



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

June 6th, 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

(June 6th, 2021)

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 99:1-59

Come, Christians, Join to Sing—125

Scripture Reading: I Cor 11:23-32

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God Determines the Details of Death
—John 19:30-42

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On-Call Deacon List:

- June 6: Waddell
- June 13: Lucas
- June 20: Egan

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- June 12: Allen/Steele
- June 19: Crapps/McSween
- June 26: 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

We will observe the Lord's Supper today. Please remember, the Lord's Supper is for believers only. If you are not a Christian, we would strongly encourage you not to take the Lord's Supper. Also, if are a believer who has not repented of a sin in your life, take the time before the Lord's Supper to confess it to the Lord and repent and prepare your heart and mind to receive the Lord's Supper. If you are not a Christian we strongly encourage you to obey the command of Scripture to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and his death for sinners, repent of your sins, and submit to the Lordship of Christ and be saved.

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We are excited to announce that our church plant, Grace Covenant Church in Rock Hill, will receive 3 new members today. We praise God for His faithfulness to this ministry.

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Next week is our 2nd Sunday Fellowship Meal. Please plan to bring side dishes and/or desserts, and stay for the time of fellowship. Main meats will be provided.

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Kids Fellowship: Join us June 22nd from 11am-1pm at JC's Lexington Bowl for bowling, pizza, dessert, and lots of fun! All kids are welcome and we ask that at least one parent attends with their children. The cost is \$10/per person and that includes shoe rental (6 and under may wear their tennis shoes). Please rsvp to Kerri Olds at 843-819-5080 by June 17th.

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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. — Plan to attend the G3 Conference in the Fall. This is a great conference and well worth the time and money. Go to <https://g3min.org/> to register. The dates are Sept 30 - Oct, 2, 2021 in Atlanta GA. The Topic is "Christ is Supreme over All"

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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*

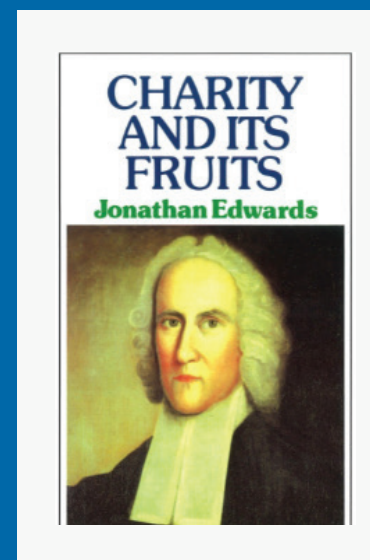
Second Sunday Dinner—*June 13th. Please plan to bring a dish to share and stay for the fellowship. Also remember that we usually have visitors who stay for the meal, and you are encouraged to bring more than a small side dish so that there is plenty to go around.*

Book of the Week: Charity & Its Fruits, by Jonathan Edwards

Entirely free from sentimentality, this moving exposition of 1 Corinthians 13, like the better known [Religious Affections](#), reveals Edwards' insistence both that true Christian experience is 'supernatural'- Spirit produced and Christ centered- and that 'all true Christian grace tends to practice'. Charity and Its Fruits show how it is possible to steer between Arminianism on the one hand and Antinomianism on the other. The concluding chapter on heaven as a world of love is perhaps the most beautiful in all Edwards's writings.

Purchase at:

<https://banneroftruth.org/us/store/sermons-and-expositions/charity-its-fruits/>





Sheol, Hades, and Gehenna: are there differences?

—*Jesse Johnson*

Sheol, Hades, and Gehenna are all terms the Bible uses for the location that people go when they die. I'm often asked if those are the same place, and if so, why does the Bible use different words for them? The answer is actually pretty straight forward, so let's look at those three terms one at a time:

Sheol—The Old Testament speaks of Sheol as the “realm of the dead,” and this includes both the saved and the lost. For example, consider the patriarch Jacob, who thought of himself as going to Sheol when he died (Gen 37:35, 42:13, 44:29).

Sheol is not only where patriarchs go, but it is clearly spoken of as the realm to which those who die absent saving faith also descend. For example, Moses declared that when people die who “despised Yahweh” then they descend into Sheol (Numbers 16:20). Deuteronomy 32:22 speaks of Sheol as the realm of the fire of God's judgement.

It is best to understand Sheol as the term for “realm of the dead,” where both righteous and unrighteous went when they died. The best proof for this inclusive concept of Sheol is that David thought of himself going to Sheol (2 Sam 22:6), and yet he also taught that the wicked go there as well (Psalm 31:17). Thus Sheol refers to

the realm where the souls of all dead went at death.

You'll notice I said “went.” I used the past tense because, for the righteous, Sheol was an Old Testament concept. Because Jesus is truly human, he experienced death as all humans do. He too descended to Sheol, and proclaimed victory over the grave by liberating the souls of the righteous and bringing them to heaven. Thus when church-age believers die, they do not go to Sheol, but rather to heaven to be with the Lord forever (1 Thess 4:17).

Hades is a New Testament (Greek) term that is used to refer to Sheol. Hades/Sheol refer to the same place, but there is a noticeable difference in the way the OT and the NT speak of Sheol/Hades. The OT speaks of Sheol inclusively, and even the righteous dead descend there. However, because of Jesus' victory over death and the liberty he brings to the righteous in Sheol, Jesus does not teach that believers go to Hades, but rather that believers will be with him in heaven (John 14:2-3).

For that reason, the NT emphasis on Hades is a place of suffering and judgment (Matt 11:23, Luke 10:15, Luke 16:23). Even so, it is still the same location as Sheol and does refer to the place where the righteous OT saints went at their deaths. This is made clear when Peter says that Jesus descended to Hades when he died, while the OT speaks of him descending to Sheol (compare Acts 2:27 and 31 with Psalm 16:10).

Ultimately, Jesus has authority over Sheol/Hades. He “has the keys to death and Hades” (Revelation 1:18), which is another way of saying he can bind or loose people from there as he pleases. Of course he frees all the saints there at his resurrection, and then uses his keys again to empty Sheol by casting the damned souls there into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:13-14).

Gehenna is the NT name for a valley outside of Jerusalem. In the OT that valley was called the Valley of Hinnom, and it is where the Israelites sacrificed their children to Molech (2 Chron 28:3, Jer 19:2-6). By the time of Christ, that name was pronounced Gehenna, and it is said to be the place where trash and dead animals were burned. It was perpetually on fire, and thus Jesus uses it as an image of hell (Matthew 5:22, Mark 9:43-47, Luke 12:5). Many English translations recognize the place as obviously referring to hell and thus if you look in your ESV you will see it even translated “hell.” In fact, James 3:6 uses “Gehenna” as an obvious idiom for hell.

To summarize: in the OT both the righteous and unrighteous went to Sheol, which contained realms of suffering for the unrighteous, and rest/worship for the righteous. The NT refers to this as Hades. However, when Jesus rose from the grave, he emptied Sheol/Hades of the righteous, and now when Christians die they do not go DOWN to Sheol/Hades, but UP to heaven. Meanwhile the unrighteous are left in Hades until the final judgment, when they are then resurrected, given new bodies, and cast into the fires of hell/Gehenna forever (Revelation 20:14-15, 21:8).

Also Read:

The Chosen & The Shift

<https://fitl.co.za/2021/05/19/the-chosen-the-shift/>



SBC presidential hopeful Mike Stone wants denomination to fully reject critical race theory

—by Leonardo Blair

Two years after the Southern Baptist Convention acknowledged in Resolution 9 that critical race theory can be a useful analytical tool to explain how race has and continues to function in society, Mike Stone, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Blackshear, Georgia, is proposing a new resolution asking the denomination to condemn the theory.

Stone, who is vying to become the next president of the world's largest Baptist denomination at its annual meeting next month in Nashville, Tennessee, promoted his proposal on Twitter last Wednesday.

The pastor said the proposed resolution seeks to “provide leadership with clarity, compassion, and conviction” in addressing critical race theory and intersectionality.

He explained that the proposal has more than 50 supporters. They include Owen Strachan, an associate professor of Christian theology and director of the Center for Public Theology at the Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and Carol

Swain, a retired professor of political science and law at Vanderbilt University.

“The inclusion of Critical Race Theory and Intersectionality, since the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in Birmingham, Ala., has brought confusion and division among its churches by describing Critical Race Theory and Intersectionality as analytical tools that are helpful to explain how racism functions in society and how to evaluate human experiences,” they argue in the proposal.

“Critical Race Theory and Intersectionality are ideologies rooted in Neo-Marxist and postmodern worldviews, by which our civilization is being deconstructed around our families, communities, and nations, which make them incompatible with Scripture as they are characterized by worldly ‘philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ’ (Col 2:8).”

The proposed resolution seeks to affirm the controversial portion of the Nov. 20, 2020, statement from the Council of Seminary Presidents that states “affirmation of Critical Race Theory, Intersectionality and any version of Critical Theory is incompatible with the Baptist Faith & Message.”

Some progressive critics dismissed the CSP statement as critics as “anti-intellectual.”

“We deny that any analytical tools can aid in evaluating a variety of human experiences if those analytical tools are themselves rooted in worldviews incompatible with the Word of God,” Stone’s resolution continues. “We reaffirm our agreement with historic, biblically faithful Southern Baptist condemnations of racism in any and all forms and our agreement with The Baptist Faith and Message which states ‘that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.’”

The proposal reiterates the “absolute conviction” of supporters that “a proper interpretation of the Holy Scriptures — apart from any worldly ideology, any personal identity trait, or any lived experience — is sufficient to serve as the sole standard by which our faith and practice are to be measured.”

Any member of a cooperating Southern Baptist church can propose a resolution

for adoption by the SBC.

However, the SBC Committee on Resolutions may decline to recommend properly submitted resolutions to the convention for adoption.

Prominent Southern Baptist Pastor Dwight McKissic, who founded and currently leads Cornerstone Baptist Church in Arlington, Texas, warned earlier this year that if Resolution 9 is rescinded, he would leave the SBC.

His threat came after he quit the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention after leaders adopted a “strongly worded, anti-CRT policy that denounces all aspects of critical race theory.”

McKissic’s declaration also came amid an exodus of prominent black Southern Baptist pastors, such as Ralph West and Charlie Dates, over the Council of Seminary Presidents’ renouncing critical race theory and intersectionality.

Last Wednesday, McKissic wrote on Twitter that the SBC’s response to Stone’s proposal would be a “defining moment.”

“The decision made about this resolution will be a defining moment,” he tweeted. “Interesting that there is not one African American lead or senior pastor on this list of signatories. This may be the most racially divisive resolution ever proposed in the SBC. Approval makes decision mkg easy.”

Despite McKissic’s claim, there are black signatories to the resolution as of Tuesday, including Swain and former Atlanta Fire Chief Kelvin Cochran.

Critical race theory, which has been a lightning rod for debate and division in evangelical circles in recent years, is defined as an ideological framework that some legal scholars argue interrogates the relationship between race, law and power.

Last September, former President Donald Trump issued an executive order in which he classified critical race theory and related concepts like “white privilege” as “offensive and anti-American race and sex stereotyping and scapegoating.” He previously directed federal agencies to stop teaching government workers about the concept in diversity training sessions.

In January, the Labor Department suspended enforcement of Trump’s order after a federal judge blocked it.

Other News:

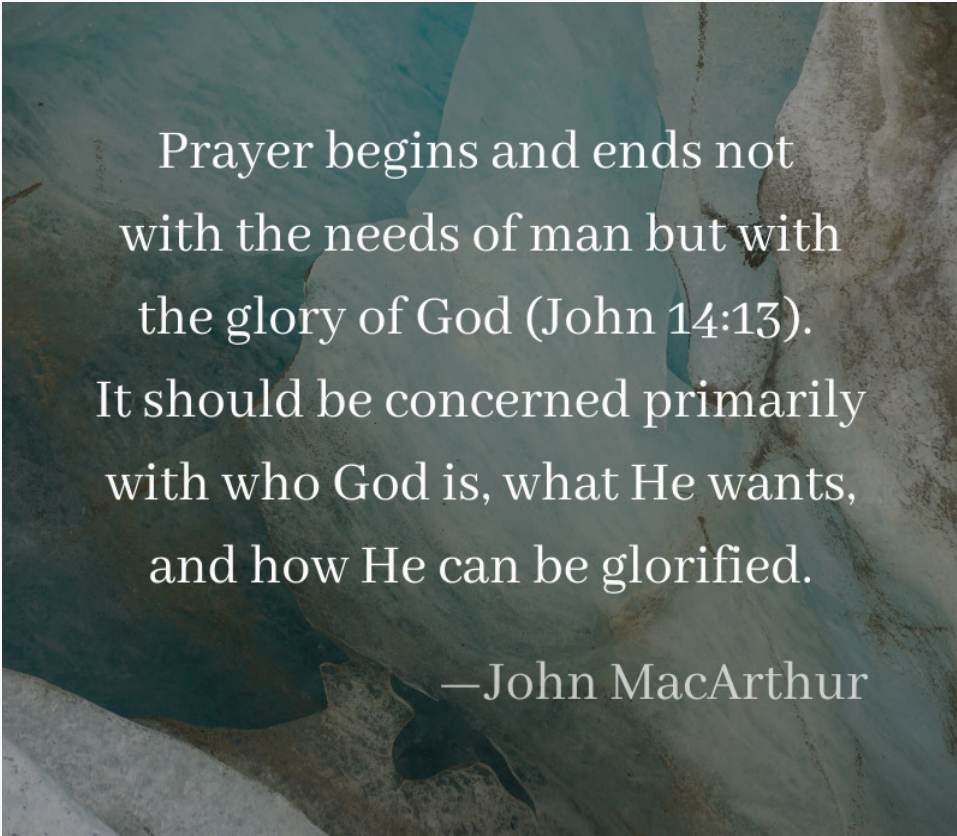
Pastor Gives MUST HEAR Speech at State Capitol, Slams Compromised Pro-Life Industry—<https://caldronpool.com/pastor-gives-must-hear-speech-at-state-capitol-slams-compromised-pro-life-industry/>

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/>

Quote of the Week:



Prayer begins and ends not with the needs of man but with the glory of God (John 14:13). It should be concerned primarily with who God is, what He wants, and how He can be glorified.

—John MacArthur

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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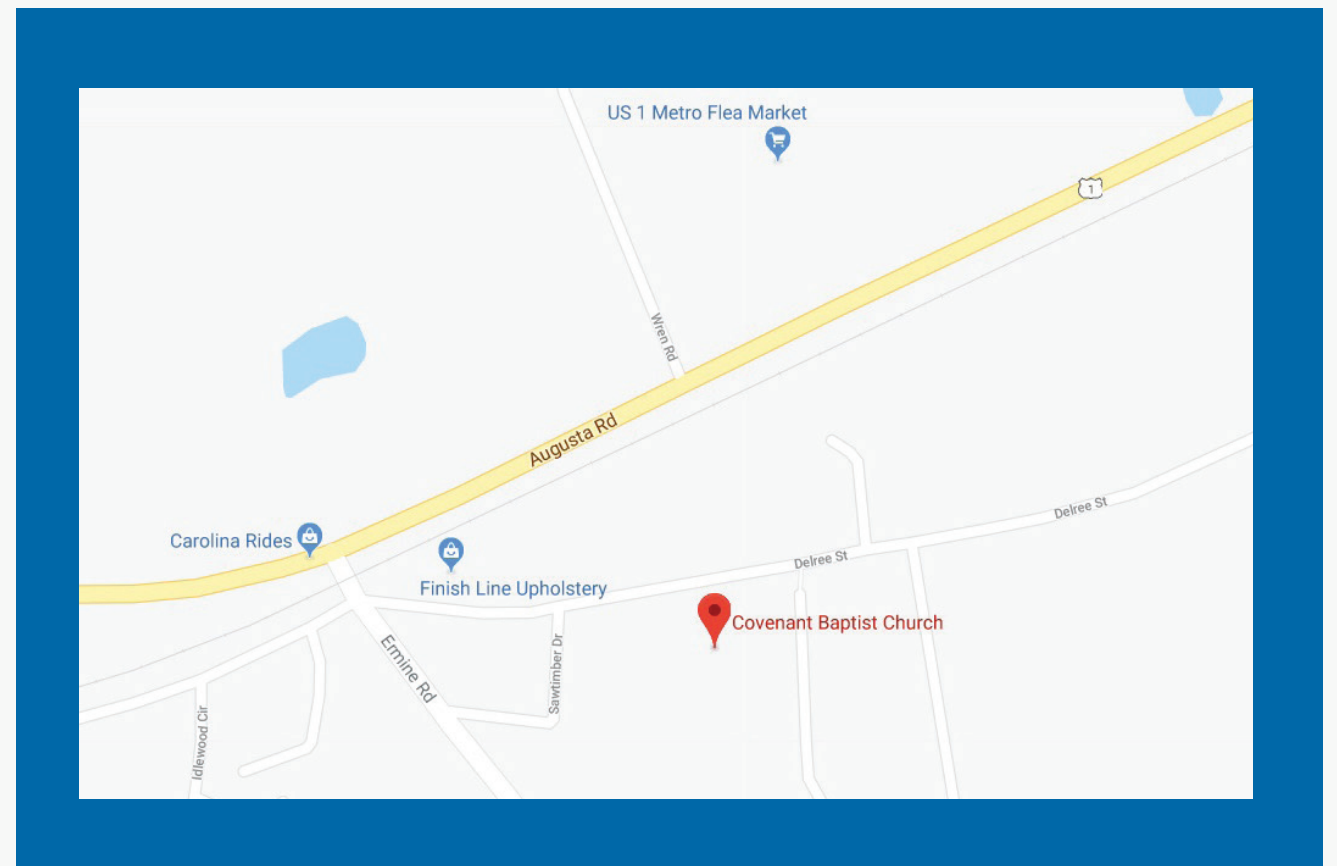
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Location:



*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.*