



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

April 3, 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.

<https://covenantbaptistsc.org>

Service Times:

Bible Education Hour (New Members Class)
~ 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

(April 3, 2022)

Prelude
Call to Worship: Psalm 32:21-24

Hymn: We Come, O Christ, to You 111

Scripture Reading: Revelation 16:1-21

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision 176

Hymn: Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery 184

Message: The Termination and
Treachery of the Antichrist
—2 Thessalonians 2:6-12

Hymn: Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine 403

Closing Prayer

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Church Cleaning Schedule:

- April 9: Crapps/McSween
- April 16: Thomas/Waddell
- April 23: Bristol/Smiling

On-Call Deacon List:

- April 3: Kenny Lucas
- April 10: Trey Egan
- April 17: Colonel Rogers

Church Bookstore:

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

Announcements

Please pray for Alton who has arrived in India. He will be checking on our orphanages and having a brief time with the pastors.

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April 17th is Resurrection Sunday. We will have a special evangelistic message; please invite your lost friends.

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Our New Members Class has started. If you have joined the church or are considering uniting in membership with the church, plan to be at this class. It begins at 9:30am and is being taught by Pastor Swann.

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This Wednesday Sandy Allen will be preaching. Prayer at 6 and service at 7pm.

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ACBC Biblical Counseling class will meet this Thursday at 7 PM.

Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class—*On hold*

Biblical Counseling Class—*Thursdays, 7 pm.*

Second Sunday Dinner—*April 10th, 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.

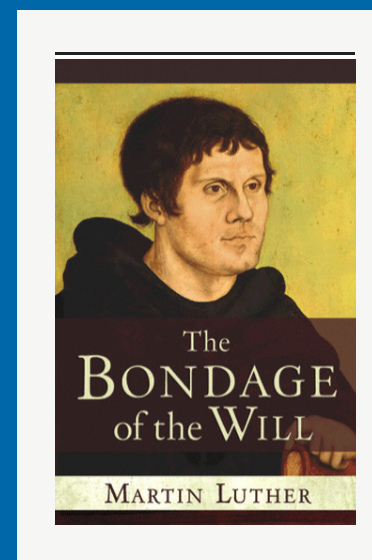
Book of the Week: The Bondage of the Will, by Martin Luther

First published in 1525, Martin Luther's *Bondage of the Will* is acknowledged by theologians as one of the great masterpieces of the Reformation. It is Luther's response to Desiderius Erasmus' *Diatribes on Free Will*, written in his direct and unique style, combining deep spirituality with humor. Luther writes powerfully about man's depravity and God's sovereignty. The crucial issue for Luther concerned what ability free will has, and to what degree it is subject to God's sovereignty.

For Luther, this key issue of free will is directly connected to God's plan of salvation. Is man able to save himself, or is his salvation entirely a work of divine grace? This work is vital to understanding the primary doctrines of the Reformation and will long remain among the great theological classics of Christian history.

Purchase at:

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/the-bondage-of-the-will-hendrickson-luther.html>





Continue Reading:

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/it-unspiritual-be-discouraged>

Is It Unspiritual to Be Discouraged?

—by *Sinclair Ferguson*

From time to time over the centuries some Christians have taught, sometimes with tragic consequences, that a truly spiritual person never gets discouraged. To be cast down is, by definition, to be “unspiritual.” Unless we are well-grounded in Scripture, it is very easy for us to be overwhelmed, confused, and even more discouraged by such teaching.

This teaching certainly seems logical: if the gospel saves us, it must save us from discouragement! It also appears to be wonderfully spiritual. After all, are we not “more than conquerors through him who loved us” (Rom. 8:37)?

But this is not biblical logic, nor is it true spirituality. The gospel saves us from death, not by removing death, but by helping us to face it in the power of Christ’s victory and thus to overcome it. So, too, with sin. And similarly with discouragement. Faith in Christ does not remove all of the causes of discouragement; rather, it enables us to overcome them. We may experience discouragement; but we will not be defeated by it.



Continue Reading:

<https://heartcrymissionary.com/mission-updates/serving-the-refugees/>

Serving Refugees

—by Ion Gireada

Ion and Elena Gireada have been faithful at their ministry posts in Ukraine for many years. Recently, they felt the effects of the war in their country as many of the people have escaped the aggression by moving inland. Brother Ion has been laboring day and night to assist in the aid of the people. This month, he reports:

Blessed be God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who has given us another day to live!

Today, March 19th, the 24th day of the war, I came home earlier from the Bible Center. I returned at 5:00 PM in order to get some rest and prepare my sermon for tomorrow. I would like to share with you a little bit about what brother Vitalii and I along with four other pastors from the Romanian committee have been doing. From the first day of war until now, we've been working from morning until night at the Bible Center. We've been praying, hosting refugees, counseling some of them, taking them to the border, offering humanitarian help and medical aid. We receive humanitarian aid from Romania. We unload vans and load other vans with food supplies, medicines, water and other necessary things and then send them to the war area. We are hosting 150 refugees at the Bible Center in Chernivtsi and in the surrounding area.

Other News:

California Bill Would Legalize Infanticide, Babies Could be Left to Die Up to 6 Weeks After Birth— <https://www.lifenews.com/2022/03/25/california-bill-would-legalize-infanticide-babies-could-be-left-to-die-up-to-6-weeks-after-birth/>

Update on Ukraine— <https://heartcrymissionary.com/mission-updates/update-on-ukraine/>

Citi to cover travel expenses for U.S. staff seeking an abortion— <https://news.yahoo.com/citi-cover-travel-expenses-u-145324689.html>

Quote of the Week:

*Surely there is something
in you which God loves, or else he would
not be killing that which he hates.
If he hates the sin in you, it is a good sign;
for where do we hate sin most?
Why, in those we love most.*

- 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:
Thursdays, 7pm



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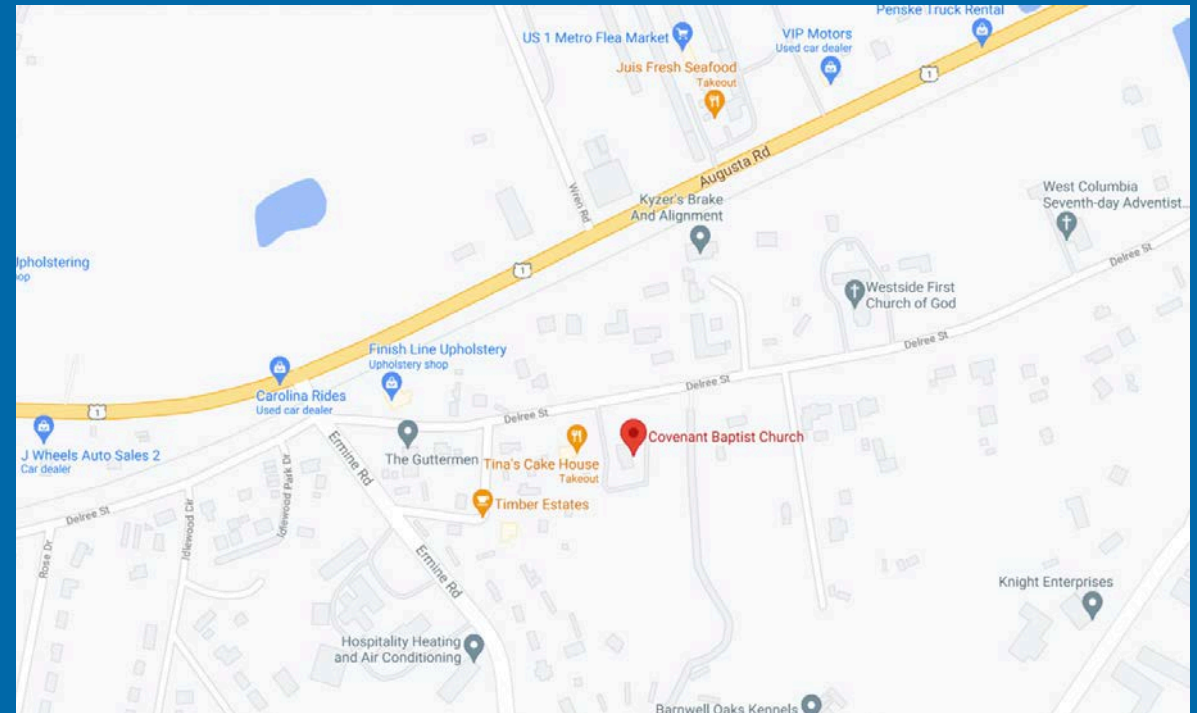
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Location:



*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.*