



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

May 23rd, 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 23rd, 2021)

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 97:1-12

Come, Thou Almighty King—326

Scripture Reading: James 5:1-20

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?—282

Not in Me—405

Message:

The Need For Persistent Prayer
—Luke 18:1-8

Prayer and Benediction

Grace Greater Than Our Sin—78

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On-Call Deacon List:

- May 23: Smoak
- May 30: Kyzer
- June 6: Waddell

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- May 29: Olds/Shealy
- June 5: Kyzer (K&R)/Bean
- June 12: Allen/Steele

Church Bookstore:

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

Announcements

Thank you for continuing to pray for Pastor Swann and his family as he addresses some health concerns.

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Parents, please keep in mind that while we fully support and encourage keeping your children with you in the service, we also have provisions for those still training their young ones to sit quietly. If your child is being a distraction (loud) in the sanctuary, please make use of the many rooms on the fellowship side of the church, where the sermon is being played on TVs and other families are also training their young ones to sit quietly. If you prefer to use a nursery, we have one staffed with volunteers down the hall on the fellowship side for children up to the age of two.

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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 9 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

Greek Class—*On hold*

Biblical Counseling Class—*On hold*

Second Sunday Dinner—*June 13th. 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.*

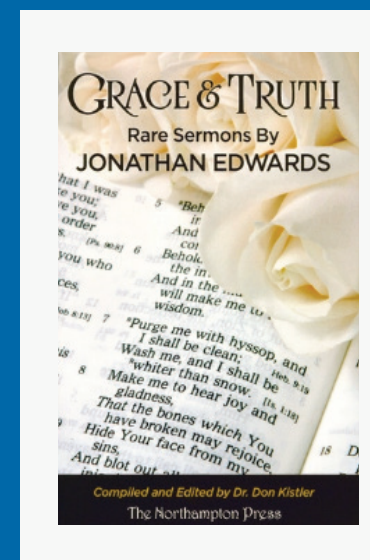
Book of the Week: Grace & Truth: Rare Sermons by Jonathan Edwards

When Jonathan Edwards died in 1758 he left behind nearly 1100 sermon manuscripts. Many of those are housed at the Beinecke Rare Book Room at Yale University. The two-volume edition with which most people are familiar contains only sixty-six of those sermons.

Here are fifteen sermons by this great New England preacher, thirteen of which have never been published before. His sermon on John 3:16 is a masterpiece. Drink deeply from this Puritan’s well.

Purchase at:

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/grace-truth-rare-sermons-by-jonathan-edwards.html>





Why antiracism zealots are trying to silence black voices like mine

—Voddie Baucham

As a Christian minister, I'm used to being stifled when I talk about my religion outside of church. If I bring up faith in Jesus Christ, the guardians of the secular public square are quick to inform me that my religion is strictly a private matter.

But these days I'm stifled not because of the religion I practice but because of one I reject: the religion of antiracism, which is now the established church of academia, government, the media and business.

One dogma of this new religion is that America "needs to have a conversation" about race. But Americans have been talking about race since at least the 1860s. Nobody is trying to avoid talking about race, but many are trying to control what is said.

The elites of our society urge us to "elevate black voices," but it is important to understand what they mean. They don't want to elevate all black voices, but only those who subscribe to the creed of Critical Race Theory. If you don't avow that our society is infected with systemic racism and that white supremacy, white priv-

ilege, and white fragility are the root of all of the problems that black people face, then you are a heretic. Your consciousness is "white" and therefore oppressive, no matter how black your skin may be.

I am a descendant of slaves and a child of the Great Migration, but antiracists will tell you that I'm not really black. I suffer from internalized racism, they insist; I'm trying to "curry favor with white people." They dismiss me and other black non-conformists as sellouts, traitors, or Uncle Toms who are "skinfock, but not kin-folk." Consider the slurs that the voices of "tolerance" have flung at Sen. Tim Scott since he gave the Republican response to Joe Biden's State of the Union address.

What does it tell us about our "conversation" about race that the very people who demand it would exclude unconventional black thinkers like Thomas Sowell, Carol Swain, Shelby Steele, John McWhorter and the late Walter Williams? There is no rational debate in the church of antiracism, for it demands a blind faith. And it is punitive, for it is a religion without grace.

That's why antiracist ideologues try to silence black voices like mine. We threaten not only their opinions but their religion, their god. Even Barack Obama falls short. The "woke" priesthood prevented a public school in Chicago from being renamed for the former president because "he didn't do enough for illegal immigrants."

Antiracism and the "woke" priesthood are targeting not merely the "wrong" black voices. They are coming for all of us. You might acquiesce to their demands today, but they will continue to demand more and more of you. Your official statements will not be remorseful enough. Your reparations packages will not be big enough. Your diversity initiatives will not be diverse enough. You cannot appease the god of antiracism.

I have devoted my life to preaching the Gospel of Christ. Now I am confronted with the anti-gospel of antiracism, which preaches that there is no forgiveness for America's "original sin" of racism, no repentance for white privilege. At the preaching of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion officers, corporate CEOs and university presidents tremble and cry, "What must we do to be saved?" Apparently, they missed the fine print.

Perhaps they need to start listening to a different set of black voices ... or at least practicing a different religion.

From: <https://nypost.com/2021/05/15/why-antiracism-zealots-try-to-silence-black-voices-like-mine/>



Pastor Arrested for Saying That Marriage is Between a Man and a Woman

—by Jeff Maples

John Sherwood, a 35-year veteran conservative pastor who was preaching the gospel at Uxbridge Station in west London, was arrested after making “homophobic” comments in public. “Homophobia”—which the UK defines as offensive comments toward LGBTQ people—is illegal in the country under the Public Order Act—the use of “abusive” or “harmful” language toward homosexuals.

Of course, “abusive” and “harmful” are subjective and ambiguous terms themselves.

“I wasn’t making any homophobic comments, I was just defining marriage as a relationship between a man and a woman. I was only saying what the Bible says – I wasn’t wanting to hurt anyone or cause offense,” said Sherwood.

One witness described the scene, “A number of police officers appeared on the scene, going up to Pastor Sherwood and stating that three complaints had been received from the public about the preaching.” The witness continued, “Pastor Sherwood stopped preaching to speak to them, which he did so in a courteous and reasonable manner for some considerable time, whilst adhering firmly to all that

he had said. The accusation which the Police were making was that alarm and distress had been caused to members of the public by the preaching.”

This witness stated that “the policeman responded that some matters simply cannot be referred to in public places, implying that homosexuality is one of them.”

“I was doing what my job description says, which is to preach the gospel in the open air as well as in a church building,” he added.

As one who has been to the United Kingdom to open-air preach, this author can attest to the hostility from the LGBTQ community toward Christians—they will do anything to silence you. Even lie about you. And the police will not protect your freedoms or liberties.

Other News:

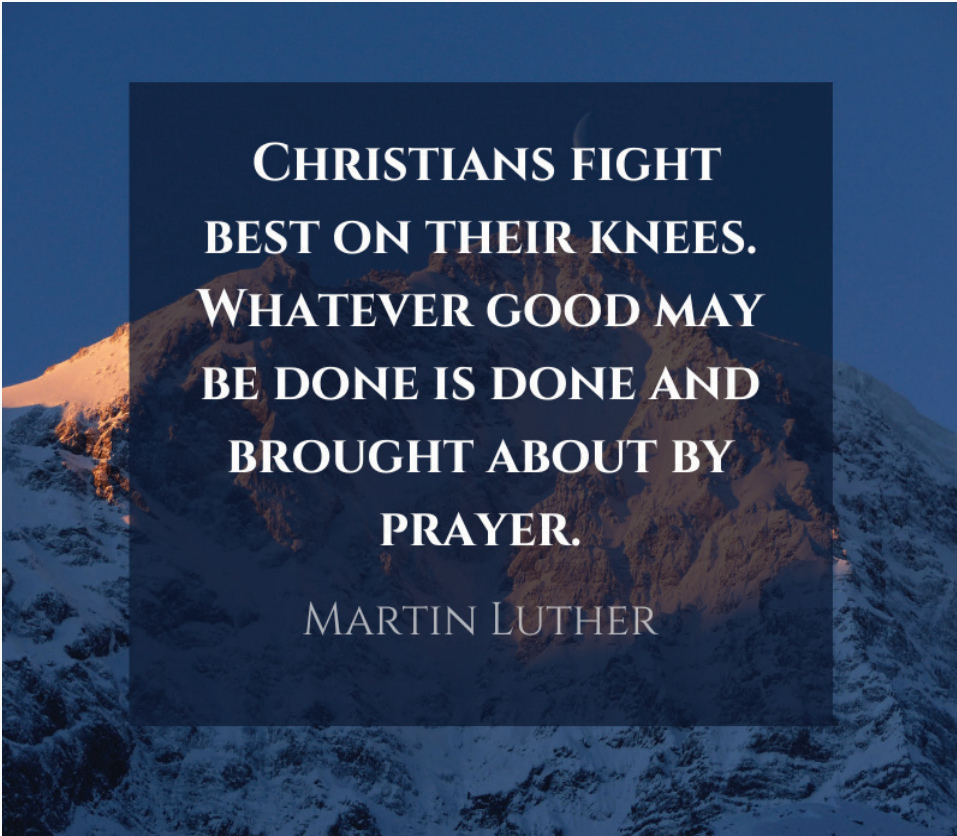
Christian MP faces 6 years in prison for tweeting Bible verses on marriage, sexuality— <https://www.christianpost.com/news/christian-mp-faces-prison-for-tweeting-bible-verses-on-marriage.html>

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/>

Quote of the Week:



**CHRISTIANS FIGHT
BEST ON THEIR KNEES.
WHATEVER GOOD MAY
BE DONE IS DONE AND
BROUGHT ABOUT BY
PRAYER.**

MARTIN LUTHER

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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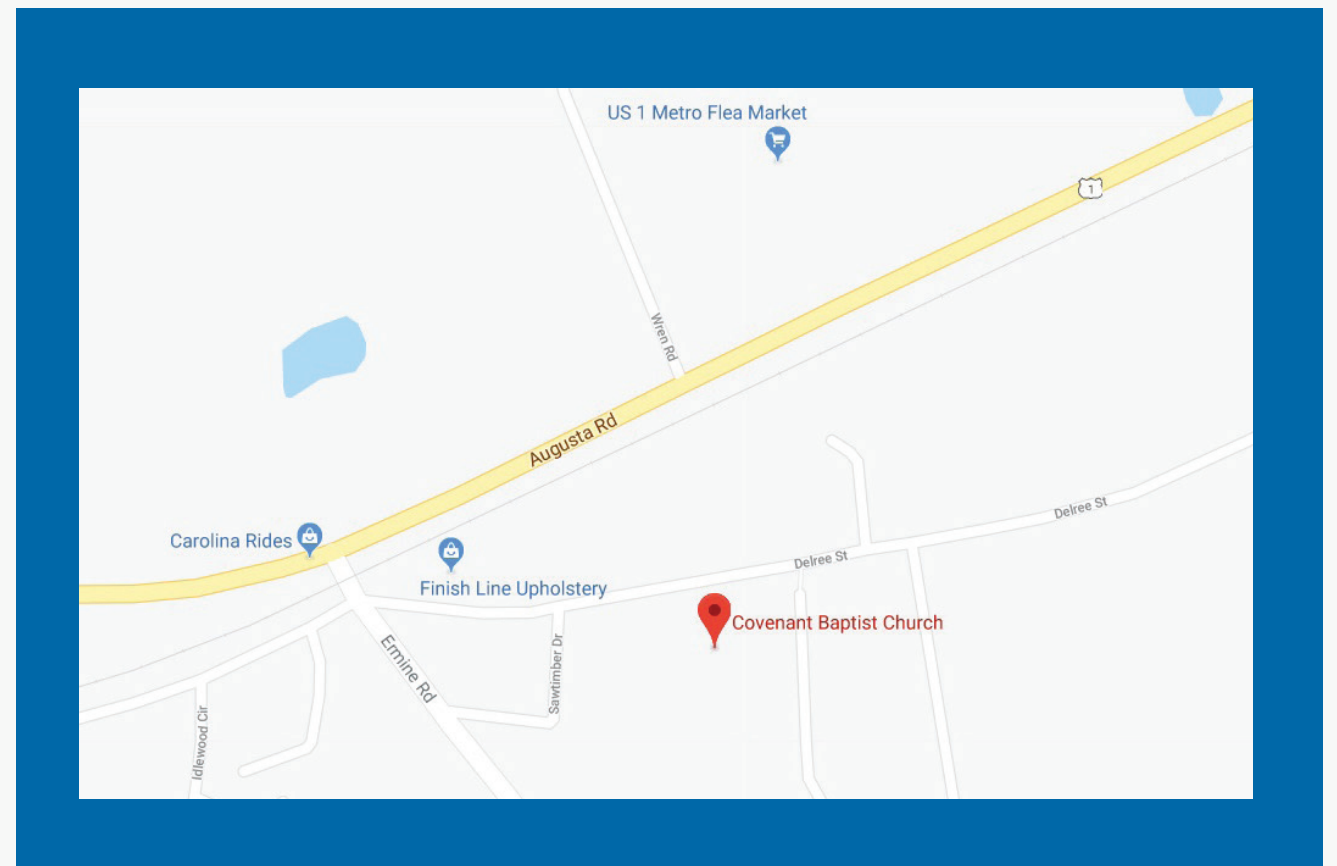
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Location:



*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.*