



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

January 31st, 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 31st, 2021)

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 118:1-9 (NKJV)

O God, Our Help in Ages Past—55

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:1-19 (NKJV)

How Deep the Father's Love for Us—80

Before the Throne of God Above—187

Message:

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

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: Doxology—440

Presentation of New Member

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On-Call Deacon List:

- January 31: Rogers
- February 7: Shumpert
- February 14: Smoak

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- February 6: Olds/Shealy
- February 13: Kyzer (K&R)/Bean
- February 20: Allen/Steele

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 starting back our nursery ministry. This is only for babies who are still using diapers. Here are some important details with more to follow. This is strictly a volunteer ministry, both for the workers and the parents. As parents, if you desire to keep your baby with you during worship, we fully support and encourage you to do so. But, if you desire the use of a nursery, we want to make that available to you. If you meet the qualifications below, that does not mean you are expected to serve in the nursery. This is volunteer only. Below are absolute requirements that must be met to serve in this area.

1. You must be a member of CBC; 2. You must have a background check conducted; 3. You must be a woman or young lady. Men are not allowed to serve in nurser; 4. There will be 2 attendees in the nursery at all times. If you would like to help in the nursery, please see Marie Lucas and sign up on the nursery worker sheet in the foyer.

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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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Regarding the India orphanage, we have supporters for all the boys in their house, but need support of \$41 per month for about 12 girls. Please pray about this and if the Lord leads, you can sign up on the blue pad on the hallway table. Thank you all for your help.—A number of supporters for the orphans have expressed interest in writing letters to their orphans that they support. Below is the address to Pastor Prabhu. Prabhu will receive the letters and translate to the boy or girl that the letter was intended. Some have also asked about sending their family photo so the child can see who they are exchanging letters with. All correspondence is welcomed. The only thing we don't know is how many can write a return letter. Hopefully they will be learning that and/or someone will be able to help them with it. Just to let you know, a letter to India will run about \$1.25 each. Please see brother Alton with any questions. The address is as follows:
Pastor Prabhakar Kondepogu, 304 Flat 3rd floor, Sai Sneha Residency, Santhi Nagar 3rd Lane, Chuttugunta, GUNTER 522 004, Andhra Pradesh, INDIA

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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.

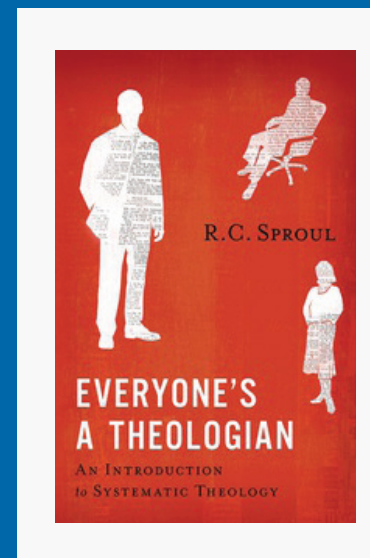
Book of the Week: Everyone's a Theologian, by R. C. Sproul

Who would want to be a theologian? Many people react negatively to the word theology, believing that it involves dry, fruitless arguments about minute points of doctrine. They prefer to focus on the basic truths of Scripture and may even declare, “No creed but Christ.”

But as Dr. R.C. Sproul argues, everyone is a theologian. This is because any time we think about a teaching of the Bible and strive to understand it, we are engaging in theology. Therefore, it is important that we put the Bible's varied teachings together in a systematic fashion using proper, time-tested methods of interpretation so as to arrive at a theology that is consistent and founded on truth.

Purchase at:

<https://www.ligonier.org/store/everyones-a-theologian-hardcover/>



Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class—*On hold*

Biblical Counseling Class—*On hold*

Second Sunday Dinner—*Cancelled for Justin Peters conference.*

Other Events:

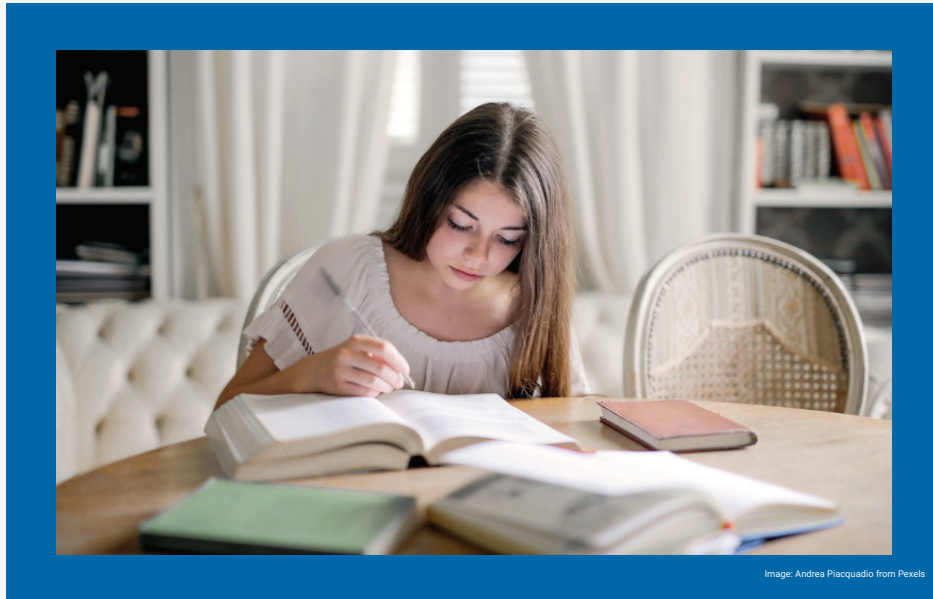
Truth: Answers for Women, March 27-28 2020—(*Williamstown, KY*)

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/>



Hidden Dangers of Christian Textbooks

—by *Tim Lutz*

Homeschool curricula and Christian colleges don't always live up to their name. You have to look below the surface.

It is no secret that evolutionary teaching and the religion of naturalism run rampant in public education. The idea that life has been evolving on earth for millions of years is taught as fact from the earliest ages. Kindergarteners are taught that dinosaurs never lived with man, and high school biology courses teach that we evolved from single-celled organisms. What is the solution for parents who strongly disagree?

For many, the plan is to homeschool their kids from kindergarten through senior high and then send them to a Christian college.

Easy enough, right?

Not quite.

Christian parents have good intentions. Unfortunately, the reality is that Christian curricula and colleges that teach a literal 6-day creation around 6,000 years ago are

the exception, not the norm.

The ministry of Answers in Genesis, where I serve, has looked closely at curricula and contacted hundreds of schools. AiG found that many homeschool curricula and most Christian colleges promote evolution and hold to various old-earth views. Parents need to know what's going on and be better equipped to make decisions that will further the educational goals for their children.

Invading the Home

Like many other Christian parents, my wife and I decided that homeschooling was the best option for our children. Both of us grew up attending public school but have recognized the increasing secularization of public education. At home, my wife would know what my daughter was learning. And together we could ensure that the classroom—not just our home and church—was bringing her up to trust the history in the Bible.

In my wife's first week teaching, one of the books referenced sharks predating dinosaurs by millions of years. Another book promoted the idea that the moon broke off from the earth when it was forming millions of years ago. As we looked ahead at other lessons, we recognized the amount of research that would be necessary for us to find a solid curriculum and supplemental reading that gives a biblical perspective on evolution. Even when a curriculum is designed for homeschoolers, that does not necessarily mean it is a Christian curriculum or that it teaches biblical creation and a solid Christian worldview.

Further, we realized that some of the supposedly Christian homeschool companies that we found were simply imprints for a large secular mega-publisher trying to make a buck off another market.

A Higher Standard for Higher Education

At AiG, I help connect our supporters to good Christian colleges. I recently received an email from a conservative Christian university wanting to display and promote their school at AiG's annual college expo. After sending them a list of basic beliefs regarding creation, the flood, and the age of the earth that they needed to affirm to attend the expo, I received an email asking if the school needed to actually believe and teach these tenets or if they just needed to understand that the statements are Answers in Genesis' beliefs. It quickly became clear that their

their doctrine was compromised regarding Genesis and that they wouldn't be able, in good conscience, to agree with these tenets of creation.

The same issues that impact homeschool curricula also trouble Christian colleges, universities, and seminaries. Back in 2011, Ken Ham explored this unseen compromise in his book *Already Compromised*, featuring a national study, conducted by America's Research Group, of the beliefs among school leaders. The research showed that college presidents are often unaware of what the Bible and science departments are teaching about origins. Even on the same campus, surveys found that the Bible department may teach evolution while the science department teaches creation.

As part of my duties to help spread the biblical message of creation and help parents and schools work together toward this end, I am grieved to see firsthand how few schools take a strong stand on Genesis and on biblical authority. It's a labor-intensive process, but thankfully the ministry has decided to help parents by showcasing the curricula and schools that are doing things right (see below).

Finding Creation-Based Curricula and Colleges

So where does a parent start to find publishers and schools that take a strong stand on Genesis? As a free service to all Christian families, Answers in Genesis has created two websites to help moms and dads in their search for homeschool curricula and colleges that believe and teach the biblical worldview. Our new CreationPublishers.org and CreationColleges.org sites are a clearinghouse of homeschool publishers and schools, respectively, that have affirmed the most important tenets of creation.

Below are two key examples of the 12 points that the publisher or officials of the school must affirm to make our list. These two, in particular, seem to be the most effective filters (for the complete list, see CreationColleges.com/tenets-of-creation):

I. We affirm that the scientific aspects of creation are important, but are secondary in importance to the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ as Sovereign, Creator, Redeemer, and Judge. We deny that the doctrines of Creator and creation can ultimately be divorced from the gospel of Jesus Christ, for the teachings of Genesis are foundational to the gospel and indeed to all biblical doctrines (directly or

indirectly).

V. We affirm that the account of origins presented in Genesis is a simple but factual presentation of actual events and therefore provides a reliable framework for scientific research into the question of the origin and history of life, mankind, the earth, and the universe.

We deny that Genesis 1–11 is myth, saga, or any other type of nonhistorical literature. We also deny that it is a parable or prophetic vision. It therefore should be interpreted with the same care for literal accuracy as other historical narrative sections of Scripture.

The CreationPublishers.org site features companies like Abeka, BJU Press, Master Books, Science Shepherd, the 101 Series (Westfield Studios), and Answers in Genesis materials. Schools like Appalachian Bible College, Bob Jones University, Bryan College, Calvary University, Clarks Summit University, Maranatha Baptist University, and Patrick Henry College are among the 60+ schools on CreationColleges.org. We are constantly checking these institutions and others to ensure that both lists are as accurate and up-to-date as possible.

No Neutral Ground

In the Gospel of John, we read that Jesus prayed for his disciples, “Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth” (17:17). Scripture is God's perfect, inerrant Word, and his Word is truth. Throughout their schooling, children will learn math, science, history, language, health, life skills, arts, and physical fitness, but how closely is the Bible tied to them?

If students are involved in Christian schooling or homeschooling, Bible courses will also be included in their studies. But they need help to see that God's Word is the foundation for understanding everything in our world.

If kids get Bible teaching in just one class (or only in church), they are tempted to believe secular authorities in other areas like science, math, and history, even if what those subjects say conflicts with God's Word. This goes against God's instruction to integrate the Bible into every aspect of our lives. God clearly explains in Deuteronomy, “These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them to your children, and shall talk of them when you lie down,

and when you rise.” (Deuteronomy 6:6–7).

If we are not teaching our children and grandchildren God’s words, we are teaching them man’s words. Teaching ideas contrary to the Bible is teaching kids to distrust the Bible. We are either for Christ or against him. There is no neutral ground.

Not everyone will teach their children formal classes or choose to send them to a Christian school. But all parents have the duty and privilege to diligently bring up their kids in the knowledge of the Lord, including by providing a strong foundation for defending the Christian faith and proclaiming the gospel.

If parents choose public school as the best option, AiG’s free new publishers’ site gives good ideas for resources to help counter what kids are being taught and to equip them to stand for the Lord.

Also Read:

When We Failed to Count the Cost

—by *Tim Challies*

<https://www.challies.com/articles/when-we-failed-to-count-the-cost/>



Biden Signs Executive Order Allowing the U.S. to Fund Global Abortions

—by *Alexandra Desanctis*

President Biden signed an executive order Thursday afternoon reversing the Mexico City policy, permitting U.S. aid money once again to fund groups that provide or promote abortion around the globe.

The policy was first put in place by President Ronald Reagan in an effort to ensure that taxpayers were not required to indirectly fund abortion procedures performed in other countries. The policy has been undone via executive order by every subsequent Democratic administration and reinstated by each Republican one.

The Trump administration expanded the policy to include not only family planning funds distributed by the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development but also all foreign-health assistance provided by government agencies, including the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, and the Defense Department. That expanded policy, “Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance,” increased the amount of U.S. funding covered by the abortion prohibition from about \$600 million to nearly \$9 billion.

Abortion advocates and interest groups in the U.S. oppose the Mexico City policy; Planned Parenthood, for instance, has labeled it a “global gag rule.” During the

presidential primary, the Biden campaign promised that his administration would undo the policy and permit U.S. aid money to fund abortions.

But according to public-opinion polls, most Americans don’t want the U.S. to fund abortions in other countries. A new poll out yesterday from Marist and the Knights of Columbus found that more than three-quarters of Americans oppose using U.S. aid money to fund abortions overseas. The same survey shows that voters in Biden’s own party disagree with him on this issue: A slight majority of Democrats said they do not want the U.S. funding global abortions, and nearly two-thirds of self-described pro-choice Americans agreed. Eighty-five percent of independent voters, meanwhile, said they oppose U.S. funding of overseas abortions.

“These pro-abortion executive orders from President Biden shock the conscience,” Senator Ben Sasse (R., Neb.) said in a statement shortly after Biden signed today’s executive orders. “Our government shouldn’t be funding abortions at home, let alone overseas. Unity is important at times like these, but waging a culture war is only going to deepen divides and hurt innocent victims. Human dignity matters — President Biden should rethink this move.”

Senator Steve Daines (R., Mont.), who founded and chairs the Senate Pro-Life Caucus, said in a statement that Biden’s pro-abortion orders show “a complete lack of respect for the sanctity of human life.”

“These actions will enrich Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry at the taxpayers’ expense, while endangering the most vulnerable,” Daines added. “The United States should not be promoting a radical abortion agenda throughout the world, we should be leading the fight to protect the unborn and all life.”

House minority leader Kevin McCarthy (R., Calif.) also criticized Biden’s move. “Killing unborn children isn’t health care, and violating the rights of conscience of millions of Americans by using taxpayer money to help promote abortions isn’t freedom of choice,” McCarthy said in part of his statement. “The Biden Administration’s so-called ‘unity’ agenda continues to fail the American people. These one-sided orders are another move by the current administration to appease the liberal activists and neglect the most basic moral and fundamental principles of our nation’s founding.”

Other News:

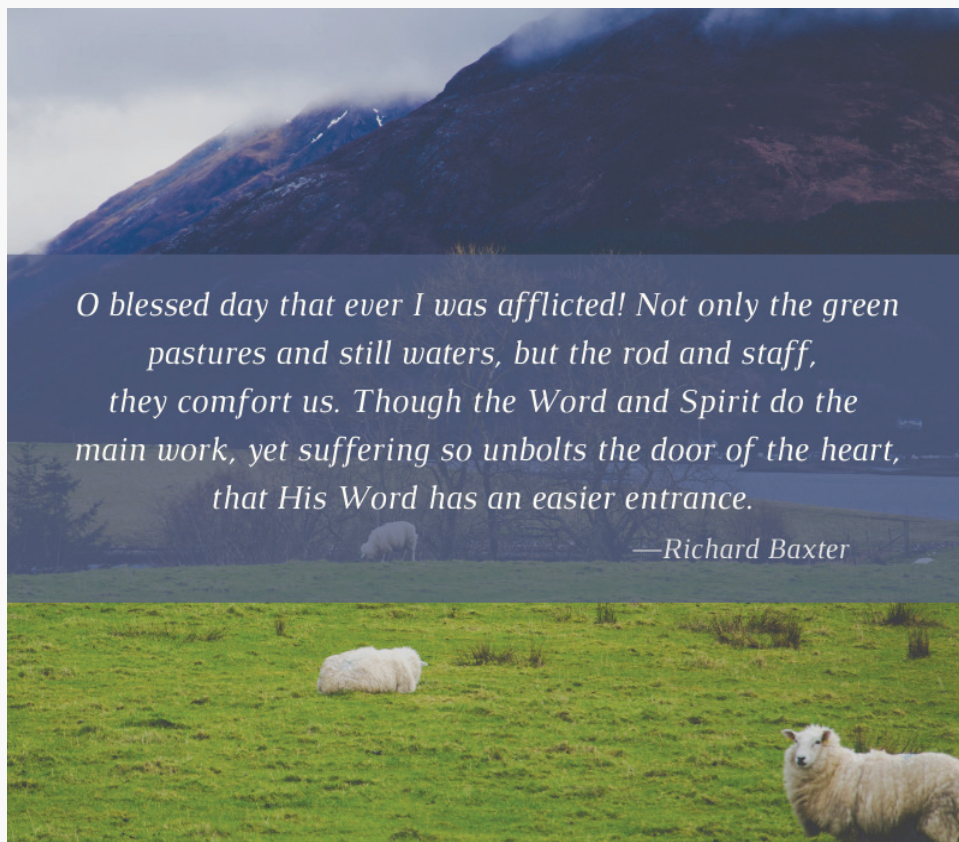
Biden to roll back Trump's pro-life policies, introduce new pro-abortion legislation— <https://disrn.com//news/biden-to-rollback-trumps-pro-life-policies-introduce-new-pro-abortion-legislation>

New Normal: Chinese Citizens Have to Scan a Tracking App to Re-Enter Their Own Homes— <https://summit.news/2021/01/14/new-normal-chinese-citizens-have-to-scan-a-tracking-app-to-re-enter-their-own-homes/>

Indian pastor murdered in front of his wife while returning from baptizing believers— <https://disrn.com//news/returning-from-baptizing-believers-indian-pastor-murdered-in-front-of-his-wife>

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>

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/>

Counseling Self-Injuring Teens
<https://biblicalcounseling.com/resource-library/conference-messages/counseling-self-injuring-teens/>

Enduring Dark Providences
<https://biblicalcounseling.com/resource-library/articles/enduring-dark-providences/>

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 live-stream the class. Just go to the website at <https://covenantbaptistsc.org> and click the live-stream button on home page at 7pm Thursdays.

Biblical counseling class on hold while teacher recovers from surgery.



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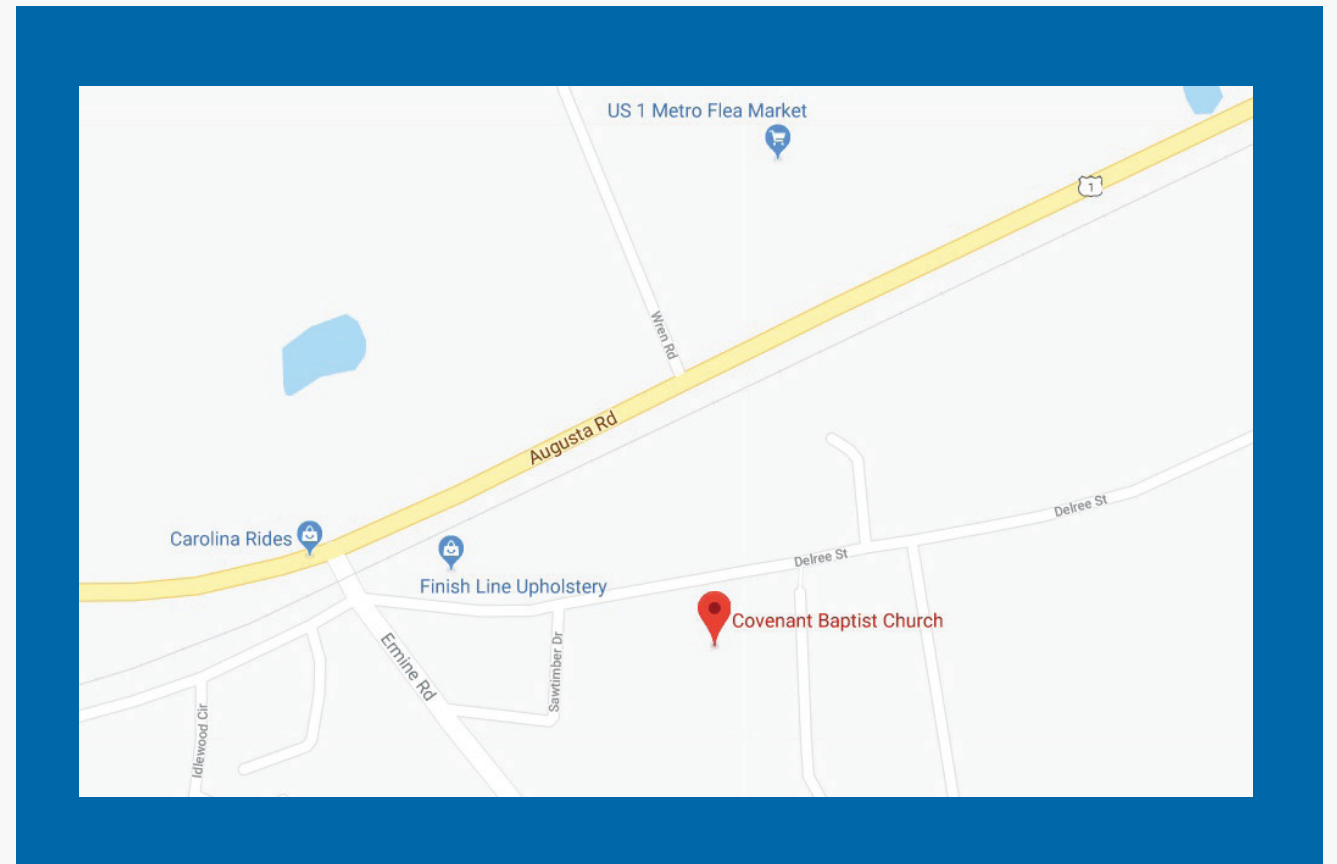
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Location:



*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.*