



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

February 14th, 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

(February 14th, 2021)

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 5:1-7

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee—23

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:13-29

I Sing the Mighty Power of God—26

These Great Things—32

Message:
Justin Peters Preaching

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: In Christ Alone—177

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On-Call Deacon List:

- February 14: Smoak
- February 21: Kyzer
- February 28: Waddell

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- February 20: Allen/Steele
- February 27: Crapps/McSween
- March 6: Thomas/Waddell

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 would like to welcome Justin Peters to our church for our conference February 14-17. 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 If you would like to give to Justin Peters, write your check to Covenant Baptist Church and please indicate on your check or envelope that it is for Justin Peters and place it in the offering box. We thank you for your support for a very important and needed ministry in these troubling times.

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There is a meeting after church with Marie Lucas in the fellowship area regarding the starting back of 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 nursery; 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.

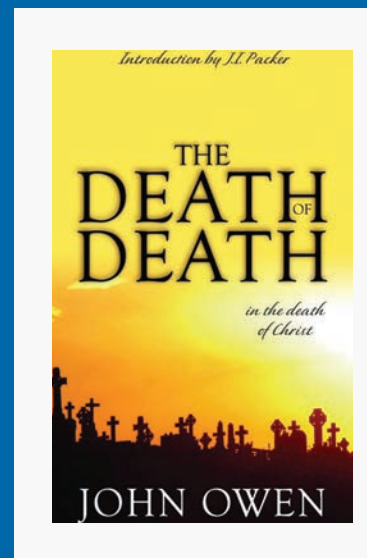
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Regarding the India orphanage, we have supporters for all the boys in their house, but need support of \$41 per month for about 12 girls. Please pray about this and if the Lord leads, you can sign up on the blue pad on the hallway table. Thank you all for your help.

Book of the Week: The Death Of Death In The Death Of Christ, by John Owen

The Death of Death in the Death of Christ is a polemical work, designed to show, among other things, that the doctrine of universal redemption is unscriptural and destructive of the gospel. Those who see no need for doctrinal exactness and have no time for theological debates which show up divisions between Evangelicals may well regret its reappearance. Some may find the very sound of Owen's thesis so shocking that they will refuse to read his book at all. But there are signs today of a new upsurge of interest in the theology of the Bible: a new readiness to test tradition, to search the Scriptures and to think through the faith. It is to those who share this readiness that Owen's treatise is offered, in the belief that it will help us in one of the most urgent tasks facing Evangelical Christendom today—the recovery of the gospel.

Purchase at:

<https://banneroftruth.org/us/store/theology-books/the-death-of-death-in-the-death-of-christ/>



Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class—*On hold*

Biblical Counseling Class—*On hold*

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

Other Events:

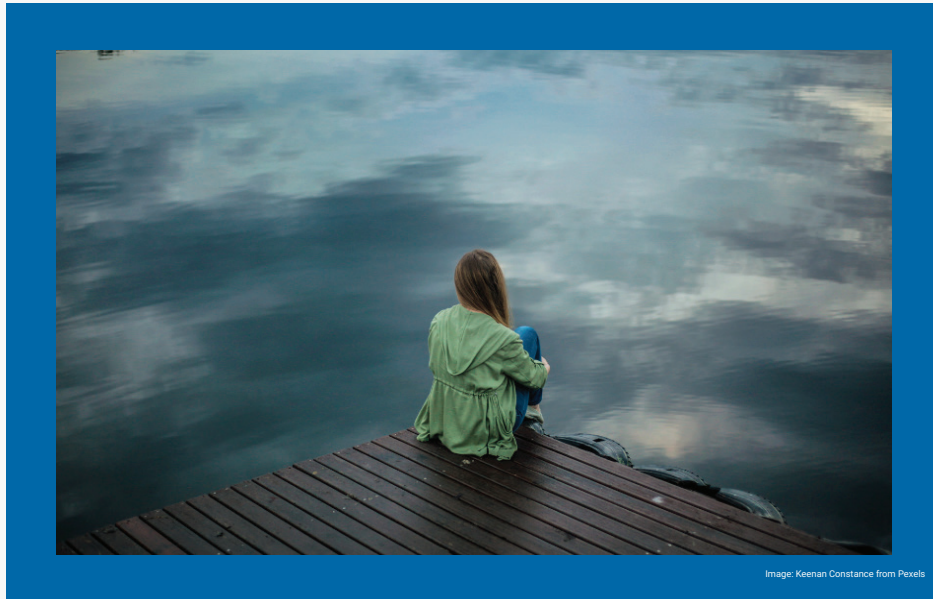
Truth: Answers for Women, March 27-28 2020—(*Williamstown, KY*)

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/>



God Has Not Forgotten You In Your Time of Great Sorrow

—by Paul Tautges

The pain of loss can lead you to feel alone, even forgotten. The lack of answers to your Why questions and the drying up of the stream of encouraging phone calls, or mail can add to this solitary feeling. There also may be a lack of a sense of what our society calls closure; that is, the acceptance of what has happened and the transition to something new. In all of this, you may wonder where God is. Your heart may speculate whether he, too, has forgotten you. But he has not!

Has God forgotten to be gracious? (Psalm 77:9)

The healing that you long to experience may not come right away. It rarely does. It will take time. You need to accept that, and be patient. By the time the writer of Psalm 77 asks, “Has God forgotten to be gracious?” he has already been earnestly crying out to him.

“I cry aloud to God,” he begins, “aloud to God, and he will hear me” (v. 1). Limping alongside his grief, intertwined with his pain, are cries of faith. “In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted” (v. 2). Fueling his cries of faith is the pain that will not go away, but lingers. It is not physical pain, but the inner pain of sorrow

and loss. It is the hurt that persists. But God does not find this man’s questions offensive. No, God welcomes his lament.

“When I remember God, I moan, when I meditate, my spirit faints. You hold my eyelids open; I am so troubled that I cannot speak” (vv. 3–4). He moans, yes. But he moans in faith . . . to God. His complaint does not flow from unbelief, but is evidence of an active faith—faith that longs for the completion of the incomplete, the resolution of the unresolved. When the aches of our heart thrust us toward the only One who can bring true, lasting comfort, then they serve a good purpose. Even if we can’t see anything good in the tragic event that triggered our grief, turning to God means that we are headed in the right direction.

Pain has the potential to stimulate growth in our relationship with God, since it often reawakens us to eternal realities. In this way, God can use our sorrow to draw us closer to him. God has not forgotten to be gracious. To the contrary, it is because of his grace that he remembers you. He is nurturing your faith, so that it will not wither or get stale. You are not forgotten!

For further meditation and comfort today, read all of Psalm 77.

**Excerpt from A Small Book for the Hurting Heart: Meditations on Loss, Grief, and Healing*



White House: “Biden-Harris administration is committed to codifying Roe v. Wade”

—by Joel Abbott

The White House announced on Friday its commitment to enshrining abortion rights into U.S. law.

“The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to codifying Roe v. Wade and appointing judges that respect foundational precedents like Roe,” the statement read.

Democrats hope that by codifying abortion, federal law would still permit the practice should the U.S. Supreme Court overturn the Roe v. Wade decision some-time in the future.

“In the past four years, reproductive health, including the right to choose, has been under relentless and extreme attack,” the White House statement said. “We are deeply committed to making sure everyone has access to care—including reproductive health care—regardless of income, race, zip code, health insurance status, or immigration status.”

Democrats see such efforts as crucial following the appointment of 3 conservative Supreme Court justices during the previous presidency of Donald Trump.

Also Read:

New Study Concludes Lockdowns Didn't Help Slow Spread of COVID

—by Kipp Jones

<https://www.westernjournal.com/new-study-concludes-lockdowns-didnt-help-slow-spread-covid/>

Other News:

Head of U.S. Strategic Command warns of a “very real possibility” of nuclear war with China, Russia— <https://disrn.com/news/head-of-us-strategic-command-says-there-is-a-very-real-possibility-of-nuclear-war-with-china-russia>

Biden Signs Executive Order Allowing the U.S. to Fund Global Abortions—<https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/biden-signs-executive-order-allowing-the-u-s-to-fund-global-abortions/>

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/>

Quote of the Week:

*Keep up a humble sense
of your own faults, and
that will make you
compassionate to others.*

—Richard Baxter

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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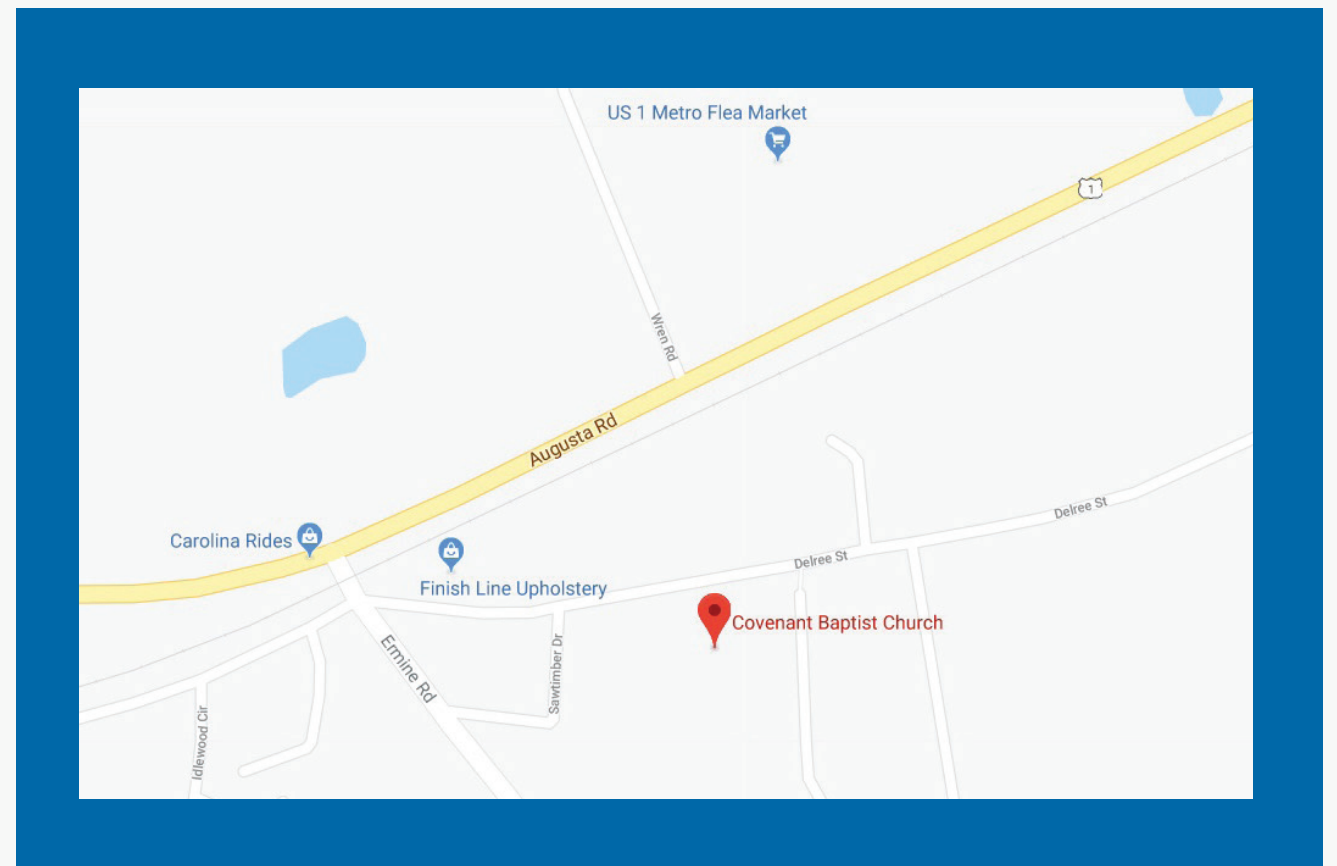
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Location:



*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.*