



## Covenant Baptist Church

*Reformed and Refreshing*

*January 9, 2022*

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.

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## Service Times:

Bible Education Hour (Intentional Family)  
~ 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

*(January 9, 2022)*

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 8:1-9

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God—83

Scripture Reading: Revelation 6:1-17

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?—282

Behold Our God—126

Message:

Signs for the Second Coming of Christ,  
Pt. 1: The Apostasy  
—2 Thessalonians 2:1-3

The Communion Hymn—343

Closing Prayer

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### Church Cleaning Schedule:

- January 15: Olds/Todd
- January 22: Kyzer (K&R)/Bean
- January 29: Allen (J&W)/Steele

### On-Call Deacon List:

- January 9: Colonel Rogers
- January 16: Andy Shumpert
- January 23: Wesley Smoak

### 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 have the Lord's Supper today. Please take this opportunity to examine your heart and make sure you are a Christian because the Lord's supper is only for believers who have trusted Christ as their Lord and Savior. Also, as a Christian, examine your heart and confess to our Lord any known sin in your life. This is a time for us to do as 1 John 1:9 says, to "confess our sins, for He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

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Today is our Second Sunday Fellowship meal. Please plan to stay and have a meal with us.

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Next Sunday 1/16, our pastor will preach on the topic of "Biblical Sexual Morality." Just recently in Canada, Bill C-4 was passed and has been made law now as of 1/8/22 that no one can be involved in counseling or speaking out against homosexuality or any other sexual identity that is opposite of Scriptural teaching. This will make it a criminal offense to counsel someone or call on someone to repent of sexual immorality, homosexuality, or transgenderism. It is a band on what has been called "conversion therapy". This is already here in the US. In Lafayette, Indiana they are currently trying to pass a law to ban "conversion therapy". So this is an important time to be able to be very clear on what the Word of God says regarding these topics. Please pray for that day as many pastors throughout America and the world preach on this topic. Please plan to be here and bring others for this important Biblical stand.

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We will be restarting our ACBC Biblical Counseling class January 13th at 7pm. If you are interested, please look for a sign up sheet in the foyer.

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Intentional Faith, Family Life, and Courtship—Starts today. Mr. Kelly Hammond will be teaching a new Bible Education class presenting a very practical look at three very important and intertwining topics of the Christian walk. This class is open to all ages and will last 4-6 weeks.

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From the Smoak family: Covenant Baptist Church - We are blessed to be members of this amazing family! Thank you to everyone who prayed, called, texted and extended your generosity to our family this last month—We are grateful to the Lord for His mercy & grace during this season, for He is good in all things. Thank you doesn't seem enough. Please know we have been very encouraged & blessed and are so very thankful. Much love in Christ alone

—The Smoak Family

## Covenant Baptist Church Events

**Greek Class**—*On hold*

**Biblical Counseling Class**—*Begins January 13, 2022 at 7 pm.*

**Second Sunday Dinner**—*January 9, 2022.*

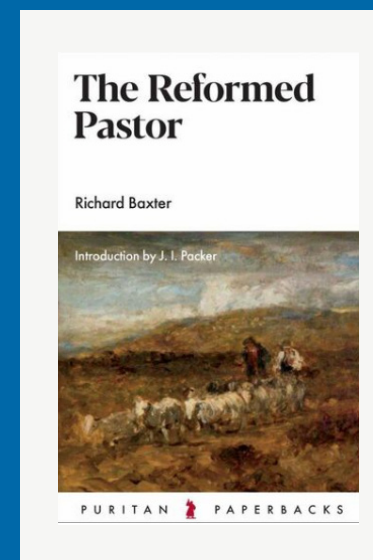
*Please plan to bring a dish to share and stay for the fellowship. Also remember that we usually have visitors who stay for the meal, and you are encouraged to bring more than a small side dish so that there is plenty to go around.*

## Book of the Week: The Reformed Pastor, by Richard Baxter

Richard Baxter was vicar of Kidderminster from 1647 to 1661...His ministry transformed the people of Kidderminster from 'an ignorant, rude and revelling people' to a godly, worshipping community. These pages, first prepared for a Worcestershire association of ministers in 1656, deal with the means by which such changes are ever to be accomplished. In his fervent plea for the discharge of the spiritual obligations of the ministry, Baxter, in the words of his contemporary, Thomas Manton, 'came nearer the apostolic writings than any man in the age'....A century later Philip Doddridge wrote, 'The Reformed Pastor is a most extraordinary book...many good men are but shadows of what (by the blessing of God) they might be, if the maxims and measures laid down in that incomparable Treatise were strenuously pursued'.

Purchase at:

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/the-reformed-pastor-puritan-paperbacks-baxter.html>





## Continue Reading:

<https://www.gracechurch.org/news/posts/2307>

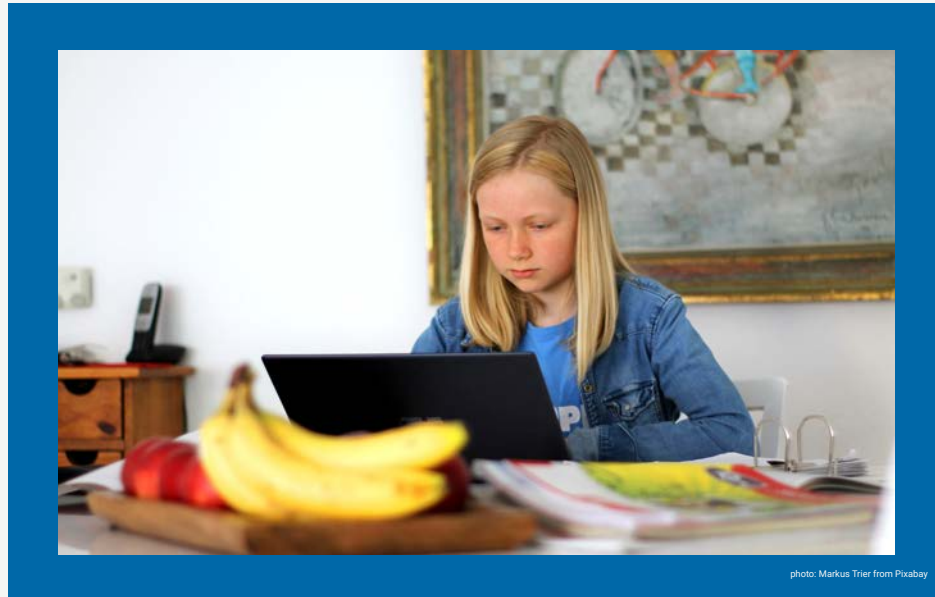
## A Stand on Biblical Sexual Morality

*—by John MacArthur*

Dear Minister of the Gospel,

I write to you this Christmas season to call your attention to an urgent matter in which the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is under attack.

On December 22, I received an email from Pastor James Coates of GraceLife Church of Edmonton in Alberta, Canada. You will remember that he was recently imprisoned for keeping his church open during COVID-19 lockdowns. James is a graduate of The Master's Seminary and co-author (with Dr. Nathan Busenitz) of an excellent new book—God and Government (to be released March 2022). James's recent email gave me insight into the Canadian government's decision to pass Bill C-4, which "directly comes against parents and counsellors who would seek to offer biblical counsel with respect to sexual immorality and gender." James indicates that it could be used to "criminalize evangelism." To clarify the bill, James forwarded this email from Pastor Andrew DeBartolo:



## Continue Reading:

<https://www.breitbart.com/education/2022/01/03/2022-public-schools-continue-to-shed-students-as-homeschooling-surges/>

## 2022: Public Schools Continue to Shed Students as Homeschooling Surges

—by Dr. Susan Berry

One of the defining educational issues of 2021 has been the decision by many parents to reevaluate their means of educating their children, and more are opting to remove them from government-run schools in favor of other alternatives, including homeschooling, which has shown a significant surge.

In its December report on data showing a migration of students from public schools, NPR describes the change as “troubling”:

*We compiled the latest headcount data directly from more than 600 districts in 23 states and Washington, D.C., including statewide data from Massachusetts, Georgia and Alabama. We found that very few districts, especially larger ones, have returned to pre-pandemic numbers. Most are now posting a second straight year of declines.*

Among the school districts losing students is New York City, where enrollment dropped by about 38,000 students during the 2020-2021 academic year, with an additional loss of 13,000 in the current school year.



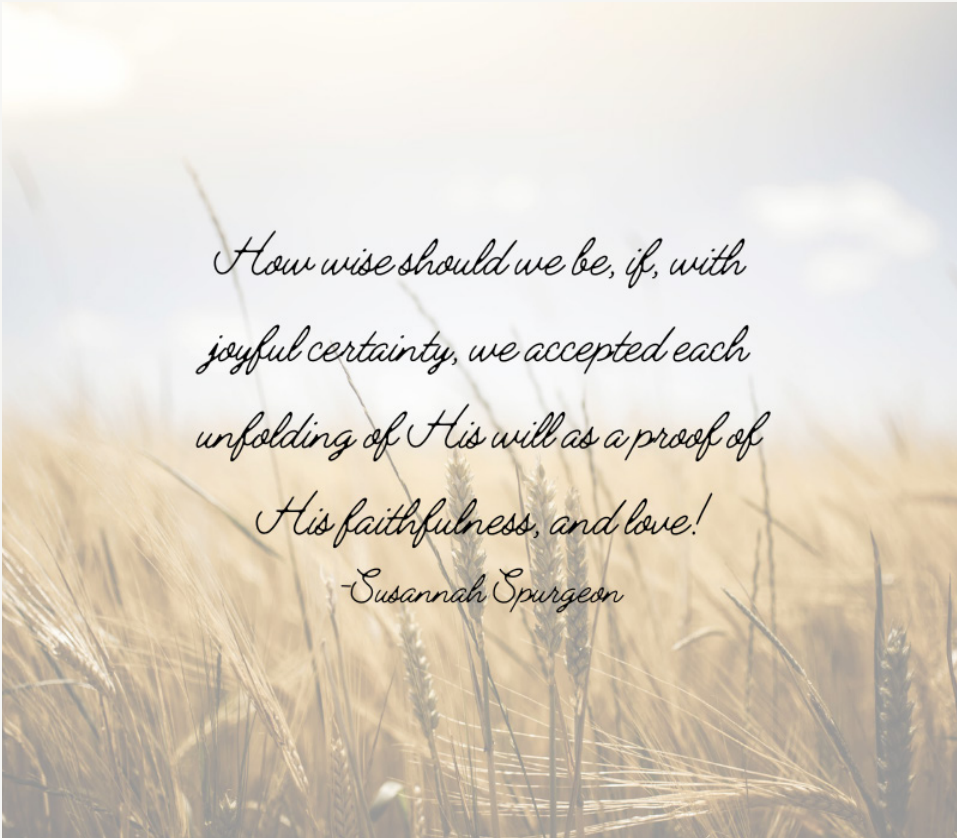
## Other News:

**Abortion Leading Global Cause of Death in 2021 with 43 Million Killed**— <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2021/12/31/abortion-leading-global-cause-of-death-in-2021-with-43-million-killed/>

**COVID Passport Microchip? Swedish Tech Start-Up Sees Another Conspiracy Theory Become Fact**— <https://www.zerohedge.com/technology/covid-passport-microchip-swedish-company-rollout-sees-another-conspiracy-theory-become>

**Guatemalan president vows to make country 'pro-life capital' of Latin America**— <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/guatemalan-president-vows-to-make-country-pro-life-capital-of-latin-america/>

## Quote of the Week:



*How wise should we be, if, with joyful certainty, we accepted each unfolding of His will as a proof of His faithfulness, and love!*  
-Susannah 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/>

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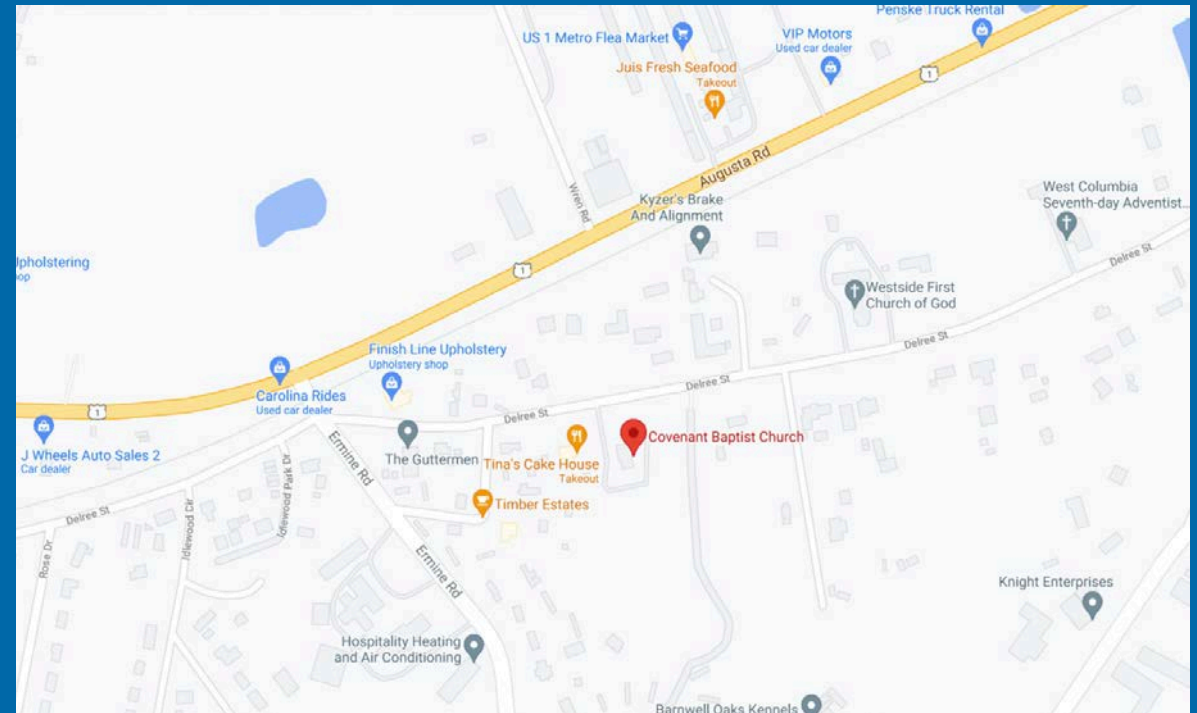
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## Location:



*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.*