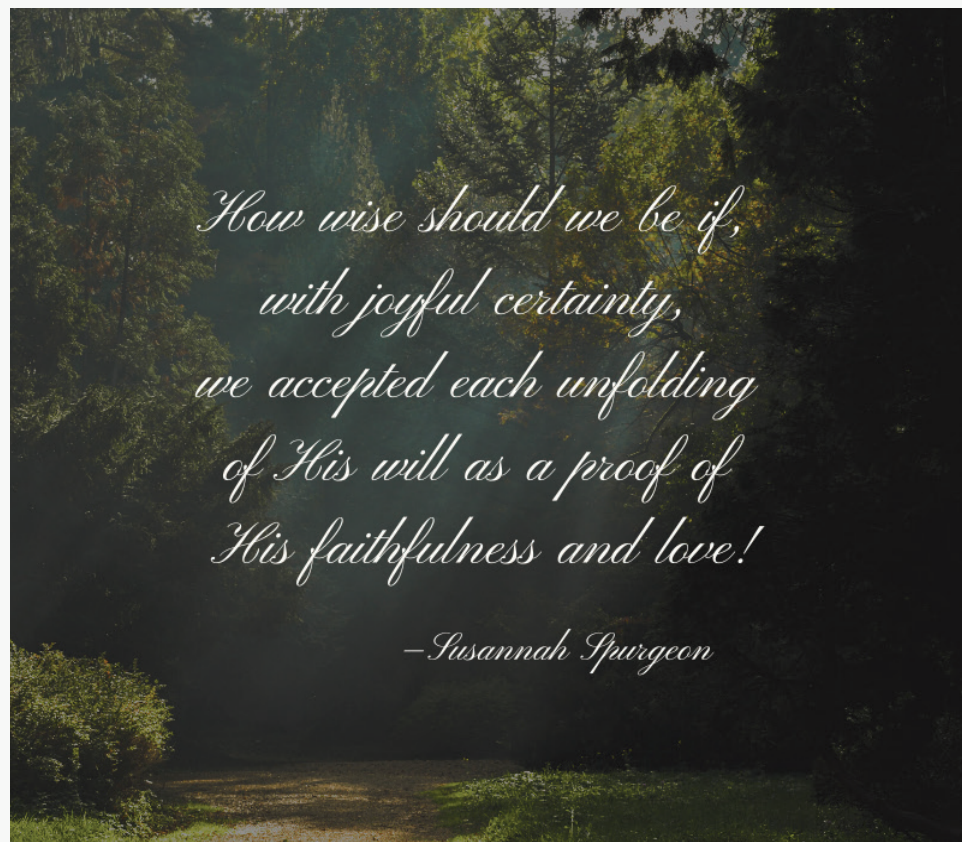
Hungary upholds traditional marriage, bans LGBT adoption with new constitutional amendment— <https://disrn.com//news/hungary-upholds-traditional-marriage-bans-lgbt-adoption-in-new-constitutional-amendment>

Asymptomatic transmission of COVID-19 didn't occur at all, study of 10 million finds— <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/asymptomatic-transmission-of-covid-19-didnt-occur-at-all-study-of-10-million-finds>

Jupiter, Saturn merging in night sky, closest in centuries— <https://www.wistv.com/2020/12/18/jupiter-saturn-merging-night-sky-closest-centuries/>

Salvation is of the Lord— <https://heartcrymissionary.com/mission-updates/salvation-is-of-the-lord/>

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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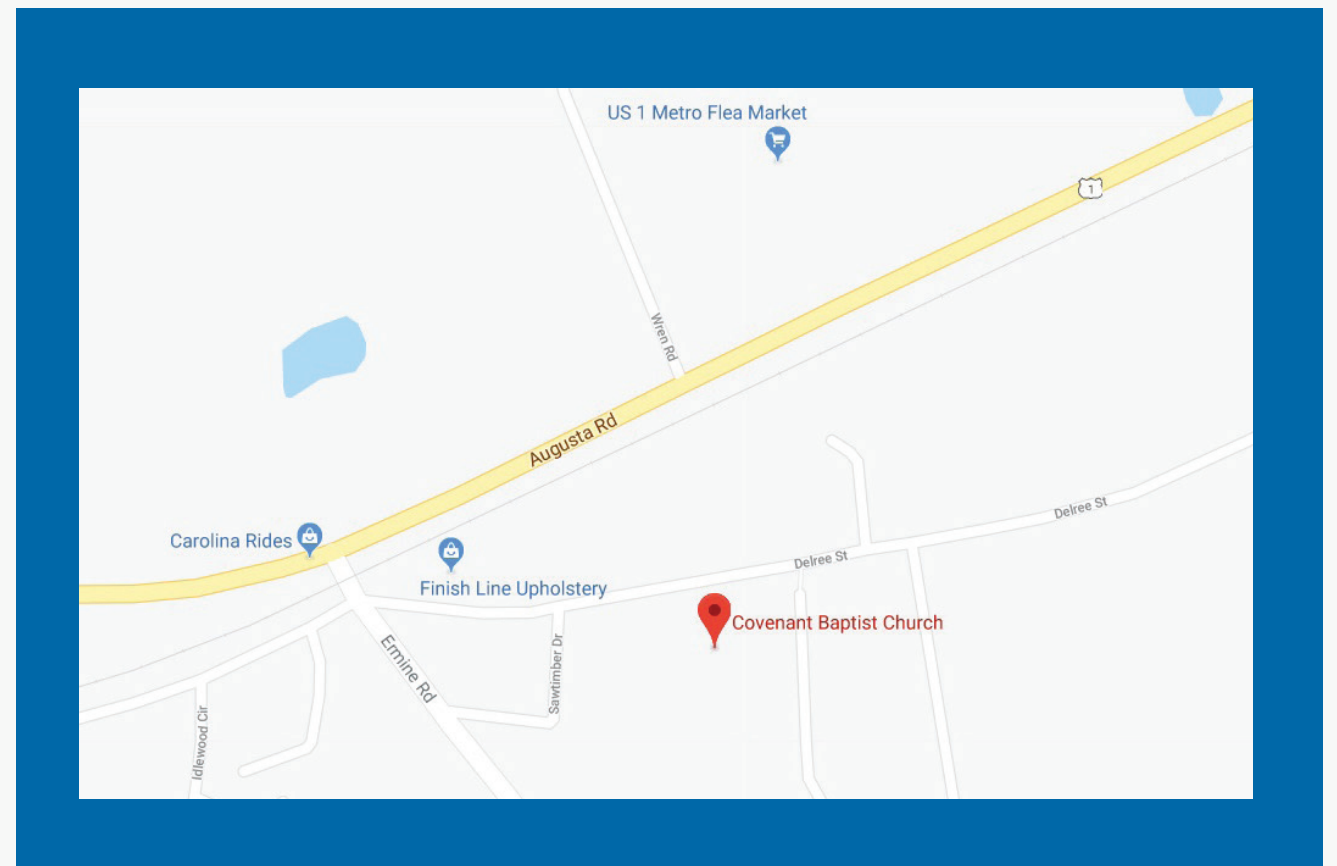
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Location:



*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.*