



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

July 4th, 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 (How God Converts the Human Soul)
~ 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

(July 4th, 2021)

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 145:10-13

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty—2

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:1-22

Stricken, Smitten And Afflicted—303

How Firm a Foundation—364

Message:

The Actual Accomplishments of the Crucifixion of Christ,
Pt 3—Reconciliation:
John 19:30, Colossians 1:19-23

Prayer and Benediction

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On-Call Deacon List:

- July 4: Shumpert
- July 11: Smoak
- July 18: Kyzer

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- July 10: Shumpert/Smoak
- July 17: Egan/Fudge
- July 24: 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

Covenant mission t-shirts have arrived and are available in the library. There are a variety of sizes and colors, and the prices range from \$10.50-\$15, depending on size. The funds will support the church missions ministries. See Alton for details or to purchase.

Please contact Chris Waddell (803-447-8257) if you would like to help clean the church every couple of months. You will be teamed with another family to divide the amount of work required. We need at least one more person/couple/family to help at this time.

We have received \$7,599 since January toward paying the mortgage down. Thanks to your generosity a check for \$67,599 to be made toward the principal balance. This means that we will now only owe \$55,087.49. Praise the Lord! We are on track to pay this building off in 4 years.

We are grateful to announce that Covenant Baptist, along with Dixiana Baptist and other sister churches, will be paying for Noel in Kenya for 3 years of Seminary so he can pastor a church in Kenya. He will be housed in Nairobi Kenya along with his family and will attend seminary there. Noel was a South Sudan pastor who nearly lost his life for standing up and speaking out against the injustice of the slaughter of innocent family members.

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"

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—*July 11th. 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.*

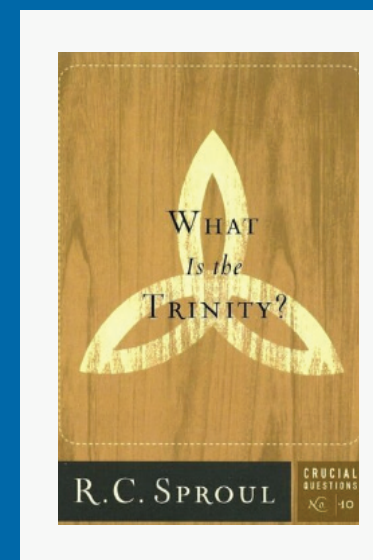
Book of the Week: What Is the Trinity? by R. C. Sproul

The Trinity is truly a mystery. This doctrine teaches that the God of Christianity is one in His essence but three in His persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Though the word Trinity is not found in the Bible, there is no doubt that the Scriptures teach this triune nature of God. Yet the concept still challenges our finite minds.

In this Crucial Questions booklet, Dr. R.C. Sproul carefully explains the doctrine of the Trinity, stressing that Christians worship one God who manifests Himself in three distinct persons. He shows what the Bible teaches and outlines the chief errors on this doctrine that have afflicted the church. Above all, he affirms that while this truth is difficult to understand, it is not contradictory. Rather, it is a beautiful expression of the biblical teaching on the nature of God.

Purchase at:

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/who-is-jesus-crucial-questions-no-1-sproul.html>





God Loves LGBTQ People More Than We Do

—by Samuel Sey

God doesn't whisper on sexual sin. His love for sinners keeps him from doing that. He doesn't whisper on sexual sin—because he doesn't whisper on his love for sinners.

God isn't ashamed of the gospel. He isn't embarrassed by his word. He isn't anxious about telling people good things that might offend them. God isn't afraid to tell the truth about sexual sin.

God isn't tempted to lie about pornography, fornication, adultery—and especially, homosexuality and transgenderism.

He loves sinners too much for that. God isn't tempted to hide his love, mercy, and grace from homosexual and transgender people. God isn't like you and me. God loves LGBTQ people more than we do. So we should act like it.

This month is, of course, Pride month. Our culture celebrates homosexuality and transgenderism. Our neighbours celebrate and parade evil as good and good as evil. Therefore many Christians are increasingly tempted to become sympathetic

or supportive of homosexuality and transgenderism.

A few days ago, a person sent me a message asking:

“On the topic of sin and homosexuality I wanted your Biblical perspective as I work with many gay married people and I never know how to respond. [I] understand the Bible says acting on homosexual behavior is a sin same as hating your neighbor. [I] understand the Bible defines marriage as a man and women. So then how are homosexuals who have come to Christ then to carry out there lives? Are they to watch heterosexual people have marriages and families only bc the Bible defined it that way? Seems heart breaking.”

Judging from some of the comments by professing Christians on my recent Instagram post about homosexuality, many professing Christians are tempted to disagree with what the Bible says about homosexuality and LGBTQ issues.

According to the Pew Research Center, 54% of professing Christians believe homosexuality “should be accepted”, and only 38% believe it should be discouraged.

This is because many professing Christians believe they love LGBTQ people more than God does.

In my reply to the person who messaged me about homosexuality, I suggested it isn't heartbreaking to suffer for Christ—it's more heartbreaking to suffer for sin.

It's not heartbreaking when people deny themselves from homosexuality—it's heartbreaking when people deny Christ for homosexuality. It's heartbreaking when anyone—including me—denies Christ for sexual sin.

It's hard, not heartbreaking, to follow Christ. Jesus said:

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?” (Matthew 16:24)

It's not heartbreaking when LGBTQ people gain Christ and lose the whole world. It's heartbreaking when they gain whole world and lose Christ.

But too often, we hate LGBTQ people too much to tell them that. The Bible says, [love] does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth (1 Corinthians 13:6).

It's not loving to lie to LGBTQ people. It's not loving to encourage people to commit sexual sin. It's not loving to encourage people to reject who God made them to be.

God created us as male or female because he loves us. He commands us to be fruitful and multiply because he loves us.

He created Eve for Adam because he loves Adam. And he created Adam for Eve because he loves Eve.

God created women to be “helpers fit for” men because he loves men and women. He didn't create men to be “helpers fit for” men. And he didn't create women to be “helpers fit for” women. That's because he loves us. Therefore, we hate LGBTQ people when we encourage them to be what God hasn't created or loved them to be.

If we refuse to tell LGBTQ people the truth, we're refusing to love them. If we want to love LGBTQ people (and all sinners) like God does, we would tell them suffering temporarily in this world by obeying God is better than suffering forever in hell by disobeying God.

The Bible doesn't whisper about sexual sin. God doesn't whisper about his hatred for homosexuality and transgenderism—because he doesn't whisper about his love and grace for repentant LGBTQ people.

God loves LGBTQ people more than we do. So let's believe what he says in the Bible. After all, if we do not believe what the Bible says, we do not believe in Jesus Christ.



Sheriff Briefs Trump on 300 Percent Increase in Migrant Deaths in One Texas County

—by Bob Price and Randy Clark

WESLACO, Texas — A sheriff in South Texas told former President Donald Trump his county saw a 300 percent increase in the number of migrant deaths this month over last year. The Brooks County Sheriff told the former president that his deputies recovered 16 deceased migrants in June.

“We are 70 miles north of the river and have one of the busiest checkpoints there are in the southwest corridor,” Brooks County Sheriff Benny Martinez told President Trump during a briefing Weslaco, Texas, with Governor Greg Abbott. “In June 2020, we had four body recoveries. In June 2021, we had 16 bodies recovered — a 300 percent increase.”

Brooks County is located about 70 miles north of the Texas border with Mexico. There is a U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint located on U.S. Highway 281 — right in the middle of Brooks County. Human smugglers drop off migrants south of the Falfurrias Checkpoint and try to march them around the checkpoint to other smugglers waiting north of the checkpoint.

When migrants cannot keep up, get injured, or suffer heat exhaustion or dehydration, the smugglers simply leave the migrants behind to die, Sheriff Martinez previously told Breitbart Texas.

Over four days, Brooks County deputies worked with Border Patrol agents to recover the bodies of seven bodies, Martinez told the former president.

“Brooks County has seen a 185 percent increase in operations,” the sheriff said regarding interactions with lost migrants and other human smuggling-related activities. He said they experienced a 110 percent increase in “gotaways” in the county and a 250 percent increase in smuggling cases. Finally, he reported a 238 percent increase in sexual assaults of migrants being smuggled.

“That’s another issue that we deal with sexual assault, rape cases that occur within the brush,” Sheriff Martinez said. The sheriff also reported significant property damage to ranches in Brooks County where smugglers cut down fences and destroy property as they move through the area. The damaged fences frequently lead to the release of cattle creating a danger to the public on the roadways in the county.

Martinez also said they are still seeing a lot of migrants that test positive for COVID-19 when apprehended in his county.

“COVID is still out there, very much alive,” Martinez told President Trump. “Okay, so all these getaways, all these other people are coming in that being tested. We don’t know which direction to go in going into the states. it’s going to harm the United States. It’s going to harm our country so we need to be careful.”

So are this year, Brooks County Deputies and Falfurrias Station Border Patrol agents recovered the bodies or skeletal remains of nearly 50 migrants. This compares to 34 deaths for the entire year of 2020.

Enemies Within the Church: SBC Compilation



<https://youtu.be/qOnaakLuJ90>

Other News:

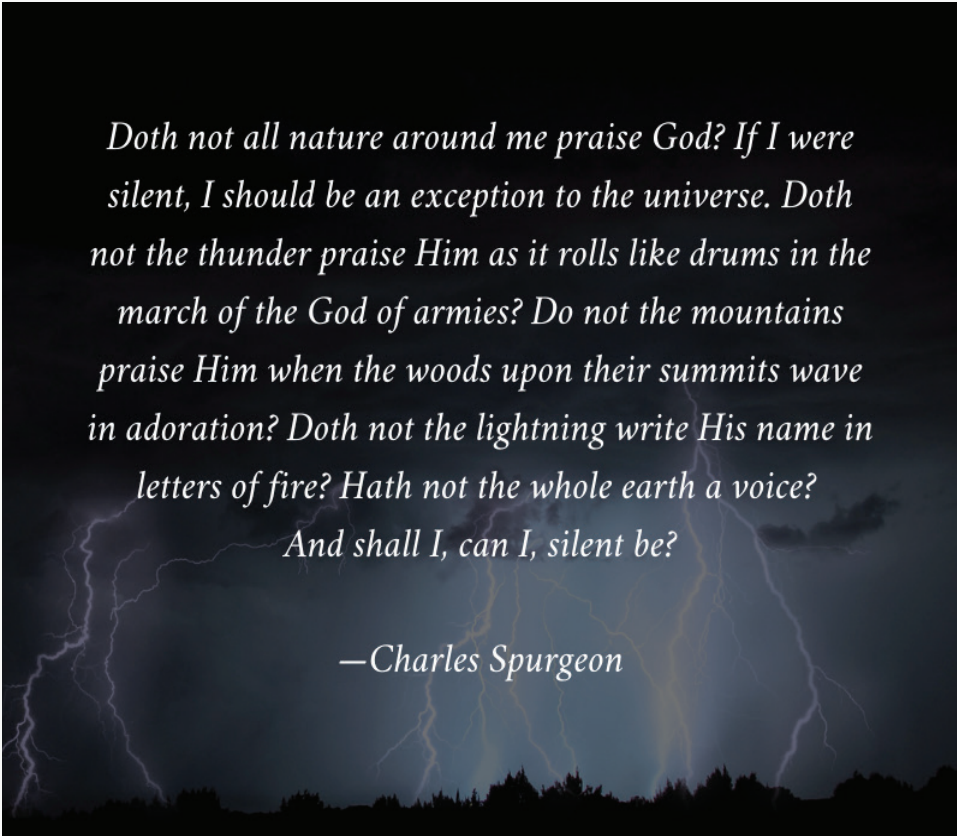
Tim Challies: Family Update— <https://www.challies.com/personal-reflections/a-family-update-and-a-cause-of-death/>

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/>

Quote of the Week:



Doth not all nature around me praise God? If I were silent, I should be an exception to the universe. Doth not the thunder praise Him as it rolls like drums in the march of the God of armies? Do not the mountains praise Him when the woods upon their summits wave in adoration? Doth not the lightning write His name in letters of fire? Hath not the whole earth a voice?

And shall I, can I, silent be?

—Charles Spurgeon

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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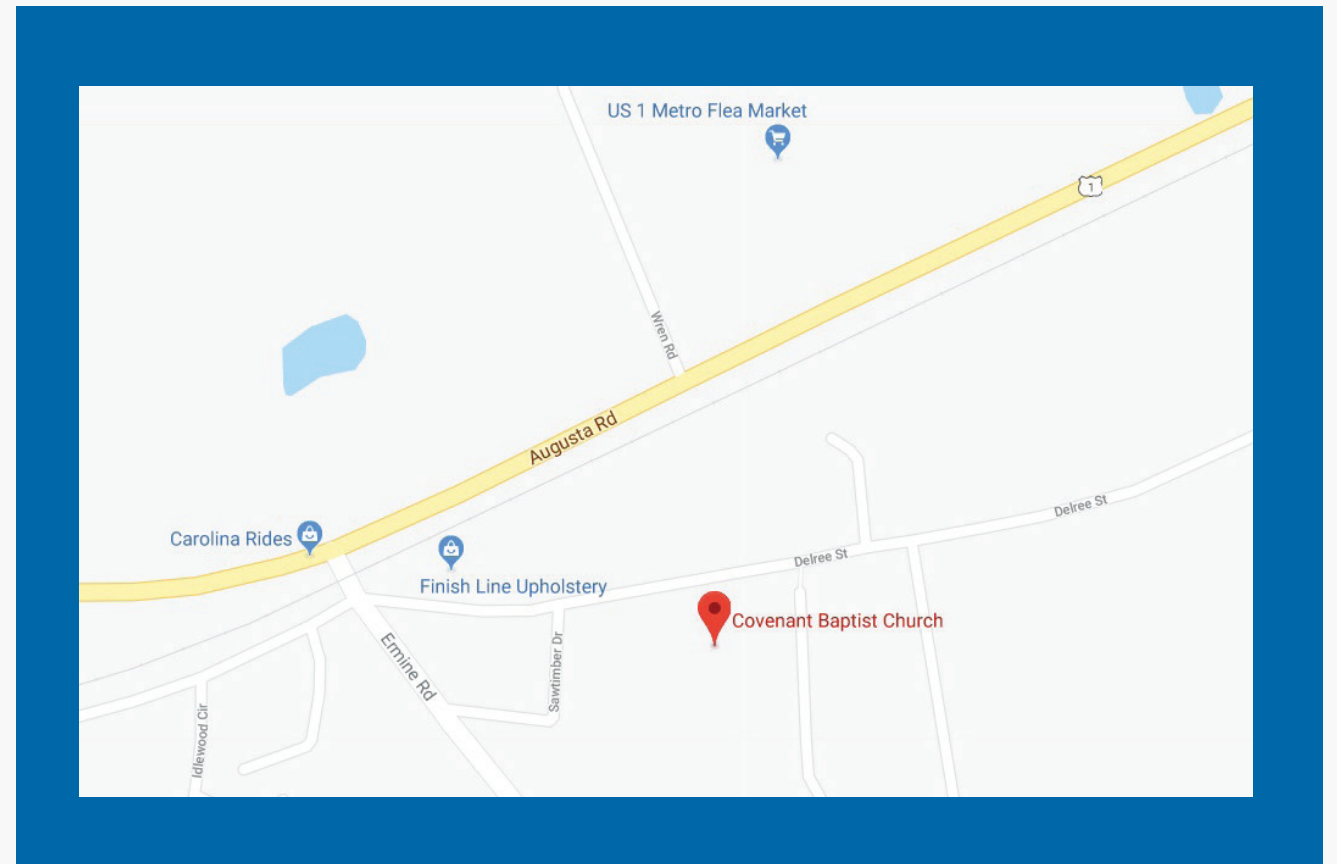
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West Columbia, SC 29170

<https://covenantbaptistsc.org>

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.*