



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

May 9th, 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

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Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1-6

How Firm a Foundation—364

Scripture Reading: James 3:1-18

Be Thou My Vision—176

His Forever—156

Message:

Amazing Declarations at the Crucifixion
— John 19:16-30

Prayer and Benediction

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On-Call Deacon List:

- May 9: Rogers
- May 16: Shumpert
- May 23: Smoak

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- May 15: Shumpert/Smoak
- May 22: Bristol
- May 29: Olds/Shealy

Church Bookstore:

Purchases (cash only) can be made by seeing Annsley or Cristan Smoak, or following the instructions left near the bookstore entrance.

Announcements

Happy Mother's Day!

“The woman who makes a sweet, beautiful home, filling it with love and prayer and purity, is doing something better than anything else her hands could find to do beneath the skies. A true mother is one of the holiest secrets of home happiness. God sends many beautiful things to this world, many noble gifts; but no blessing is richer than that which He bestows in a mother who has learned love's lessons well, and has realized something of the meaning of her sacred calling.”—J.R. Miller, (Secrets of Happy Home Life, 1894)

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We would like to thank the over 80 people from CBC, both parents and children, that came to the rally this past Tuesday at the Capitol to support the abolition of abortion in SC. We are so thankful for your commitment to this important issue. May God continue to use your voices as we stand against this horrible crime of killing innocent children in SC to end it permanently.

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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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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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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

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.

Greek Class—On hold

Biblical Counseling Class—On hold

Second Sunday Dinner—Cancelled for Mothers' Day

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/>





Guest Post: I'd Rather Be with You: An Open Letter to My Children

— Courtney Feulner

In a world where children are seen not as a blessing, but an inconvenience, I want you to know:

I'd rather be with you, my darlings.

While others are getting their eight hours of blissful slumber, and I wake for the third time with tired groans (and bags under my eyes), secretly,

I'd rather be with you.

When you greet me before the first morning light with sleepy eyes and wobbly steps, and other moms are off to their morning work-outs, I know this time is fleeting, so

I'd rather be with you.

While other kids your age are carted off from one activity to another, I know your time will come, but for now,

I'd rather be with you.

While other couples are trekking across the globe and taking adventurous trips, just the two of them, I look out and see you playing without a care in the world, and I smile because I know my time will come, and if given the choice,
I'd rather be with you.

When my name is on the invitation, and yours are not,
I'd rather be with you, my loves.

While career-woman chases financial freedom and grasps for the next rung, I consider her little ones who foot the bill. Money can't buy what I have, so
I'd rather be with you, my sweet babies.

When you throw tantrums, big and stubborn like your personality, I laugh and cry because you're cute and naughty, but I remember that this is all shaping who you are and who you will become. Even on the days when my wherewithal has been through it all, still,
I'd rather be with you.

When you make messes that I've cleaned up a million times already, and oh the piles of laundry, I recall how empty and vain it was before, and my heart knows that

I'd rather be with you.

When you come running with your ceramic mugs shouting, "Tea! Tea!" as I just sit down to enjoy my only-hot-for-so-long coffee,

I'd rather have it lukewarm and be with you.

When your eyes grow wide with excitement over a big story, and I try to hide my laughter and take you seriously (but I can't because you're too funny!), yes,

I'd rather be with you.

You see, the transient things, they come and they go, but you are a priceless gift! Without you I wouldn't know the true satisfaction, the lasting blessing, the deep joy that comes from dying to self and living for others. You help me to see the gospel more clearly.

When I look into your wonder-filled eyes, when I truly take the time, and realize how much older you look than yesterday, oh my, how
I'd much rather be with you!

So, my little sweethearts, when the world doesn't welcome you, this one thing I need you to know:

I'd always rather be with you.

Also Read:

Pricey Manhattan Catholic Prep School Promotes False Gender Ideology

<https://thefederalist.com/2021/04/30/exclusive-pricey-manhattan-catholic-prep-school-makes-students-undergo-gender-ideology-training/>



Columbia could become first SC city to ban controversial conversion therapy

—*Stephen Fastenau*

COLUMBIA — The city of Columbia could become the first city in the state to ban conversion therapy on minors, the controversial practice of trying to change a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity.

Twenty states ban the practice and numerous local governments throughout the country, though none in South Carolina.

Columbia City Council unanimously passed the measure on a first vote May 4. A second and final vote could come later in May.

The ordinance would make it illegal for licensed therapists and counselors in the city to professionally practice on those younger than 18 conversion or reparative therapy that seeks to change someone’s sexual orientation or gender identity. Violating the rule would be a civil infraction punishable by a fine up to \$500.

The city document cites a “national community of professionals” in counseling, social work and psychiatry who have discredited the practice as ineffective and

harmful to mental and physical health of LGBTQ children it targets.

The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, which the city cites in its ordinance, says conversion therapies or similar practices “lack scientific credibility and clinical utility.”

“Additionally, there is evidence that such interventions are harmful,” the organization’s website says. “As a result, ‘conversion therapies’ should not be part of any behavioral health treatment of children and adolescents.”

The city’s ordinances notes that it doesn’t keep people from expressing opinions for or against the practice and that the ordinance doesn’t prohibit counseling to support someone undergoing gender transition or counseling aimed at helping someone’s “acceptance, support and understanding” of a person, as long as the therapy doesn’t attempt to change sexual orientation or gender identity.

Other News:

U.N. puts dangerous Iranian regime on Women's Rights Commission—
<https://saraacarter.com/u-n-puts-dangerous-iranian-regime-on-womens-rights-commission/>

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>

Quote of the Week:

IT IS SWEET TO BE
NOTHING AND LESS THAN
NOTHING THAT CHRIST
MAY BE ALL IN ALL.

—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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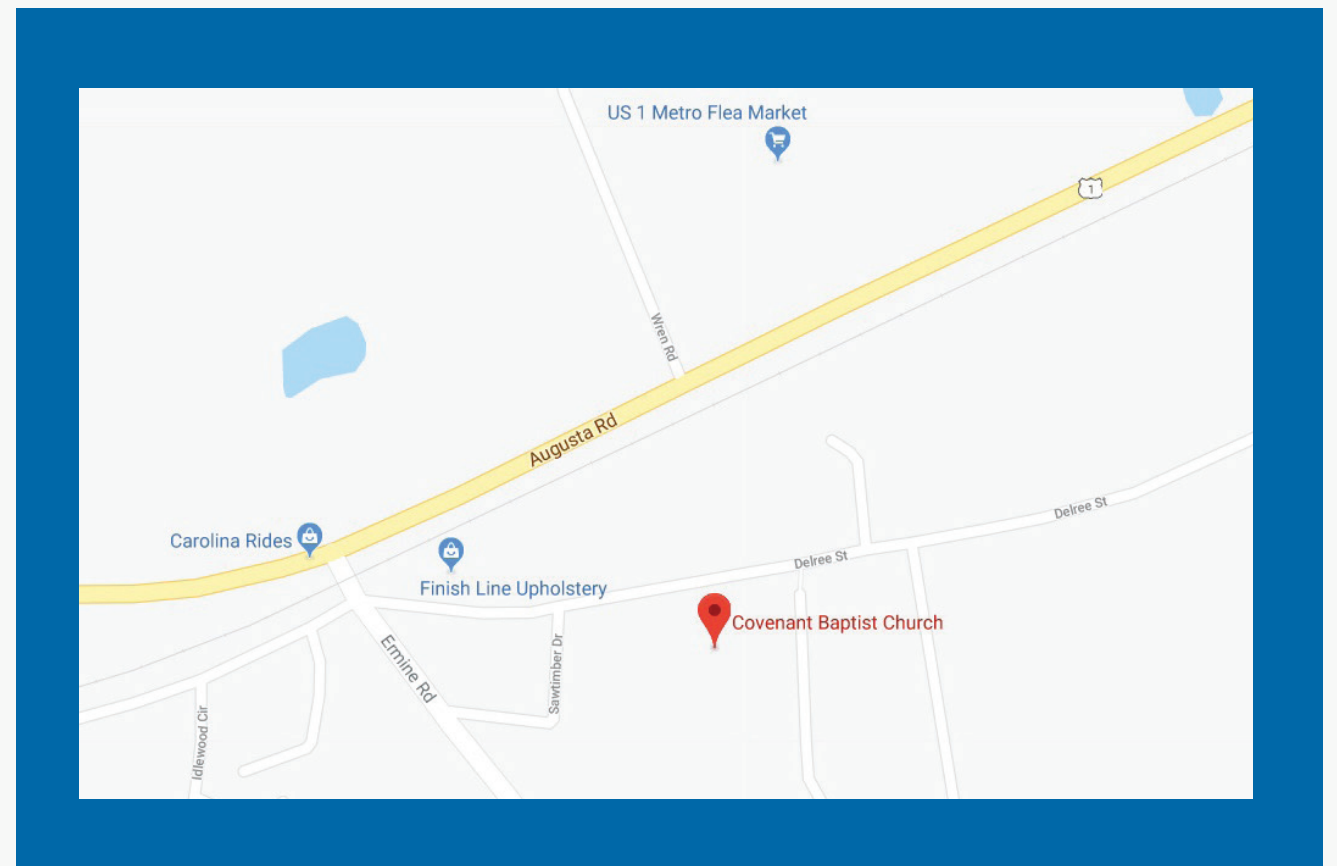
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West Columbia, SC 29170

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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.*