



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

June 13th, 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 13th, 2021)

Prelude

Call to Worship: Hebrews 9:24-28

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him—3

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:35-45

Lord's Supper

My Hiding Place—191

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross—274

Message:
Uncompromising Humility
—Daniel 1

Prayer and Benediction

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On-Call Deacon List:

- June 13: Lucas
- June 20: Egan
- June 27: Rogers

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- June 19: Crapps/McSween
- June 26: Thomas/Waddell
- July 3: Bristol

Church Bookstore:

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

Announcements

Today is our 2nd Sunday Fellowship Meal. Please plan to stay for the food and fellowship. If you are visiting, please take this opportunity to meet our church family. There is always plenty to go around!

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Please be in prayer for our pastor as he is in Florida with his mother who is in the hospital experiencing heart complications.

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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.*

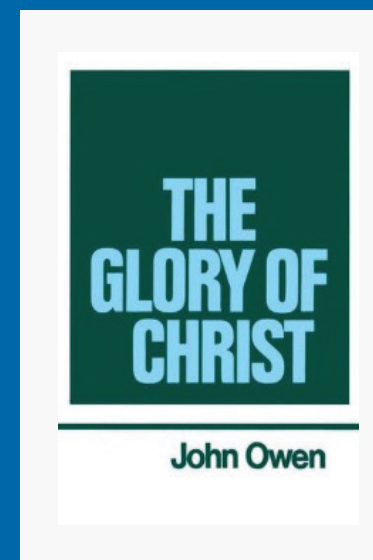
Book of the Week: The Works of John Owen, Vol. 1: The Glory of Christ, by John Owen

Despite his other achievements, Owen is best famed for his writings. These cover the range of doctrinal, ecclesiastical and practical subjects. They are characterized by profundity, thoroughness and, consequently, authority. Andrew Thomson said that Owen 'makes you feel when he has reached the end of his subject, that he has also exhausted it.'

Although many of his works were called forth by the particular needs of his own day they all have a uniform quality of timelessness. Owen's works were republished in full in the nineteenth century. Owen is surely the Prince of the Puritans. 'To master his works', says Spurgeon, 'is to be a profound theologian.'

Purchase at:

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/the-works-of-john-owen-vol-1-the-glory-of-christ.html>





6 Incredible Finds That Proved the Bible Was True

Mounting evidence confirms what Christians already knew.

—Stephanie Hertenberg

Is the Bible a true account of history? Is it an altered and highly stylized take on real events? Is it a blend of myth and cultural memory? Is it complete fantasy? These are the most common approaches to dealing with the Bible as a record of history and using it to examine what actually happened thousands of years in the past. Many Christians claim that the Bible is a complete and perfect record of history. Everything in the Bible happened exactly as Scripture portrays it. Most skeptics, on the other hand, tend to argue that the Bible is mostly, if not completely, fictional. These are the people who at one point claimed that Jesus Christ never existed and that He was a complete fabrication by Christians. This theory, however, has since been ground into the dust so utterly that scholars are in near unanimous agreement on the fact that Jesus of Nazareth was a real person.

Reaching the point where Biblical events are accepted as fact generally requires overwhelming evidence. There are many people who will disbelieve something purely because it was found in the Bible. Unfortunately for those skeptics, archaeology has unearthed a mountain of evidence that proves that the Bible is not a collection of ancient fairy tales, but an honest record of historical events. Here are

six incredible finds that proved the Bible was true.

Asteroid in the Alps

The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah is one of the ultimate examples of God's wrath in the Old Testament. The two cities are razed to the ground, and they were considered to be so sinful that their names become shorthand throughout the Bible for places or actions that are irredeemable.

For years, skeptics claimed that Sodom and Gomorrah never existed. If they had, such apocalyptic destruction would have been noticed. In point of fact, it was noticed by an Assyrian who inscribed the entire event on a clay tablet. The tablet baffled translators until scientists filled in the missing piece. The clay tablet described the flight of a massive meteorite that raced over the Earth's surface before exploding near the Alps. The land beneath the meteor's path was superheated to temperatures some scientists believe are comparable to the surface of the sun. To make matters worse, the explosion of the asteroid would have sent flaming chunks of rock crashing down onto cities near the Dead Sea and forced a wave of hyper-salinated water out of the Dead Sea and into the once-fertile soil. The clay pottery archaeologists found that had been heat-blasted to the point that it became glass was all that would have been left of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Steps of Siloam

If someone has not found it and dropped a neon sign on top of it, biblical skeptics are likely to claim that it does not exist. This is the case with numerous biblical sites and locations including the Pool of Siloam. The Pool of Siloam was the site of one of Jesus' miracles in the Gospel of John. According to John 9, Jesus "spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva and put it on the [blind] man's eyes. 'Go,' Jesus told him. 'Wash in the Pool of Siloam.' So the man went and washed, and he came home seeing."

Since the Pool of Siloam had not been definitively identified, skeptics decided it did not exist. In June 2004, however, construction work just south of the City of David stumbled across a set of ancient stone steps. Further excavation revealed that those steps were actually part of a monumental pool that was later identified as the missing Pool of Siloam.

Seal of Isaiah

Isaiah is one of the most commonly quoted prophets in Christian churches. He is also one of the most examined and debated prophets in the Old Testament. Scholars have repeatedly picked apart Isaiah's prophetic writings and, surprise surprise, begun questioning whether a person named Isaiah ever wrote them. Instead, it was theorized that the book of Isaiah was written after the events that were "foretold" by a variety of people who simply used Isaiah's name.

Once again, archaeology threw something of a monkey wrench into that theory when excavations in Israel uncovered a seal that bore the name "Isaiah" only 10 feet away from another seal that belonged to King Hezekiah. In the Bible, Isaiah was listed as being Hezekiah's advisor, so it makes sense that their seals would be found together. To give even further credence to the theory that the seal belonged to none other than the biblical Isaiah, the name "Isaiah" was followed by the Hebrew letters "nvy." "Nvy" are the first three letters of the ancient Hebrew word spelled nun-bet-yod-alef. This word, pronounced "navi," means "prophet."

Tel Dan Inscription

For some reason, biblical skeptics loved to claim that the most famous characters in the Bible were complete fiction. They tried to make that argument for years with Jesus Christ, but overwhelming evidence in favor of His existence forced them to back down. They tried something similar with both Moses and King David. The latter theory came crashing down in 1993 when a stele was unearthed at Tel Dan in Israel. The stone had been carved by an Aramean king who was boasting about defeating his two southern neighbors in battle. Those other kings were the "king of Israel" and the "king of the House of David." The two kings mentioned have since been identified as Jehoram of Israel and Ahaziah of Judah by Hazael of Damascus.

Some skeptics still try and claim that "David" is in reference to a place, not a person, but most scholars have accepted that the stele is speaking of none other than the biblical King David.

Ossuary of Yehohanan

The narrative of Jesus Christ's crucifixion, burial and resurrection forms the back-

bone of the Christian faith. Without Christ's death, there would have been no resurrection. Without His resurrection, there would be no Christianity. As such, there is a great deal riding on proving or disproving that the gospel accounts of His death are accurate.

For years, skeptics thought they had found the smoking gun when it came to disproving the entire episode. The Bible is adamant that Christ was buried after His crucifixion. Romans, however, usually left the bodies of crucifixion victims to rot on the cross as a warning to others. The two, skeptics argued, were inherently contradictory. Then, an ossuary was unearthed in Israel containing the bones of a young man named Yehohanan. Like so many other Jews, he was given a proper burial and his bones placed in an ossuary after the flesh had rotted away. Unlike most Jews, his ossuary had an extra artifact in it, an iron nail driven through his heel bone. Yehohanan had been crucified, but he was still allowed a proper burial. As such, there is precedent that the same could have happened to Jesus of Nazareth.

Cylinder of Cyrus

In addition to questioning whether or not certain people truly existed, skeptics are very fond of claiming that some of the most important events in the Bible were entirely made up by the ancient Israelites. Among those questioned episodes was the entirety of the Exodus narrative and the Babylonian captivity. Why a people would create fictional stories about their own defeat and enslavement is uncertain, but that did not stop skeptics from claiming that both captivities of the Israelites were fictitious. The cylinder of Cyrus the Great of Persia, however, suggests that it was very real. The nine inch clay cylinder detailed not only Cyrus' victory over Babylon but his unexpected decision to allow Babylonia captives to return to their own ancestral homelands and rebuild their temples. Among those captives would have been the ancient Israelites who had been held in Babylon after they were defeated in war.

Some of the grandest claims skeptics made about the Bible have been ground into dust. Christ was real, and the gospels give a faithful account of His death. David and the kingdom of Israel were a force to be reckoned with in ancient times. From Genesis to Revelation, the most important events in the Bible hold up to historical scrutiny. One can only imagine what else will be uncovered as archaeological excavations continue.

Tim Challies: A Family Update and a Cause of Death

—by *Tim Challies (May 26)*

It took nearly six months, but the Jefferson County Coroner's Office finally determined the cause of Nick's death and sent us an autopsy report. It was a very long wait for a crucial piece of information. And while it was very difficult to receive the report, we were glad to finally know. We couldn't bring ourselves to read it, so took a quick photo of each page and sent it to a doctor friend. He read the report thoroughly and explained what we needed to know.

In all honesty, I am quite hesitant to share this information. I know that many of you have so kindly supported us through this difficult time and for that reason I'd like for you to know what happened. My hesitation comes down to this: I do not want well-meaning people to send emails with medical advice. For obvious reasons, this situation has been extremely tough and it is one we have had to entrust to medical experts. So I will explain what we've found out, but ask that you don't email or otherwise message me about it. Thanks for your understanding.

Essentially, the autopsy led to a diagnosis of "presumed cardiac dysrhythmia of uncertain etiology." In other words, for causes that remain unknown, Nick's heart very suddenly and unexpectedly slipped into an unsustainable rhythm which in turn led to full cardiac arrest. This is a presumed diagnosis, which is the best they can do in such cases. While the cause is unknown, it is possible that it will be determined as we consult with a geneticist in the weeks to come. Genetic testing may (or may not) give us clarity about what caused Nick's heart to fail.

And now we know. Now we know that the heart of an otherwise healthy young man can just stop. We wouldn't have imagined. The day we received the report was one of the hardest we've had since he died. Yet there was also some comfort in it. It was comforting in the sense that he did nothing wrong and we did nothing wrong. It was comforting in the sense that the people who tried to save him did all they could since, without specialized equipment, there was little that could be done to save him once he collapsed. And it was comforting in the sense that it was so clearly an act of providence in which the Lord just took him. All we can do is bow the knee.

Two weeks ago was the day that would have been Nick's wedding. I will write

about that more at another time, but it was an extremely difficult day—a day in which I think we were mourning the future that will never be. He was so proud to be engaged, so eager to be Ryn's husband, so gratified that she was willing to have him. We visited the cemetery that day and laid a boutonniere at his grave as just a token of what might have been. I took the speech I would have given at his wedding—a speech that expresses my pride and honors him for becoming the man he was—and read it there. It was so hard. So sad. So devastating. But the Lord met us there, bringing us comfort through some readers of this site who just happened to be there at the same time, who introduced themselves, and who prayed for us as we stood together by our son's grave (and within a very short distance of their son's grave). God is good.

In other news, we remain under that same loose stay-at-home order that has been in effect for a couple of months now. It is set to expire in mid-June and that is when Ontario will begin its incremental re-opening plan. It seems unlikely that we will experience anything close to normalcy until late in the year, at best. It is a little bit difficult to look across the border and see America so rapidly normalizing. It is also encouraging, though, as we presume our time will eventually come as well.

Abby served out her two-week quarantine after returning home from Louisville and is now back to work at a nearby grocery store. Michaela has another month of online school and will then begin summer holidays. We plan to spend a week at a cottage in Quebec for our vacation this year, but that is still up in the air, not least because Quebec and Ontario have closed their border to one another. We are hoping it will be open again by July. And speaking of borders, we are also hopeful that the US-Canada border will open again and remove the mandatory quarantines since we have many friends and family members in the US who are eager to come up here and visit us. Who ever would have thought our countries would mutually agree to close their borders, then keep them that way for over a year?

I had mentioned a while back that my father-in-law was building a stand and display case for Nick's Bible. He recently completed that project and I could not be more pleased with it. Nick's Bible now sits in my office, open to 1 Corinthians 15 with its message of hope. And just above it is a portrait of Nick a friend commissioned from Caffy Whitney. It brings me great comfort, when I'm down, to be able to look at that portrait, to look at that Bible, to read the precious words, and to consider the day he and I will be together with Christ. Come, Lord Jesus!

Other News:

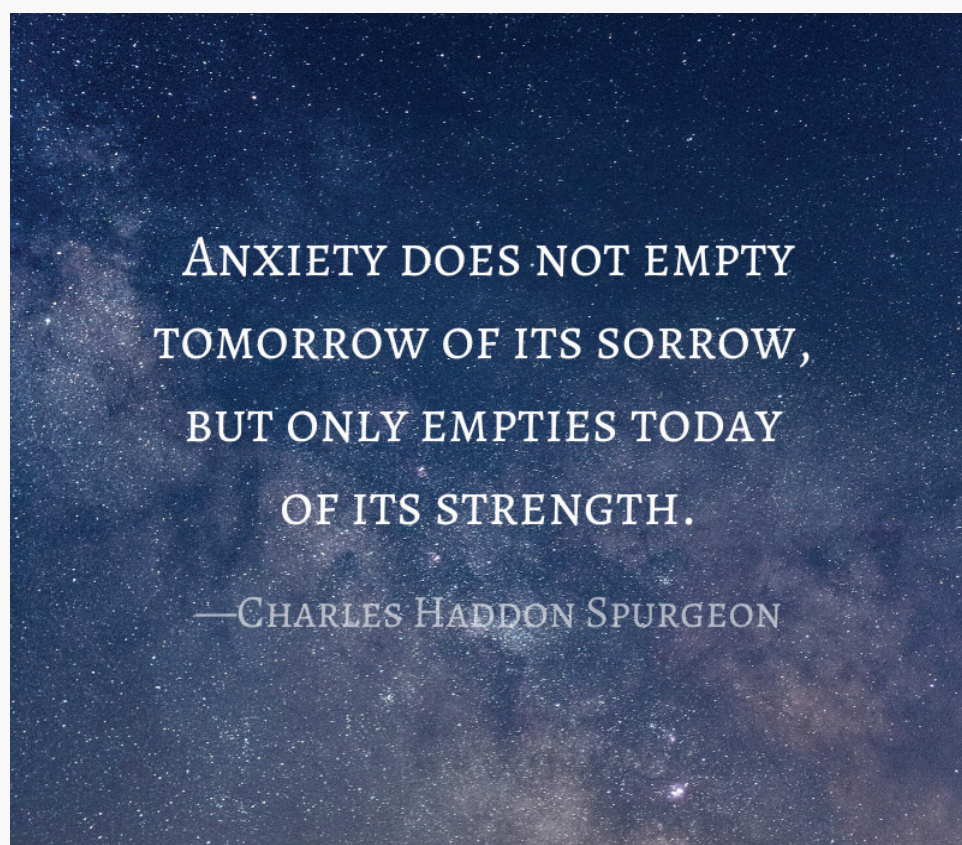
SBC presidential hopeful Mike Stone wants denomination to fully reject critical race theory— <https://www.christianpost.com/news/sbc-pastors-propose-resolution-to-condemn-critical-race-theory.html>

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>

Quote of the Week:



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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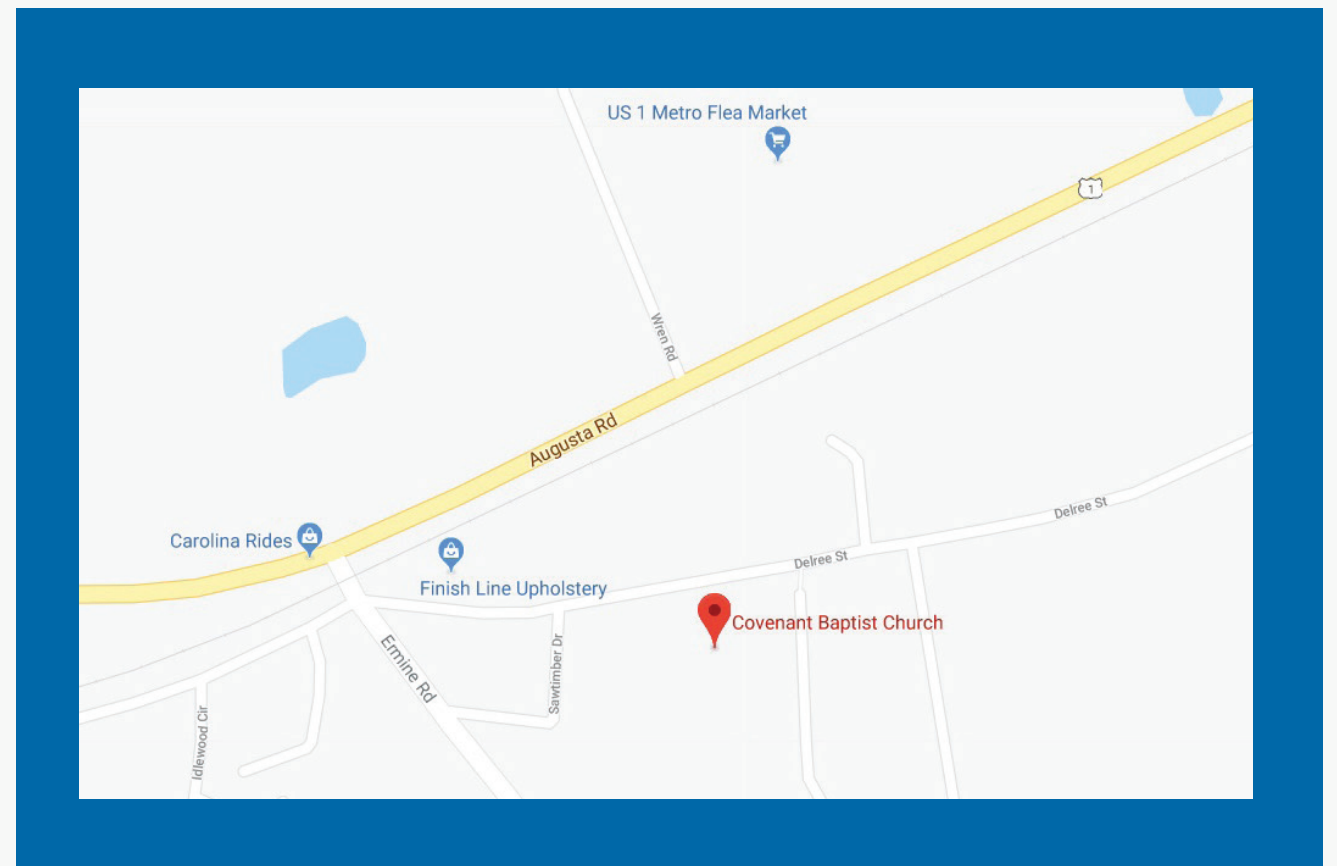
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Location:



*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.*