



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

May 2nd, 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

(May 2nd, 2021)

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-7

Crown Him with Many Crowns—129

Scripture Reading: James 2:14-26

O Breath of God—442

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery—184

Message:

From Gabbatha to Golgatha
From Judgment to Crucifixion
Part 2—
John 19:12-18

Prayer and Benediction

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah—61

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On-Call Deacon List:

- May 2: Egan
- May 9: Rogers
- May 16: Shumpert

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- May 8: Bristol
- May 15: Shumpert/Smoak
- May 22: 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

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 are going fishing May 7th and by His grace we will catch fish. Please see Bobby and let him know you want to come and enjoy the Lord's creation, fishing, fellowship, food and the joy of seeing a young person catch their first fish. The address is 799 Confederate Lane, Cameron, South Carolina. You can GPS easily. Any problems please call Bobby at 803-707-1040. There will be green surveyors tape marking the way. We hope to start fishing at 3 pm. We will have someone to help you clean them.

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We will have a homeschool curriculum & supply buy/sell/trade/free event on May 15th from 9:30am-noon in the fellowship hall. Please bring your materials anytime between now and May 15th and drop them off in the bookstore (look for the labeled tubs). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kerri Olds at 843-819-5080.

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Thanks to the generosity of the many of you, our mortgage has gone from \$160,845.66 to \$127,826.47. If we haven't had an opportunity to give yet and you would like to help us pay this off so we can look forward to building more room, we would be very thankful. 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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Please continue to pray for supporters for 10 girls in the orphanage in Guntur, India that have not as of yet received the \$41 per month support. Everything has been going well with the boys and the girls orphanages with this exception. Thank you all for the help that you have given to bring these children off the streets of India. Please see Alton for more details, or sign up to support an orphan on the blue pad on the foyer table.

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: Autobiography—by C. H. Spurgeon

The enduring value of the C.H. Spurgeon Autobiography lies in its record of God's grace. Through out these pages the Saviour stands above the servant. That Christ is worthy of a devotion and a service incomparably greater than any redeemed sinner can render is the supreme lesson of the book.

'In his heart', wrote Archibald Brown, 'Jesus stood unapproached, unrivalled. He worshipped Him; he adored Him. He was our Lord's delighted captive.' Whatever Spurgeon did he did it for Christ. None can read these pages without being indelibly impressed with the author's words, 'there is no time for serving the Lord like the very earliest days of youth.'

Purchase at:

<https://banneroftruth.org/us/store/history-biography/c-h-spurgeon-autobiography/>





Faith Plus Works Doesn't Work

—Jordan Standridge

Nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified. —Gal. 2:16

Judgment day is coming.

God has already determined the moment of your last breath on earth. That moment is fast approaching and then you will be instantly judged. (Heb. 9:27)

We will all stand before God one day soon and will give an account of our lives. We will all fall short of the standard of God to make it to Heaven (Matt. 5:48) and we will all be given guilty sentences.

Some though, through the mercy of God will be allowed entry into Heaven. Those who will have put their faith in Jesus Christ.

The question though is, what does it mean to put our faith in Christ?

We all know people who say they believe in Jesus, but then their life remains unchanged. That is not saving faith.

On the other hand we all know people who say they believe in Jesus but when asked about judgment day they might say something like:

“I’m a good person”.

“I’ve done more good than bad”.

“I was baptized as a child”.

“I confess my sins to the priest”.

“I’ve done good works”.

Sadly, anyone who utters these words is without saving faith as well.

Having faith in Christ means that you believe that Jesus has saved you from all your sins in an instant.

Having faith in Christ means that you believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sins, because of the fact that you couldn’t save yourself.

Having faith in Christ means that you believe that salvation is through faith in Christ alone.

And the Bible is clear that salvation is by faith alone.

Hebrews 11 makes this point over and over again.

“Without faith it is impossible to please God”, shouts the writer of Hebrews in Hebrews 11:6.

It goes on to say that Noah “became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.” Hebrews 11:7

The chapter goes on describing that it was the faith of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses and the countless who came after them that saved them. Not their

works.

Elsewhere in scripture, Paul says that faith is a gift of God and salvation must be apart from works or we could boast one day that we got ourselves to Heaven. (Eph 2:8-9)

Anywhere salvation happens in the Bible it is not a process, but it happens in an instant when someone puts their faith in Christ. (Luke 19:9, Acts 8:37, Acts 16:31, Acts 9:20, Luke 23:43)

When someone adds works to faith, then they don't have any faith at all. It's not that they have some faith, or that there are degrees of faith, when it comes to salvation it is all or nothing.

The Bible describes faith as confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see (Heb. 11:1). In other words faith is certainty even though it has not happened yet. There is nothing less certain than adding works to salvation.

Faith plus works doesn't work.

Let's say you buy a phone at the store. The reason you love this phone is because it is very reliable, "it just doesn't break". But then, when it comes to check out time, the person at the counter offers you the insurance and you decide to buy it just in case. Do you actually have faith in the product? No, it is a lack of trust in the maker. It is not complete faith.

If you stand before God on judgment day, and you are trusting in anything other than Jesus' righteousness, then you are not trusting in Jesus.

Jesus demanded complete trust.

In John 14:6 He says that He is THE way, THE truth and THE life, and that no man can go to the father but through Him. Adding works slaps Jesus in the face.

In Matthew 11:28 Jesus says, "Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." He wants people to stop doing works to earn salvation and instead to simply put their faith in Him.

Finally in John 6:28-29 he is asked straight out, "What are we to do, so that we may accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

The Bible is clear that Faith alone in the messiah is what it takes to get to Heaven, and that adding any works as a reason to merit Heaven, not only is a slap in the face to Jesus, but ultimately is a sign that the faith is not there at all.

While James rightly reminds us (James 2:14-26) that a lack of works means that there is no saving faith (or in other words that someone without works hasn't truly been born-again), We must also remember that a trust in works also means that saving faith is missing. You can't be born again and not believe in instant salvation! Works demands a process of salvation. Works demands a lack of trust in Jesus' ability to save. Works says "I do not trust you Jesus!"

One of the saddest things that I think often about is the fact that so many of us are wrong about how it will go for our loved ones on judgment day.

Because of our love for them and our desire to see them go to heaven we assume that they will be ok on that day.

So many of you have neighbors, friends and family, who say that they have faith, but you know that they do not. And yet, you suppress that truth. You ignore it. You've learned to live with it. Perhaps you might actually wonder if they might be genuinely saved. Perhaps you've created a new way to Heaven just for them.

The fact of the matter is that if your loved one trusts in their goodness, they are unsaved. They are on their way to hell. They are still at war with their creator (Rom. 8:7), whose standard is perfection (Matt. 5:48), and who was willing to crush His Son on the cross for sin (Isaiah 53:10). You must get beyond the surface, and actually think about these truths.

I know that it is uncomfortable, it is tragic to think of a loved one in hell, but for their sake and for yours you must think about it. It might mean an uncomfortable conversation, it might mean the loss of a relationship, it might mean uncomfortable thanksgivings, but for the love of God and for the sake of eternity it is imperative that you consider these things.

One day when we stand before God, we will only be allowed entrance into Heaven if we have faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross. We will deserve hell, and yet, get heaven. We will owe an eternal debt, and yet share in God's inheritance.

We must preach this Gospel to all and beg people to forsake their futile works and fully trust in Jesus.

Also Read:

Minnesota attorney general: No evidence of racial bias in George Floyd's death

<https://disrn.com/news/minnesota-attorney-general-who-prosecuted-derek-chauvin-no-evidence-of-racial-bias-in-george-floyds-death>



U.N. puts dangerous Iranian regime on Women's Rights Commission

—by Sara A. Carter

If there is ever a moment to see the true hypocrisy of the United Nations and its failed mission on human rights all one needs to do is look at the decision made this past week to put the extremist cult like regime of Iran on its Women's Rights Commission.

What makes this far worse, is that allegedly the United States, along with possibly other western nations, voted to include Iran, as well. It is impossible, however, to know for certain due to the secret vote that took place to put Iran on the commission.

Moreover, the United States under President Joe Biden's administration, has remained eerily quiet on the matter and has not spoken out – nor did it protest the action, according to Voice of America. Many human rights activists have expressed outrage over the decision.

The result of the secret ballot also has been met with silence from the U.S.

In Tuesday's vote, 43 of the 54 nations in the U.N.'s Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) elected Iran to the Commission on the Status of Women for a four-year term beginning next year. The commission is the U.N.'s principal intergovernmental body dedicated to "the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women."

Iran received the smallest number of votes of the five nations elected to the body. Of the other four elected nations, China and Japan were already commission members while Lebanon and Pakistan will be new additions. Iran currently is not a member of the commission.

Iran's poor record on women's rights was under fire at the world body as recently as last month. —Voice of America

Masih Alinejad, an Iranian human rights activist, warned on Twitter of the horrors women are subjected to under the Iranian regime.

"Look at her face," she tweeted, showing a photo of a young Iranian woman who was disfigured with acid by those accusing her of wearing her hijab (head covering) inappropriately. "This week the U.N. Elected those who three acid on her face for wearing 'inappropriate hijab' to its top Women's Rights Commission. Women of my country Iran are disappointed at the U.N. Don't legitimize a misogynist regime."

This administration should be ashamed of itself for not standing up for human rights and dignity. But then again, the only thing this administration appears to be concerned with when it comes to Iran, is reinstating the failed Iranian nuclear deal established under President Obama and rescinded by President Trump. At least, that's my opinion on the matter.

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Don't legitimize a misogynist regime. @antonioguterres @Nazhatskhan pic.twitter.com/bNAFsU87Ct

— Masih Alinejad (@AlinejadMasih) April 24, 2021

Other News:

NYC School Pushes Students To Stop Saying 'Mom,' 'Dad,' 'Parents,' Referring To People By Gender—<https://www.dailywire.com/news/nyc-school-pushes-students-to-stop-saying-mom-dad-parents-referring-to-people-by-gender>

SCARY Pentagon Scientist Says They Have Created A Microchip That Needs to Be Implanted Under Your Skin Which Senses COVID-19 in Your Body— <https://thedcpatriot.com/scary-pentagon-scientist-says-they-have-created-a-microchip-that-needs-to-be-implanted-under-your-skin-which-senses-covid-19-in-your-body/>

'Victory for Children': Arkansas Becomes 1st State to Ban Transgender Surgery, Hormones on Kids— <https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/michael-foust/victory-for-children-ark-becomes-1st-state-to-ban-transgender-surgery-and-hormones-on-kids.html>

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

Quote of the Week:

SEEK NOT TO GROW IN KNOWLEDGE
CHIEFLY FOR THE SAKE OF
APPLAUSE, AND TO ENABLE YOU TO
DISPUTE WITH OTHERS; BUT SEEK IT
FOR THE BENEFIT OF YOUR SOULS.

JONATHAN EDWARDS

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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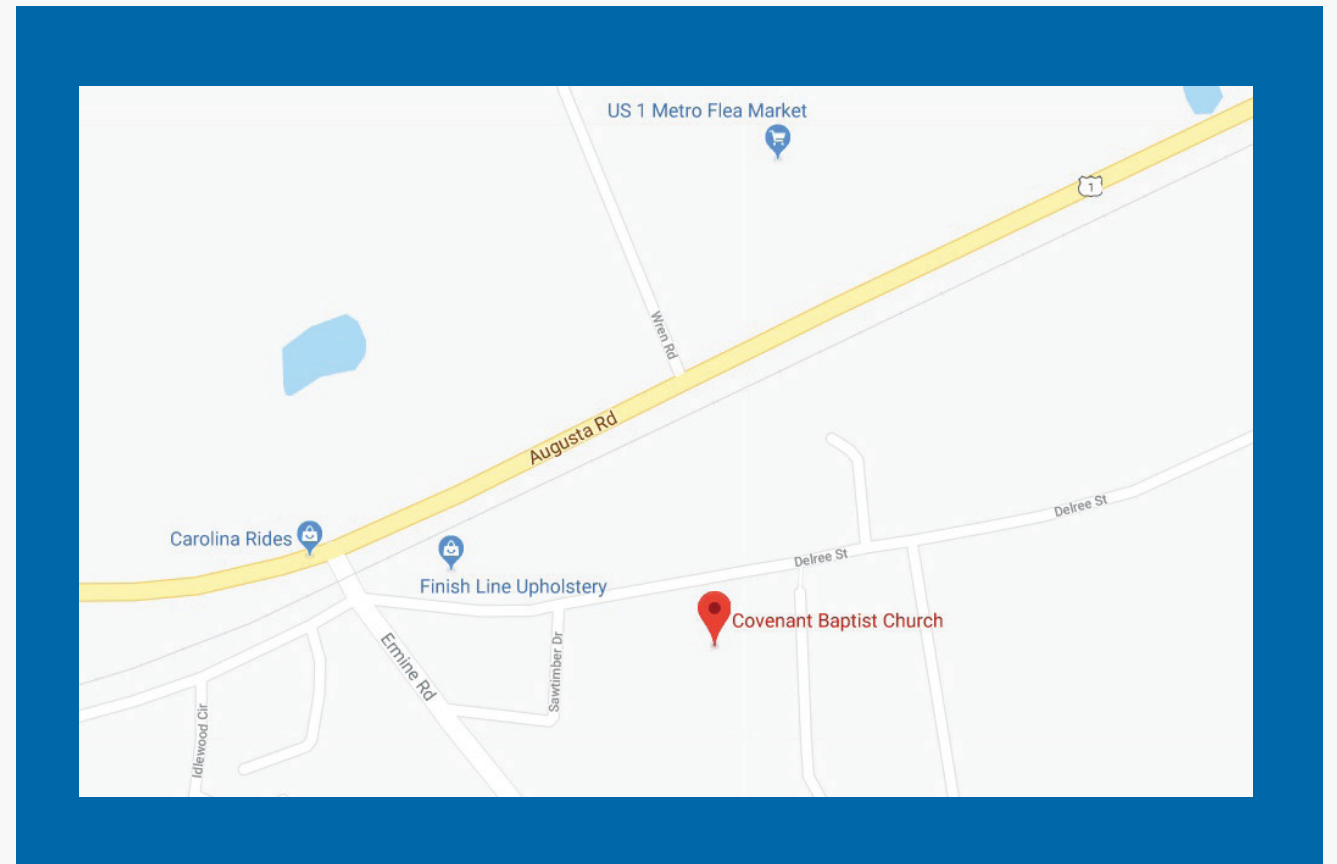
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Location:



*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.*