



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

April 11th, 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

(April 11th, 2021)

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 92:1-5

O Worship the King—135

Scripture Reading: James 1:1-18

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus—179

Speak, O Lord—368

Message: The Catastrophic Choice of the Jews and the
Cowardly Choice of Pilate—John 18:37-19:9

Prayer and Benediction

We Will Glorify —97

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On-Call Deacon List:

- April 11: Kyzer
- April 18: Waddell
- April 25: Lucas

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- April 17: Allen/Steele
- April 24: Crapps/McSween
- May 1: 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

Important Event: Please mark your calendar, invite everyone and plan to attend. Thanks to the courageous work of State Representative Jonathon Hill, Covenant Baptist and Grace Covenant Church of Rock Hill are able to have the opportunity to participate in sponsoring the Abolish Abortion Rally

Where: SC State House, Columbia, SC

When: May 4th, 10am-12pm

Speakers: Jeff Durbin of End Abortion Now, State Representative Jonathon Hill, and Mark Corral of Grace Covenant Church of Rock Hill, SC. Additionally, for our Wednesday evening service May 5th at 7pm, Pastor Jeff Durbin will be speaking on the topic of abortion. Please invite all you know to both of these important events.

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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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The final two spaces for the orphan girls were filled in the girls house in Guntur, India on March 29. Their photos will appear overhead shortly. Pray also that the financial support for the last 10 girls would be provided (\$41 per month). Additionally, Pastor Prabhu's computer laptop has seen its last days. This is our main mode of contact. If you would like to help with the cost of replacing the old one please earmark checks or envelopes 'computer'. Thank you from the Elders.

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Covenant Classical Christian School is seeking teachers for 2nd and 4th grades, and also for teachers in the subjects of Literature, History, and Bible in the Upper School for the 2021-2022 school year and beyond. Experience in classical Christian education is desired; however, support and instruction for teaching in a classical Christian school will be provided to those new and continuing in CCE. Interested candidates should contact Headmaster, Patsy Hinton at phinton@covenantcs.org or 803-790-5100

Covenant Baptist Church Events

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Greek Class—On hold

Biblical Counseling Class—On hold

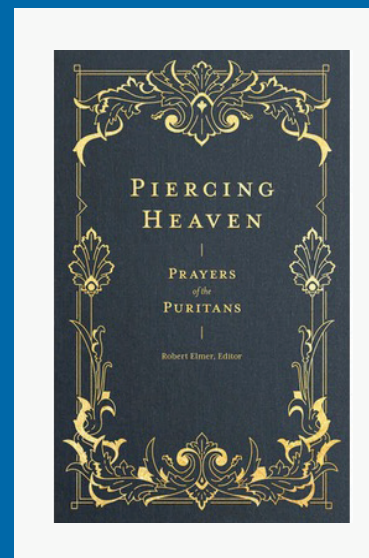
Second Sunday Dinner—April 11th. Please plan to bring a dish to share and stay for the fellowship. Also remember that we usually have visitors who stay for the meal, and you are encouraged to bring more than a small side dish so that there is plenty to go around.

Book of the Week: Piercing Heaven: Prayers of the Puritans by Robert Elmer (ed.)

The Puritan combination of warm piety and careful intellect have fueled a renaissance of interest in their movement. This combination is on display in Piercing Heaven, a collection of carefully selected prayers from leading Puritans. The language in these prayers has been slightly updated for a modern audience while retaining the elevated tone of the Puritans. With prayers from Richard Baxter, Thomas Brooks, John Owen, and many more, each entry reminds us that heartfelt prayer is central to the Christian life.

Purchase at:

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/piercing-heaven-prayers-of-the-puritans-elmer-ed.html>





Two Habits of Successful Parents

—*Tim Challies*

Chap Bettis recently wrote about a phenomenon he has observed in today's young parents—one Aileen and I have often discussed as well. "Many parents are reluctant and even resistant to asking advice about their parenting. While others can see blind spots, the parents themselves remain... blind to them." That is one side of the equation—young parents aren't asking seasoned parents for input or assistance.

The other side of the equation is that seasoned parents are reluctant to address concerns or offer assistance, even when they see those significant blind spots. This must not be a new phenomenon since many years ago J.C. Ryle said, "I would rather correct a man about anything than his parenting." Older parents who have experience to draw upon and counsel to offer are loathe to speak up without invitation. And the invitations rarely come.

Bettis and a friend offer a number of possible explanations, especially as they pertain to parents failing to seek counsel in the area of corrective discipline. But I've got some conjecture of my own. I would like to offer an explanation related to the fact that today's parents are the first generation to have grown up and then begun to raise their children in a fully digital world.

The Decline of the Expert

Today many people across many fields are lamenting the decline of the expert and the demise of expertise. It's increasingly true that authority has little connection to accomplishment. Tom Nichols says rightly that we are seeing "a Google-fueled, Wikipedia-based, blog-sodden collapse of any division between professionals and laymen, students and teachers, knowers and wonderers—in other words, between those of any achievement in an area and those with none at all." Today's young parents have been raised to have a different view of expertise—a view that has been fostered by the egalitarian nature of the Internet. And it is inevitably working its way out in their parenting.

This connects to young parents in a couple of ways.

First, young parents are more likely to ask Google their questions than to ask people in their community. It's easier and more normal for them to bang those questions into their phone or computer than to take them to church and to ask them there. And then when they find answers to their questions, it's often in the context of online "communities" of other people who are going through similar issues. This gives them a connection to other people encountering the same ordeals and going through the same stage of life.

Second, young parents are more likely to seek and find answers from "peer experts" than from older "non-experts." In today's mindset, experts are not those who have successfully raised children to adulthood, but those who have successfully published blogs, books, and podcasts, even if they themselves have not yet successfully raised children to adulthood. Thus a young mom is more likely to seek the counsel of another young mom who has an online following than the counsel of an older mom who does not.

Here's how this works out. A young mom who is struggling with potty training or a toddler's temper tantrums is likely to take her questions online. When she does that, she is likely to find a blog or podcast begun by other young moms who are also dealing with potty training or toddler temper tantrums. The bloggers or podcasters have gained a following because of the questions they are asking, suggestions they are making, and vulnerability they are showing. This gives them a kind of authority that causes the young mom to trust and follow them. She joins into their form of social media community and they attempt to solve these problems

together. And while this scenario may be particularly true of young moms, it's also true of young dads struggling with fathering and of young couples struggling with marriage.

And while gladly acknowledging there is value in many of those blogs, books, and podcasts, I think there is a better way. I think every young family would do well to implement two habits.

Here is the first habit: find families who have successfully raised children to adulthood, then ask them to tell you how they did it. It's simple. Just say, "We want our children to be like your children some day. Can we come over so you can tell us how we can have that?" The problem with "peer experts" is that while they have proven they can successfully gain a following as they talk about parenting, they haven't proven any substantial success in actual parenting. It's not that hard to raise a child to five or ten years old and to have that child appear happy and healthy and obedient. But we don't really get a substantial assessment of our parenting until our children are well into their teens or twenties—until they've pretty much been launched into life. Many of the most successful parents have never launched a blog or podcast or otherwise spoken publicly about their parenting. Find those people, especially in your local church, and learn from them. It's as simple as finding kids who you'd be proud to call your own, then inviting yourself into the lives of their parents.

Here's the second habit: find families who have successfully raised children to adulthood, then invite them to tell you what they observe in your children and in your parenting. Invite them to observe you and invite them to speak freely of both your strengths and weaknesses. This will be a display of the trait of humility. An even bigger display of the trait of humility will be to listen patiently and without defensiveness when they point out a concern in your children or a flaw in the way you are raising them. But if they have raised children to become well-grounded and godly adults, why wouldn't you want to seek, welcome, and consider their counsel? Why would you prefer the counsel of people whom you don't really know and people who don't have nearly the track-record of success?

There are few tasks you will undertake in life that are more important than raising children. It is an incredible honor that God allows us to create, birth, and raise other human beings made in his image. With this incredible honor comes great responsibility. You're unlikely to fulfill this task well, or as well as you could have,

without the input of the community God has given you. So take advantage of it! Learn to implement these basic habits of successful parents.



'Victory for Children': Arkansas Becomes 1st State to Ban Transgender Surgery, Hormones on Kids

—by Michael Foust

Arkansas on Tuesday became the first state to ban gender transition procedures for children and teens when its legislature overrode a veto of a bill by the governor, who had rejected the bill one day earlier.

The bill, known as the “Arkansas Save Adolescents from Experimentation (SAFE) Act,” became law by passing the state House 71-24 and the Senate, 25-8.

“Our children stand as pawns right now. They’re minors and they’re children and they need to be protected” from the medical profession, said state Rep. Robin Lundstrum, a bill sponsor. “Even medicine sometimes is wrong. We should never experiment on children. Ever.”

Opponents are expected to file suit to try and overturn the new law.

The bill states: “A physician or other healthcare professional shall not provide gender transition procedures to any individual under eighteen (18) years of age.” It defines “gender transition procedures” as the use of puberty-blocking drugs, cross-

sex hormones, or “genital or nongenital gender reassignment surgery performed for the purpose of assisting an individual with a gender transition.” Doctors and other medical personnel who violate the new law could lose their license.

“Arkansas has a compelling government interest in protecting the health and safety of its citizens, especially vulnerable children,” the bill’s legislative findings say.

GOP Gov. Asa Hutchinson vetoed the bill on Monday. Republicans control the House and Senate.

The bill cites studies that say the majority of gender-nonconforming children “come to identify with their biological sex in adolescence or adulthood, thereby rendering most physiological interventions unnecessary.”

The legislative findings criticize the use of cross-sex hormones, saying there have been “no randomized clinical trials” examining “the efficacy or safety” of cross-sex hormones in adults or children “for the purpose of treating such distress or gender transition.”

Further, the legislative findings also assert that society’s embrace of transgenderism has not benefited those who identify as transgender.

“Even among people who have undergone inpatient gender reassignment procedures, suicide rates, psychiatric morbidities, and mortality rates remain markedly elevated above the background population,” the legislative findings say.

Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council, applauded the legislature for passing the bill. He called it a “victory for children.”

“The state of Arkansas has taken the lead in the race to protect children from a political movement that advocates for using off-label drugs and experimental procedures on minors,” Perkins said.

Other News:

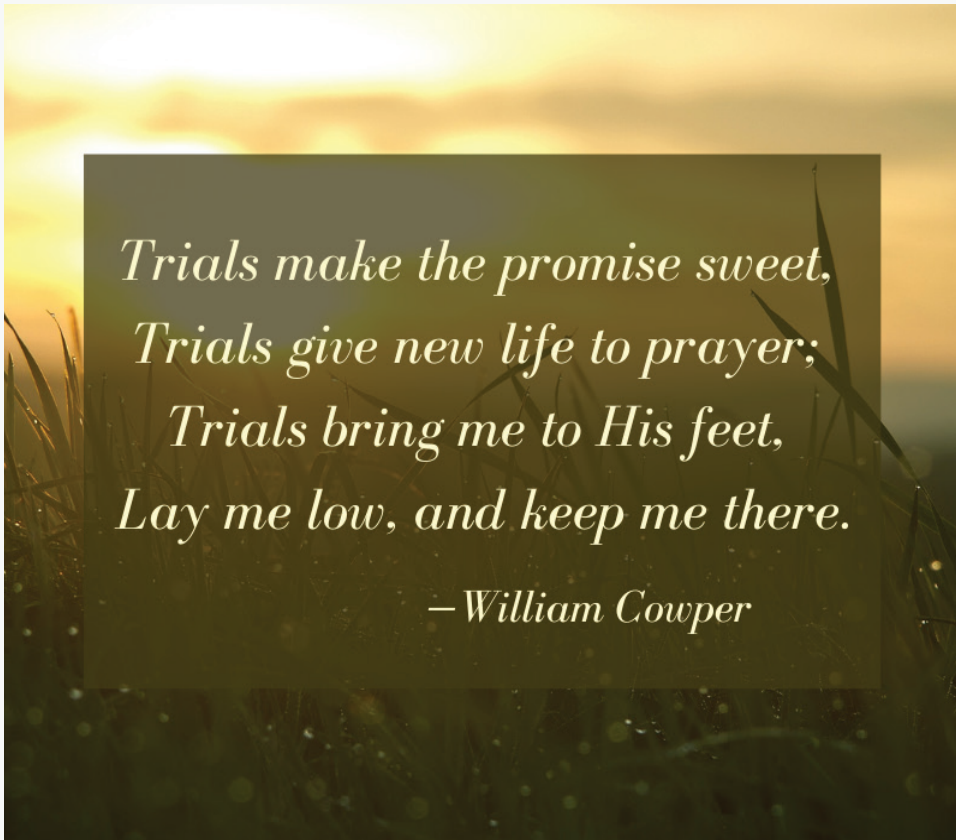
Voddie Baucham suffers recovery setback with new heart surgery—
<https://www.christianpost.com/news/voddie-baucham-suffers-recovery-setback-with-new-heart-surgery.html>

White House Signals Openness to Adding a Third Gender to Official Documents—<https://disrn.com//news/white-house-signals-openness-to-adding-third-gender-to-official-documents>

Judge blocks SC abortion ban from being enacted while court fights continue—<https://www.wistv.com/2021/03/19/judge-blocks-sc-abortion-ban-being-enacted-while-court-fights-continue/>

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>

Quote of the Week:



*Trials make the promise sweet,
Trials give new life to prayer;
Trials bring me to His feet,
Lay me low, and keep me there.*

— William Cowper

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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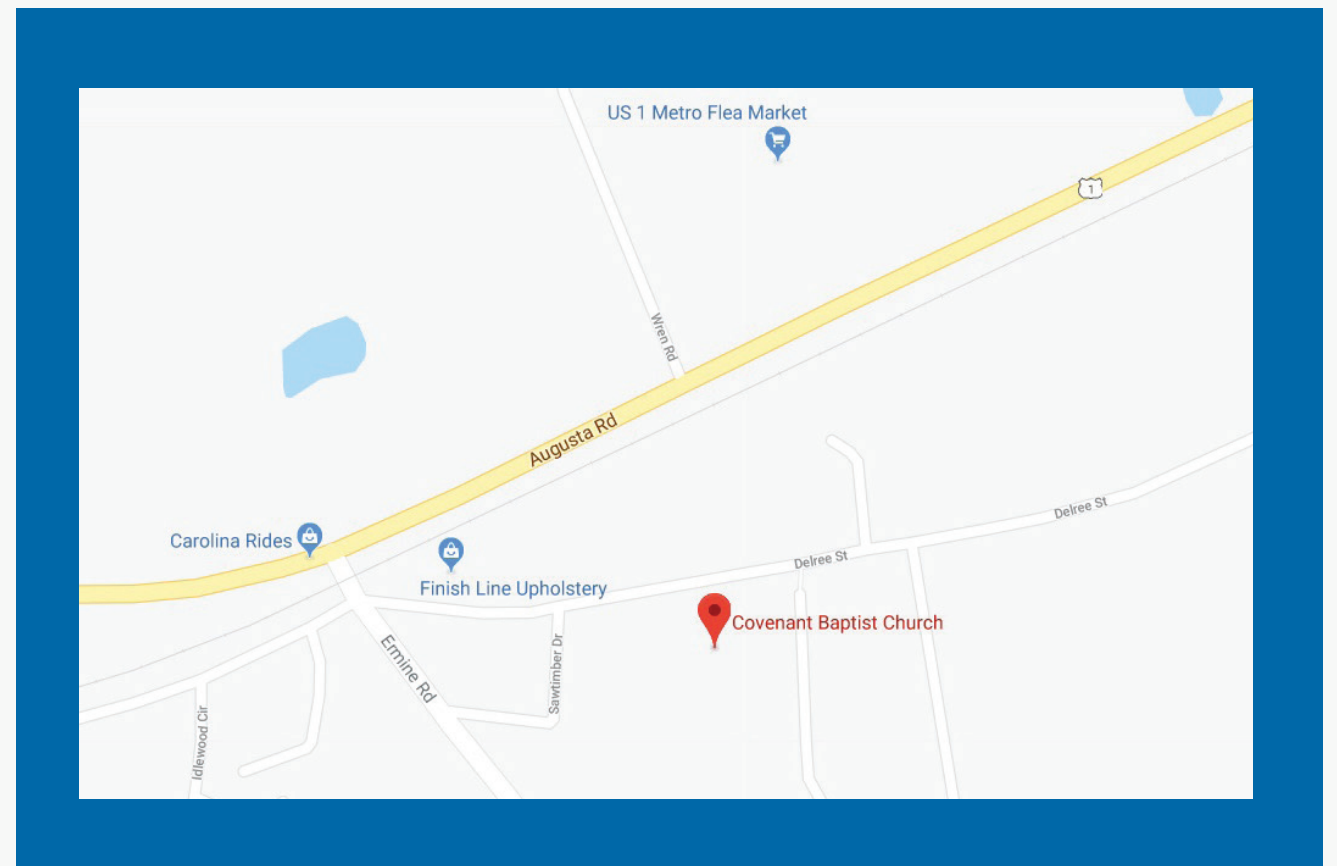
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Location:



*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.*