



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

March 7th, 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

(March 7th, 2021)

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 84:1-4

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship—334

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1-17

The Wonderful Cross—279

O Great God—35

Message:

Jesus, In Complete Control of Evil
John 18:1-11

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be—393

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On-Call Deacon List:

- March 7: Lucas
- March 14: Egan
- March 21: Rogers

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- March 13: Bristol
- March 20: Shumpert/Smoak
- March 27: 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

Remember daylight saving starts March 14th!

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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.

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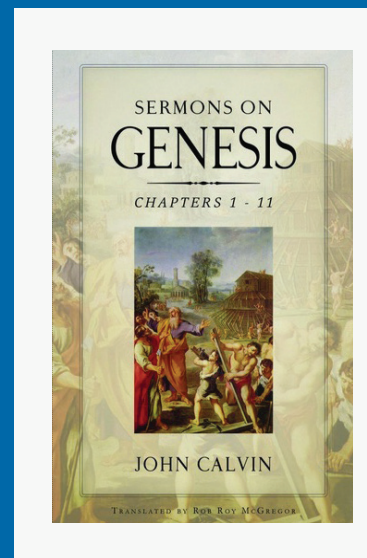
If you have not yet received your 2020 contribution statement, please contact Theresa Todd at treasurer@covenant-baptistsc.org.

Book of the Week: Sermons on Genesis (Chs. 1-11) by John Calvin

Preaching as Calvin undertook to do it extends far beyond the confines of a carefully written manuscript. It is not bound by the niceties of style, sentence structure, and the like. It is marked by an immeasurably greater degree of intensity, by an obvious determination to instruct and persuade, by an astounding capacity to confront hearers both with the truth of divine revelation and with the implications of that truth for faith and obedience. There are distinct advantages, therefore, in having before us these sermons on Genesis precisely as they were delivered. They let us see and hear a man aflame with love for the Lord and His Word, a preacher who spent himself utterly in the work of summoning his people to repentance, faith and holiness.

Purchase at:

<https://banneroftruth.org/us/store/sermons-and-expositions/sermons-on-genesis/>



Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class—*On hold*

Biblical Counseling Class—*On hold*

Second Sunday Dinner—*March 14th. 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/>



Sin Is Cosmic Treason

—by *R. C. Sproul*

“The sinfulness of sin” sounds like a vacuous redundancy that adds no information to the subject under discussion. However, the necessity of speaking of the sinfulness of sin has been thrust upon us by a culture and even a church that has diminished the significance of sin itself. Sin is communicated in our day in terms of making mistakes or of making poor choices. When I take an examination or a spelling test, if I make a mistake, I miss a particular word. It is one thing to make a mistake. It is another to look at my neighbor’s paper and copy his answers in order to make a good grade. In this case, my mistake has risen to the level of a moral transgression. Though sin may be involved in making mistakes as a result of slothfulness in preparation, nevertheless, the act of cheating takes the exercise to a more serious level. Calling sin “making poor choices” is true, but it is also a euphemism that can discount the severity of the action. The decision to sin is indeed a poor one, but once again, it is more than a mistake. It is an act of moral transgression.

In my book *The Truth of the Cross* I spend an entire chapter discussing this notion of the sinfulness of sin. I begin that chapter by using the anecdote of my utter incredulity when I received a recent edition of Bartlett’s Familiar Quotations. Though I was happy to receive this free issue, I was puzzled as to why anyone would send it to me. As I leafed through the pages of quotations that included

statements from Immanuel Kant, Aristotle, Thomas Aquinas, and others, to my complete astonishment I came upon a quotation from me. That I was quoted in such a learned collection definitely surprised me. I was puzzled by what I could have said that merited inclusion in such an anthology, and the answer was found in a simple statement attributed to me: “Sin is cosmic treason.” What I meant by that statement was that even the slightest sin that a creature commits against his Creator does violence to the Creator’s holiness, His glory, and His righteousness. Every sin, no matter how seemingly insignificant, is an act of rebellion against the sovereign God who reigns and rules over us and as such is an act of treason against the cosmic King.

Cosmic treason is one way to characterize the notion of sin, but when we look at the ways in which the Scriptures describe sin, we see three that stand out in importance. First, sin is a debt; second, it is an expression of enmity; third, it is depicted as a crime. In the first instance, we who are sinners are described by Scripture as debtors who cannot pay their debts. In this sense, we are talking not about financial indebtedness but a moral indebtedness. God has the sovereign right to impose obligations upon His creatures. When we fail to keep these obligations, we are debtors to our Lord. This debt represents a failure to keep a moral obligation. The second way in which sin is described biblically is as an expression of enmity.

In this regard, sin is not restricted merely to an external action that transgresses a divine law. Rather, it represents an internal motive, a motive that is driven by an inherent hostility toward the God of the universe. It is rarely discussed in the church or in the world that the biblical description of human fallenness includes an indictment that we are by nature enemies of God. In our enmity toward Him, we do not want to have Him even in our thinking, and this attitude is one of hostility toward the very fact that God commands us to obey His will. It is because of this concept of enmity that the New Testament so often describes our redemption in terms of reconciliation. One of the necessary conditions for reconciliation is that there must be some previous enmity between at least two parties. This enmity is what is presupposed by the redeeming work of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, who overcomes this dimension of enmity.

The third way in which the Bible speaks of sin is in terms of transgression of law. The Westminster Shorter Catechism answers the fourteenth question, “What is sin?” by the response, “Sin is any want of conformity to, or transgression of, the law of God.” Here we see sin described both in terms of passive and active

disobedience. We speak of sins of commission and sins of omission. When we fail to do what God requires, we see this lack of conformity to His will. But not only are we guilty of failing to do what God requires, we also actively do what God prohibits. Thus, sin is a transgression against the law of God.

When people violate the laws of men in a serious way, we speak of their actions not merely as misdemeanors but, in the final analysis, as crimes. In the same regard, our actions of rebellion and transgression of the law of God are not seen by Him as mere misdemeanors; rather, they are felonious. They are criminal in their impact. If we take the reality of sin seriously in our lives, we see that we commit crimes against a holy God and against His kingdom. Our crimes are not virtues; they are vices, and any transgression of a holy God is vicious by definition. It is not until we understand who God is that we gain any real understanding of the seriousness of our sin. Because we live in the midst of sinful people where the standards of human behavior are set by the patterns of the culture around us, we are not moved by the seriousness of our transgressions. We are indeed at ease in Zion. But when God's character is made clear to us and we are able to measure our actions not in relative terms with respect to other humans but in absolute terms with respect to God, His character, and His law, then we begin to be awakened to the egregious character of our rebellion.

Not until we take God seriously will we ever take sin seriously. But if we acknowledge the righteous character of God, then we, like the saints of old, will cover our mouths with our hands and repent in dust and ashes before Him.

Also Read:

Godly Women, by Jeremiah Johnson

<https://www.gty.org/library/blog/B150720>



Retailers Will Be Fined \$1,000 for Having Separate Boys, Girls Sections under New California Bill

—by Milton Quintanilla

California lawmakers have introduced a new bill that, if passed, would fine retailers \$1,000 for having separate sections for boys and girls instead of putting all of their products together, Faithwire reports.

The legislation, which was introduced by Democrat Assembly members Evan Low and Cristina Garcia last week, seeks to push for inclusivity by having all toys, clothing, and other kid-oriented products arranged in a “gender-neutral” manner.

Despite the requirement, retailers will still be able to sell their current products, but they would have to put all of the gender-based products together instead of separate sections because of sex.

Likewise, online products sold by California-based stores must have their products in a collective “ids,” “unisex,” or “gender-neutral” format on their webpage.

Any retailer who violates the rules and “fails to correct a violation” within 30 days of written notice from California’s attorney general will be subject to a \$1,000 fine.

Low, who serves as chair of the Legislative LGBT Caucus, explained to Politico that his goal in proposing the bill was to establish a “more inclusive” shopping experience for children.

He added that he got the idea from one of his staffers whose young daughter wondered why one of the toys she wanted was in the boy’s section.

“This is an issue of children being able to express themselves without bias,” Low contended.

The text of the bill states that “keeping similar items that are traditionally marketed either for girls or for boys separated makes it more difficult for the consumer to compare the products and incorrectly implies that their use by one gender is inappropriate.”

Retailers are mandated to hold “one, undivided area of its sales floor” where consumers can find toys, childcare supplies, and clothing in one place.

If approved, the bill will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2023.

Several big-name retailers have previously incorporated “gender-neutral” shopping options in recent years.

In 2015, Target announced that separate sections for bedding and toys would be eliminated.

Other News:

Southern Baptists move to expel LGBT-promoting church from their denomination this week —<https://disrn.com/news/southern-baptists-move-to-expel-lgbt-promoting-church-from-their-denomination-this-week>

YouTube Bans Pro-Life Website, LifeSite News, Deletes All Pro-Life Content— <https://reformationcharlotte.org/2021/02/11/youtube-bans-pro-life-website-lifesite-news-deletes-all-pro-life-content/>

White House: “Biden-Harris administration is committed to codifying Roe v. Wade”— <https://disrn.com/news/white-house-biden-harris-administration-is-committed-to-codifying-roe-v-wade>

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>

Quote of the Week:



*I longed to be a
flame of fire
continually glowing
in the divine service
and building up of
Christ's kingdom to
my last and dying
breath.*

—David Brainerd

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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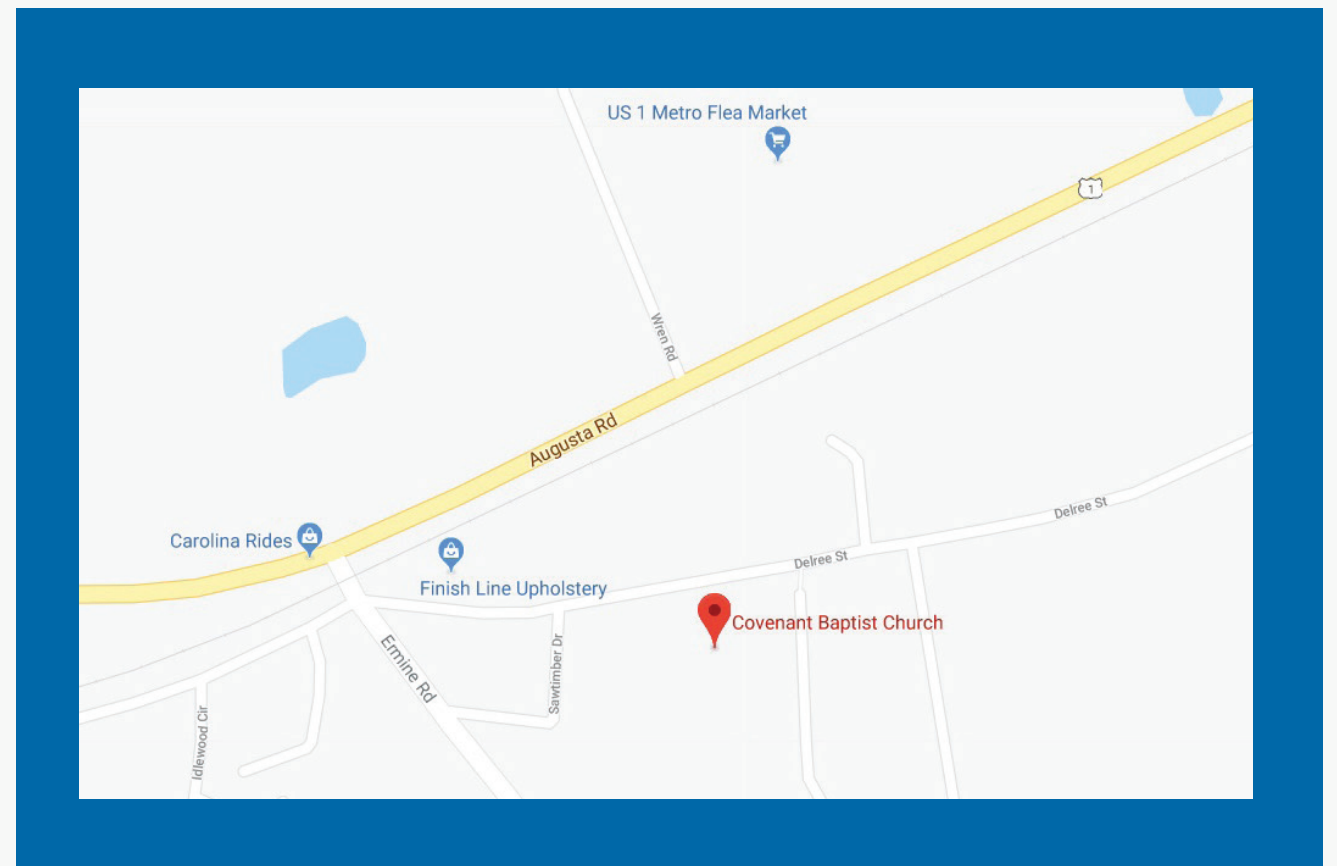
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West Columbia, SC 29170

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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.*