



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

May 30th, 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 30th, 2021)

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 98:1-9

Come, Christians, Join to Sing—125

Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:1-20

By Faith—361

O Breath of God—442

Message:

Amazing Declarations at the Crucifixion, Part 2
—John 19:25-37

Prayer and Benediction

Nothing but the Blood—302

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On-Call Deacon List:

- May 30: Kyzer
- June 6: Waddell
- June 13: Lucas

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- June 5: Kyzer (K&R)/Bean
- June 12: Allen/Steele
- June 19: Crapps/McSween

Church Bookstore:

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

Announcements

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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We are planning on paying a large amount on our mortgage this month. Our plan is \$60,000. If you want to help and make that larger please indicate on your check or envelope in your giving. There is an offering box in the foyer of the church by the entry door to the sanctuary.

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We will observe the Lord's Supper next Sunday, June 6th.

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There will be an elders' meeting June 8th at 6pm.

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Our men's breakfast will be next Saturday morning, June 5 at 9 AM. We will have a guest speaker and look forward to seeing our men and boys.

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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*

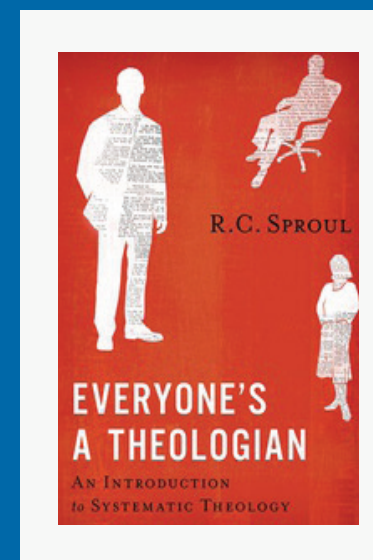
Second Sunday Dinner—*June 13th. Please plan to bring a dish to share and stay for the fellowship. Also remember that we usually have visitors who stay for the meal, and you are encouraged to bring more than a small side dish so that there is plenty to go around.*

Book of the Week: Everyone's a Theologian, by R. C. Sproul

Many people react negatively to the word theology, believing that it involves dry, fruitless arguments about minute points of doctrine. Yet as Dr. R.C. Sproul argues, everyone is a theologian. Any time we think about a teaching of the Bible and strive to understand it, we are engaging in theology. Therefore, it is important that we put the Bible's varied teachings together in a systematic fashion, using proper, time-tested methods of interpretation so as to arrive at a theology that is founded on truth... This book is anything but a dry discussion of minute points of doctrine. Dr. Sproul, demonstrating his trademark ability to make complex subjects easy to understand, surveys the basic truths of the Christian faith, reminding us once more of what God is like and of what He has done for His people in this world and the next.

Purchase at:

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/everyones-a-theologian-an-introduction-to-systematic-theology-sproul-hardcover.html>





7 False Teachers in the Church Today

—*Tim Challies*

The history of Christ's church is inseparable from the history of Satan's attempts to destroy her. While difficult challenges have arisen from outside the church, the most dangerous have always been from within. For from within arise the false teachers, the peddlers of error who masquerade as teachers of truth. False teachers take on many forms, custom-crafted to times, cultures, and contexts. Here are seven of them you will find carrying out their deceptive, destructive work in the church today. Please note that while I have followed the biblical texts in describing them in masculine terms, each of these false teachers can as easily be female.

The Heretic

The Heretic is the most prominent and perhaps the most dangerous of the false teachers. Peter warned against him in his second letter. "But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction" (2 Peter 2:1). The Heretic is the person who teaches what blatantly contradicts an essential teaching of the Christian faith. He is a gregarious figure, a natural leader teaching just enough truth to mask

his deadly error. Yet in denying the faith and celebrating what is false, he leads his followers from the safety of orthodoxy to the peril of heresy.

From the church's earliest days, she has been afflicted by the Heretic in his various forms. He continues his evil work today, sometimes by contradicting the truth and sometimes by adding to it. He may reframe the doctrine of the Trinity, as Arius did in the third century and as Oneness Pentecostals do today. He may, like Marcus Borg and other prominent scholars, deny the virgin birth or the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Like Jehovah's Witnesses, he may alter God's finished word, or like Mormons, he may add to it. Always, he boldly tampers with "the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 1:3).

The Charlatan

The Charlatan is the person who uses Christianity as a means of personal enrichment. Paul charged Timothy to be on guard against him. "If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain" (1 Timothy 6:3-5). The Charlatan is only interested in the Christian faith to the extent that it can fill his wallet. He uses his leadership position to benefit from others' wealth.

Simon Magus was motivated by the love of money when he tried to purchase the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:9-24). Since him, the Charlatan has appeared in many forms, always seeking prominence in the church so that he can live in extravagance. When Pope Leo X famously commissioned Tetzl to sell indulgences, the profits not only funded the reconstruction of St. Peter's Basilica, but also his luxurious lifestyle. In the 1990s, televangelist Robert Tilton brought in tens of millions of dollars each year by exploiting the vulnerable and gullible. Today Benny Hinn, Creflo Dollar, and a host of others peddle the prosperity gospel to enrich themselves from their followers' gifts.

The Prophet

The Prophet claims to be gifted by God to speak fresh revelation outside of Scripture—new, authoritative words of prediction, teaching, rebuke, or encouragement.

In reality, though, he is commissioned and empowered by Satan for the purpose of misleading and disrupting Christ's church. John offered an urgent warning about him. "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1). Christians must "test the spirits" to determine if they originate with the Holy Spirit or with a demonic spirit. Later, John declared that God has spoken fully and finally in Scripture and offered the most solemn warning against anyone who claims to bring revelation equal or contrary to Scripture. "I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book" (Revelation 22:18-19).

The Prophet appears throughout the history of the church. As early as the second century, Montanus and his disciples claimed to speak on behalf of the Holy Spirit. In the nineteenth century, Joseph Smith claimed to receive The Book of Mormon from the angel Moroni. Today the airwaves are chock-full of people claiming to speak in the name of God through the power of the Spirit. Personal prophecies are just a phone call away. Sarah Young, author of the top Christian bestseller of the decade, boldly claims that her book contains the very words of Jesus. The Prophet continues to speak, to lead astray.

The Abuser

The Abuser uses his position of leadership to take advantage of other people. Usually, he takes advantage of them to feed his sexual lust, though he may also desire power. Both Peter and Jude were aware of the Abuser's lechery: "And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed" (2 Peter 2:2). "For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ" (Jude 4). The Abuser claims he is tending souls, but his true interest is ravishing bodies. He works his way into women's lives, confidence, homes, and beds. When he is not pursuing illicit sexual pleasure, he may be domineering people to gain power, abusing them on his path to prominence. He does this in the name of ministry, with the claim of God's anointing. He unapologetically uses and abuses others to feed his lusts.

Tragically, the history of the Christian faith features countless Abusers. Even in the church's earliest days, there were sex cults and other depraved perversions of the faith. For centuries, the papacy was little more than a corrupt power struggle. Today it seems that every week, we learn of another leader who has been found guilty of sexual sin with men, women, or even children. Meanwhile, we hear sad tales of survivors who have been abused and cast aside by a leader craving power. The Abuser carries on his work.

The Divider

The Divider uses false doctrine to disrupt or destroy a church. He gleefully divides brother from brother and sister from sister. Jude warned about him: "'In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.' It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life" (Jude 18-21). The Divider is devoid of the Holy Spirit whose first fruit is love and whose special work is holding believers together in the bond of peace (Galatians 5:22, Ephesians 4:3). This false teacher brings strife, not love. He generates factions, not unity. He desires discord, not harmony.

Congregations and denominations have often been splintered by the Divider as he promulgates his lies. He sometimes makes a minor doctrine into the mark of Christian maturity, causing factions to arise within the body. He may slyly introduce unbiblical doctrines, or he may undermine the ordained leadership. He does it all for the perverse satisfaction that comes with destruction.

The Tickler

The Tickler is the false teacher who cares nothing for what God wants and everything for what men want. He is the man-pleaser rather than the God-pleaser. Paul thought of him as the ear-tickler: "For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths" (2 Timothy 4:3-4). The Tickler craves popularity and praise from the world. To maintain his follower's respect, he preaches only the parts of the Bible they deem acceptable. Therefore, he speaks much of happiness but little of sin, much of heaven but nothing of hell. He gives them only what they want to hear. He preaches a partial gospel which is no gospel at all.

The Tickler is as old as the church itself. In the nineteenth century he was Henry Ward Beecher, and in the twentieth he was Norman Vincent Peale and Robert Schuller. Today he is Joel Osteen, pastor of the largest church in America, who is known equally for his toothy smile and his vacuous content. He preaches an empty gospel to a packed out church. Like the false prophets of Jeremiah's day, he and the thousands like him say, "Peace, peace, when there is no peace" (Jeremiah 6:14).

The Speculator

Finally, the Speculator is the one obsessed with novelty, originality, or speculation. The author of Hebrews warned his church of these "strange teachings," while Paul told Timothy to protect the church against any "different doctrine" (Hebrews 13:9, 1 Timothy 1:3). Teaching focused on speculation displaces the sure and steady doctrine of Scripture. The Speculator tosses aside the bulk of the Bible's content and the weight of the Bible's emphasis in order to obsess about matters that are trivial or novel. He grows weary of the old truths and pursues respectability through originality.

Today, as in every age, the Speculator obsesses about the End Times, and somehow his failed predictions dissuade neither himself nor his followers. Recently we saw him obscuring the clear message of Scripture to search for hidden codes in Scripture. Sometimes he plants himself in academia, where one of his recent masterpieces is a re-imagined God who is unable to see and know the future. Well did Paul label the Speculator a contradictory, irreverent babbling (1 Timothy 6:20-21).

Conclusion

Satan's greatest ambassadors are not pimps, politicians, or power-brokers, but pastors. His priests do not peddle a different religion, but a deadly perversion of the true one. His troops do not make a full-out frontal assault, but work as agents, sneaking into the opposing army. Satan's tactics are studied, clever, predictable, effective. Therefore, we must always remain vigilant. "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:15-16a).

Also Read:

LGBTQP Agenda in Lexington County Elementary School

<https://www.thestandardsc.org/lisa-rudisill/lgbtqp-agenda-in-lexington-county-elementary-schools/>

Parents: Some content not suitable for children



Pastor Gives MUST HEAR Speech at State Capitol, Slams Compromised Pro-Life Industry

—by Staff Writer for Caldron Pool

Pastor Jeff Durbin has delivered a powerful speech at the South Carolina Capitol in the hearing of legislators, describing the compromised pro-life industry as the greatest foe to pro-life Christians and their fight for justice.

Durbin, the pastor of Apologia Church in Arizona, gave the speech last week noting the pro-life industry's opposition in numerous states to bills that would establish equal justice for all human beings.

According to Durbin, the pro-life industry leader in Arizona urged legislators not to vote on the bill and instead proposed an effectively irrelevant alternative (SB1457), that allows parents to abort their babies provided their stated purpose for the abortion is not to avoid having a Downs syndrome child.

Another bill, proposed by the pro-life industry, allowed for abortions in the state but required the infants receive a proper burial after they are killed. A move, which Durbin likened to permitting the killing of Jews at Auschwitz, provided they're properly buried.

“Our greatest foe in this fight is the pro-life industry,” Pastor Durbin said. “You have to accept that I’m not talking about pro-life Christians. Christians are pro-life... I’m talking about the industry that refuses to establish equal justice. We have had bills of abolition, bills of criminalization, bills that define what’s in the womb as human and deserving equal of protection. We’ve had those in numerous states, and the greatest opposition has been from the pro-life industry leaders who refuse to be consistent with their profession. They say that it’s human from conception, and as soon as the Church gets involved and says, ‘Let’s do that then. Let’s establish justice. Let’s have equal protection for all human beings.’ The pro-life industry leaders war against it.”

Why the opposition? According to Durbin, it’s because of the “dirty little secret of the pro-life industry.” What is that “dirty little secret”? Durbin explains:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cc75w1Ek1gk>

Other News:

Pastor Arrested for Saying That Marriage is Between a Man and a Woman— <https://reformationcharlotte.org/2021/04/29/pastor-arrested-for-saying-that-marriage-is-between-a-man-and-a-woman/>

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>

Quote of the Week:

When I was young, I was sure of many things; now there are only two things of which I am sure: one is, that I am a miserable sinner; and the other, that Christ is an all-sufficient Saviour. He is well-taught who learns these two lessons.

—John Newton



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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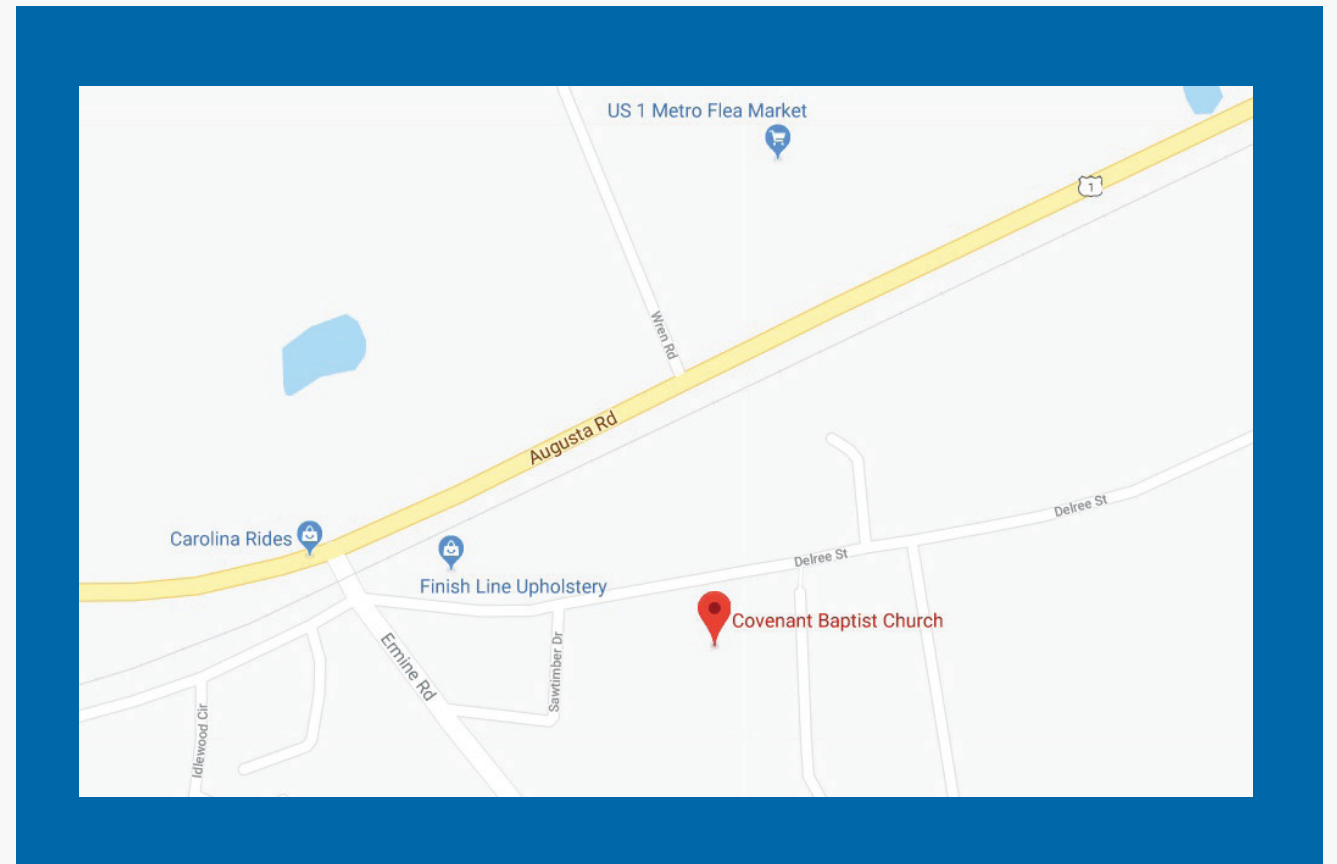
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They will be happy to give you the information you need.*