



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

March 21st, 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 (The Genesis Academy)
~ 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 21st, 2021)

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm Psalm 89:1-7

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty—2

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:1-25

There Is a Fountain—301

Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor—406

Message:

A Word of Warning

—Hebrews 2:1-4

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing—104

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On-Call Deacon List:

- March 21: Rogers
- March 28: Shumpert
- April 4: Smoak

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- March 27: Egan/Fudge
- April 3: Olds/Shealy
- April 10: Kyzer (K&R)/Bean

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 pay off the church mortgage this year. As of December 2020, we have been in this building for 3 years. God has blessed us tremendously to currently owe only \$160,845.66. If you would like to help us pay this off so we can look forward to building more room, we would be very thankful for your generosity. We are currently praying and seeking God's will for the future direction of CBC for worship and teaching, and parking space.

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Our Wednesday service includes a prayer time in the "Other Room" at 6pm. Following that, at 7pm, we have our evening worship with prayer and the study of the Book of Romans. We would love to have you come and be with us in this mid-week worship.

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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.

Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class—*On hold*

Biblical Counseling Class—*On hold*

Second Sunday Dinner—*April 11th. 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)

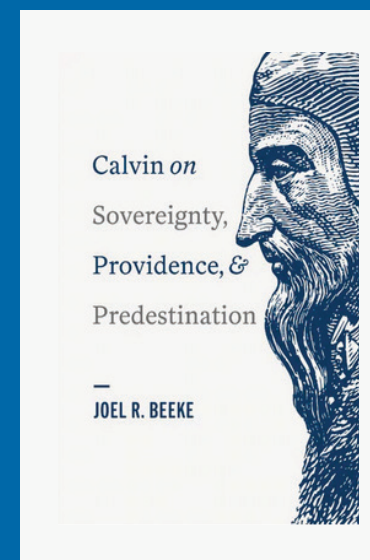
More at: <https://www.ligonier.org/events/2021-national-conference/>

Book of the Week: Calvin on Sovereignty, Providence, and Predestination by Joel Beeke

"The doctrine of God has subordinate truths that are easily appreciated by all God's people and other truths that seem to graduate you into the higher echelons of God's self-disclosure and its attendant spiritual benefits. God's sovereignty is in the latter category, and John Calvin, the Swiss Reformer, did a lot to help the church appreciate this truth from Scripture. Joel Beeke does a great service by helping us to understand some of Calvin's teachings on God's sovereignty, especially in providence and in predestination. Trust me, this little book is worth every moment you will spend reading it!" -Conrad Mbewe

Purchase at:

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/calvin-on-sovereignty-providence-and-predestination-beeke.html>





Beth Moore's Departure and the SBC's Failure

—by Tom Buck

As I read the news that Beth Moore was leaving the SBC and watched the public responses, I was deeply saddened. Some merely said, “good riddance.” Others mourned that Mrs. Moore left the SBC and openly expressed their great love and appreciation for her. Neither of those was where I ultimately landed. If you truly loved Beth Moore, you wouldn't kick her to the curb or fawn over her, you would call her to repentance.

The Impetus for Moore's Departure

A RNS article broke the news of Beth Moore's departure from the SBC. It levied the charge that her view of Donald Trump and women preaching were the impetus. They argued as if these were the central issues that gave people pause over Mrs. Moore. However, this was not true for me.

First, my responses in 2016 to Donald Trump were almost identical to Beth Moore's, and I was very vocal about it. I considered Trump's treatment of women to be appalling and his claim to be pro-life highly doubtful. I was disturbed by those in the SBC who quickly hitched their political wagons to such a man and I did not cast my vote for him. While I am thankful that Trump ended up governing

in ways that did not reflect my initial concerns, I continue to believe that he is not a role model for any Christian nor should he be hailed as a type of savior.

Second, it is true that I greatly differ with Beth Moore on the role of women in the church. I believe women are not called by God to be preachers in the pulpit to men. Mine is not an isolated position. This is a long-time held belief of the SBC, and was a major issue in the conservative resurgence. It has been the prevailing view throughout church history. Most importantly, it is the very teaching of Scripture: “I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet” (1 Tim 2:12).

However, the fact that Beth Moore joyfully promotes herself as a woman who preaches to men is only the tip of the iceberg of her problematic positions. The errors of her teaching are well documented and reach far beyond Sunday morning preaching.

Allow me to highlight just a few:

1. Beth Moore claims to hear God's voice and receive visions.
2. Beth Moore promotes false teachers like Joel Osteen, Christine Caine, and Joyce Meyer.
3. Beth Moore claims God gave her a vision that Roman Catholics are her “brothers and sisters” in Christ.
4. Beth Moore teaches that we can receive direct messages from God.
5. Beth Moore has retracted her previous statements about homosexuality and refuses to make her position on this matter clear.

Simply put, Beth Moore's teaching is theologically unsound in a plethora of ways. We should be concerned with all who have been victims of her false teaching throughout the years and that the SBC facilitated this travesty.

The SBC's Failure to Beth Moore

Beth Moore is a perfect example of what is wrong with the SBC. If the SBC were healthy, the RNS story would not have been that Beth Moore had severed ties with Lifeway, but that Lifeway had severed ties with Beth Moore.

Where the SBC ultimately failed Beth Moore was its unwillingness to hold her accountable and call her to repentance for her doctrinal error. It is tragic that so

many big names in the SBC and in evangelicalism have done little to nothing to correct her and continue to give her a platform to propagate her false teaching. This is the greatest disrespect that Beth Moore has received from men in the SBC.

I sincerely wish Mrs. Moore had repented rather than left. But if she refuses to repent, I am glad she is gone from the SBC. Sadly, leaving the SBC won't fix what is wrong with Beth Moore. It may likely only send her more quickly down the road towards apostasy. It also won't fix what is wrong with the SBC in its perpetual unwillingness to openly deal with those who drift into theological error – both men and women.

Our hearts should not ultimately break that Beth Moore has left the SBC, but that she left a soundness of doctrine. Rather than mourn her recent departure from the SBC, we should mourn that she long ago departed from areas of the “faith which was once for all handed down to the saints” – and that few seemed to care. The most pressing question for the SBC is not how Beth Moore could ever come to the point of leaving the convention, but why it failed to love her enough to call her to repentance.



Judge blocks SC abortion ban while court fights continue; Groups who sued respond

—by Adam Mintzer and Patrick Phillips

COLUMBIA, S.C. (WCSC) - The two groups that filed a federal lawsuit seeking an injunction against South Carolina's newly-passed abortion ban are reacting to a judge's decision to grant it.

The statements came the same morning after U.S. District Judge Mary Geiger Lewis filed an injunction Friday morning to prevent the South Carolina Fetal Heartbeat and Protection from Abortion Act from being enforced, saying Gov. Henry McMaster's arguments for enacting the law “without merit.”

“Plaintiffs are likely to succeed on their claim that the act is unconstitutional,” Lewis wrote in the order, adding “plaintiffs’ patients are likely to suffer irreparable injury absent a preliminary injunction.”

Gov. Henry McMaster did not respond directly to Friday morning's earlier, but spokesman Brian Symmes referred requests for comments to McMaster's statement last week on Twitter.

“That’s a fight worth having right there. The right to life is very important,” McMaster said on his Twitter account. “This state is overwhelmingly in favor of that bill, and we will do whatever it takes – however long it takes – to see that the right to life is protected in South Carolina.”

Plaintiffs who sued state release statements on injunction

Planned Parenthood South Atlantic President and CEO Jenny Black released the following statement Friday morning:

Planned Parenthood South Atlantic will never stop fighting to keep abortion safe and legal. Today we celebrate the court’s decision on behalf of our patients who can continue to come to us, their trusted health care provider, to access abortion and other essential health services. We urge Gov. McMaster to take heed of the court’s decision and focus on improving health outcomes for people in South Carolina rather than attempting to ban abortion or restrict access to health care.

The Greenville Women’s Clinic released this statement:

It’s hard to believe our elected officials would choose to make banning abortion their first priority while South Carolinians are suffering through the COVID-19 pandemic. We are relieved the court has kept this law blocked. For now, we can continue providing time-sensitive, essential abortion care for pregnant people in our state.

As written, the law is said to prevent most abortions in the state. It would block doctors from performing an abortion when a fetal heartbeat is detected, which normally happens as early as about six weeks into a pregnancy. Doctors or health-care providers who perform an abortion in violation of the law could face a felony charge with a \$10,000 fine, two years in jail or both.

The bill includes exceptions for rape, incest, fetal anomalies and threats to the health of the mother. The bill also stipulates that doctors must give the sheriff the patient’s contact info within 24 hours if an abortion is performed on a woman who was pregnant as a result of rape or incest.

Judge addresses political concerns in order

President Barack Obama appointed Lewis as a judge for the South Carolina Dis-

trict, something she addressed in the 22-page ruling.

“The Court is well aware some may think the politics of the President who appointed it, and not the law, not the Court’s sleepless nights, and not its herculean efforts to get it right, is a consideration and serves as a barometer as to how this Court would rule upon the abortion question presented here,” she wrote. “And, unwittingly or not, the media tends to feed this narrative by often noting the name of the President who appointed the federal judge assigned to a particularly divisive matter such as this. But, such a suggestion is misinformed at best, and highly offensive at worst. We judges are not politicians in robes.”

Lewis wrote the case does not “present a close call” over the question of whether an injunction is appropriate.

“In fact, based on the law, the Court is unable to fathom how another court could decide this issue differently than how this Court has decided it,” she wrote. “As such, it is confident no reviewing court will conclude the Court has abused its discretion in granting Plaintiff’s request for a preliminary injunction to stay the enforcement of the unconstitutional Act.”

“When the history of the District of South Carolina Court is written, it will show that we were neither liberals nor conservatives, Democrats nor Republicans. It will instead establish that we did our level best to follow the law. That is certainly what the Court has done here,” Lewis concluded before granting the injunction. Lawsuit filed before bill’s ceremonial signing last month

McMaster signed the bill into law at the Statehouse in Columbia on Feb. 18. By the time he sat down for the bill’s ceremonial signing, two groups, Planned Parenthood South Atlantic and Greenville Women’s Clinic, had already filed a lawsuit seeking an injunction.

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South Carolina's law, nicknamed the "fetal heartbeat law," is similar to abortion restriction laws that a dozen states have previously passed. All were stopped from taking effect and currently are tied up in court. Federal law, which takes precedence over state law, currently allows abortion.

Critics have argued that some mothers don't learn they are pregnant until around the same time a fetal heartbeat could first be detected.

Also Read:

Medical experts tell the New York Times they don't know where the 6-foot social distance rule came from and that it's not "sensical", by Peter Heck

<https://disrn.com/news/medical-experts-tell-the-new-york-times-they-dont-know-where-the-6-foot-social-distance-rule-came-from-and-that-its-not-sensical>

Other News:

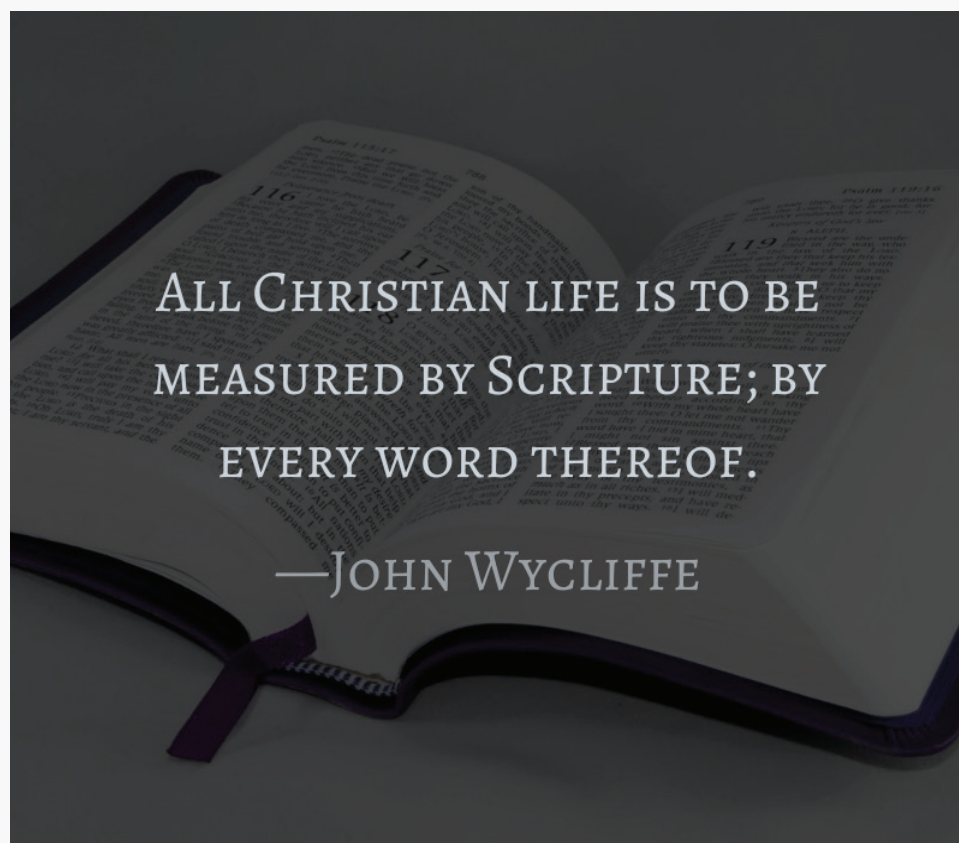
SCOTUS rules college that stopped Christian student from sharing faith violated First Amendment— <https://disrn.com//news/scotus-rules-college-that-stopped-christian-student-from-sharing-faith-violated-first-amendment>

Retailers Will Be Fined \$1,000 for Having Separate Boys, Girls Sections under New California Bill— <https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/milton-quintanilla/retailers-will-be-fined-1000-for-having-separate-boys-girls-sections-under-new-california-bill.html>

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/>

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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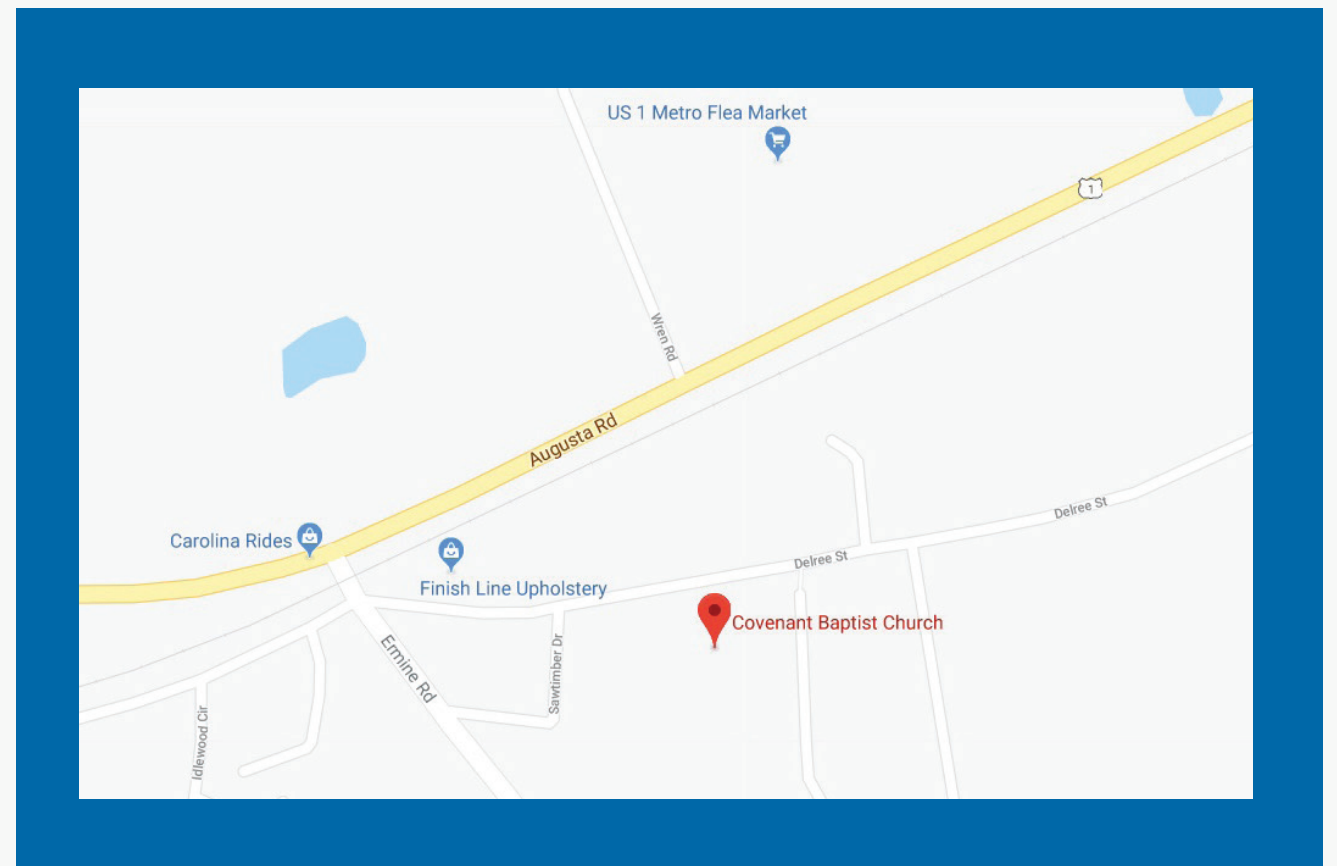
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Location:



*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.*