



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

May 29, 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

(May 29, 2022)

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 143:8-12

Hymn: Praise The Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him 3

Scripture Reading: Revelation 22:1-21

Hymn: How Sweet and Aweful Is The Place 350

Hymn: Wonderful, Merciful Savior 162

Message: Christ or Chaos:
A Biblical Response to the Texas School Shooting
—Mark 7:20-23

Lord's Supper

Hymn: Rise Up, O Men Of God 339

Closing Prayer

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Church Cleaning Schedule:

- June 4: Allen (J&W)/Steele
- June 11: Crapps/McSween
- June 18: Thomas/Waddell

On-Call Deacon List:

- May 29: Trey Egan
- June 5: Colonel Rogers
- June 12: Andy Shumpert

Church Bookstore:

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

Announcements

Today we will receive the Lord's Table. Please prepare your heart in confession of sin for this important ordinance our Lord has given us to remember His death and declare it until He comes back.

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Parents, please be mindful of others as you are training your children to sit through the service quietly. If your child is fussing or talking, please step out with them to the foyer, overflow room, or nursery rooms in the back where the sermon is being played over speakers and TV so you do not miss anything. We gladly welcome children being apart of the worship service, but encourage you to train them for this task. If you need some help in this area, please see one of the elders and they can direct you to families willing to share some advice that has worked in training their own children.

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We need your help with seating in the main sanctuary. We are thankful for so many who are coming to worship with us, but sometimes the pews are not used to their maximum capacity. Please be aware of the needs of others. If you can sit toward one end of the pew, it will allow others to easily see where the empty seats are. Please also place personal items beneath your seat to ensure room for others to sit.

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Our New Members Class continues today. 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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There is a schedule change for Wednesday evenings to make it easier to remember our prayer service. From this point forward, we will have our dedicated prayer service on the first Wednesday of each month. The second Wednesday we will have preaching from one of our elders-in-training.

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The 3rd Covenant Home now has 21 boys taken off the streets and living within its walls. We now need 21 supporters to adopt a boy to support at \$41.00 a month. The Mission Letter will be reaching outside of the church to those who may be interested in working along-side of us in getting these children off the streets of India. Please see Alton for more details. Prayer is our #1 tool. Thank you all.

Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class—*On hold*

Biblical Counseling Class—*Thursdays, 7 pm.*

Second Sunday Dinner—*June 12th, 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.*

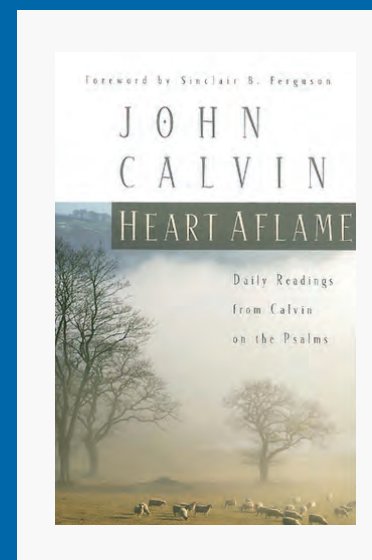
Book of the Week: Heart Aflame: Daily Readings from Calvin on the Psalms

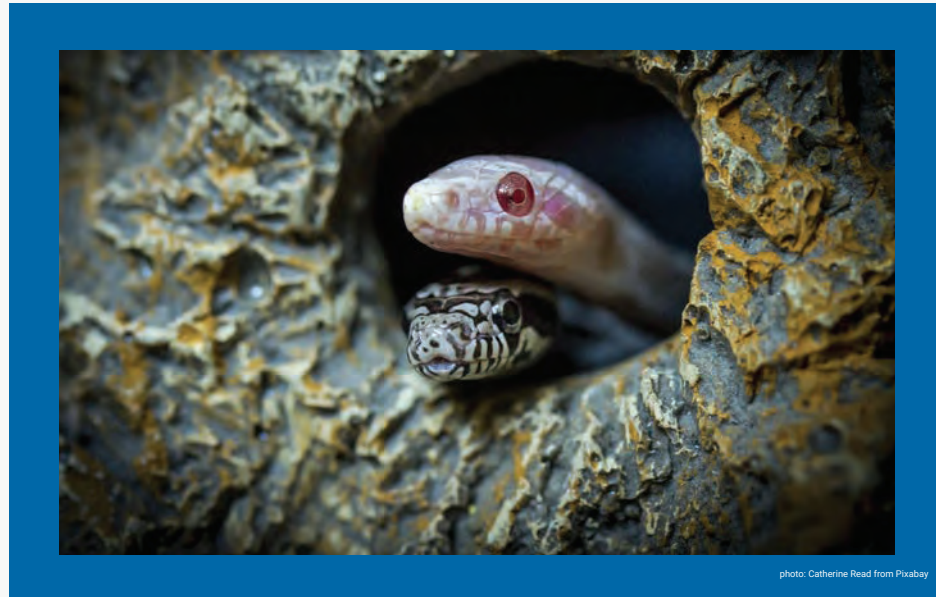
John Calvin described the Psalms as “an anatomy of all the parts of the soul.” The description is an apt one, says Sinclair B. Ferguson in the foreword to this volume, “since every experience, every emotion, all the heights and depths, all the joys and sorrows, all the mysteries of human life, are here.”

These select readings from Calvin's Commentary on the Psalms provide us with a year's worth of rewarding daily meditations. Calvin wrote as one whose own experience is mirrored in the Psalms. Here we witness his remarkable knack for seeing the real issues, particularly how Christ is the focus of all of Scripture.

Purchase at:

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/heart-aflame-daily-readings-from-calvin-on-the-psalms-calvin.html>





Listen:

<https://www.gty.org/library/blog/B120809>

Where Sin Is Hatched

—by John MacArthur

No one ever “falls” into adultery. The adulterer’s heart is always shaped and prepared by lustful thoughts before the actual deed occurs. Likewise, the heart of the thief is bent by covetousness. And murder is the product of anger and hatred. All sin is first incubated in the mind.

Jesus taught this truth to His disciples: “The things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man. For *out of the heart* come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders. These are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man” (Matthew 15:18-20, emphasis added).

Jesus was teaching that the real point of the Mosaic law was the moral truth embodied in the external ceremonial requirements. He downplayed the symbolic aspects of washing and abstaining from what is legally declared unclean. Instead He emphasized the moral requirement of the law. Defilement, He suggested, is not primarily a ceremonial or external problem; what is truly defiling in the spiritual sense is the wickedness that emanates from the heart. In Scripture, “the heart” is the seat of the whole person—mind, imagination, affections, and will. “Heart” is often used as a synonym for “mind.” In these verses, therefore, our Lord was condemning the wickedness of an impure thought life.



Continue Reading:

<https://thecountersignal.com/study-maks-might-make-covid-worse/>

STUDY: masks might make COVID worse

—by Thomas Lambert

In the peer-reviewed study published in the journal Cureus, Dr. Beny Spira reviewed every European country with at least 1 million people between October 2020 – March 2021, when “the entire continent was undergoing an outburst of COVID-19.”

Mask mandates and compliance across these countries varied significantly, from 5 per cent to 95 per cent. By comparing each respective country’s infection and death statistics, along with these mask-wearing percentages, Spira drew two conclusions:

“While no cause-effect conclusions could be inferred from this observational analysis, the lack of negative correlations between mask usage and COVID-19 cases and deaths suggest that *the widespread use of masks* at a time when an effective intervention was most needed, i.e., during the strong 2020-2021 autumn-winter peak, *was not able to reduce COVID-19 transmission*. Moreover, the moderate positive correlation between mask usage and deaths in Western Europe also suggests that *the universal use of masks may have had harmful unintended consequences*.” [Emphasis added]

News (Cont.)

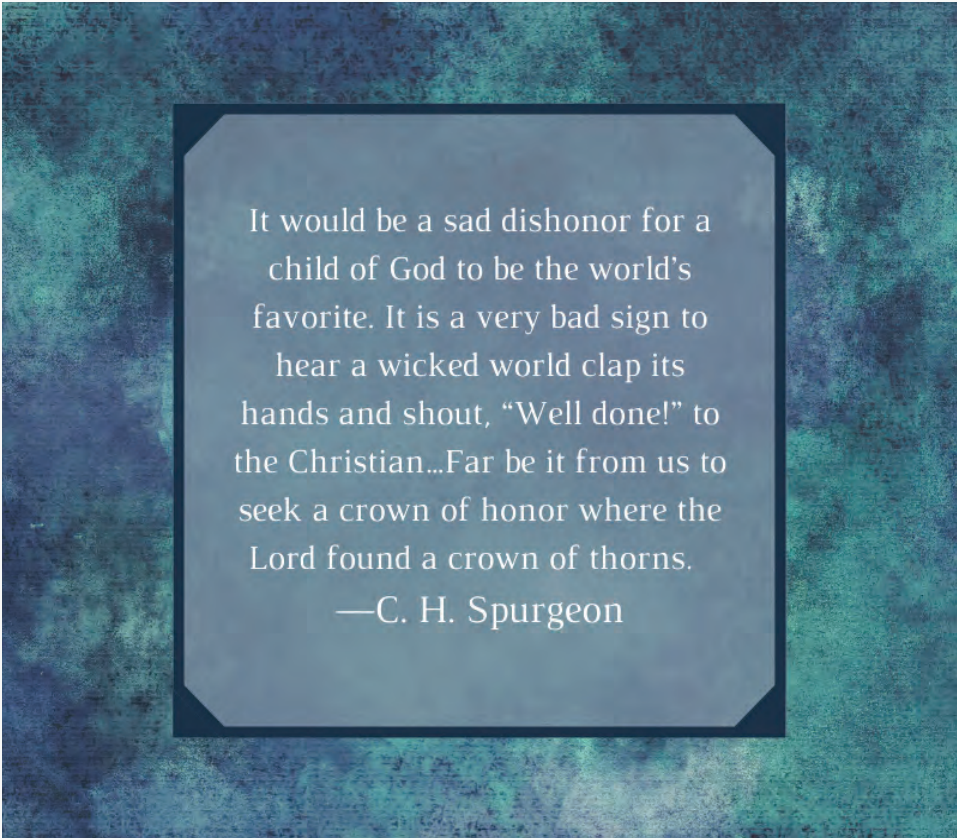
John MacArthur's Epic Stand— <https://owenstrachan.substack.com/p/john-macarthur-epic-stand>

Exclusive: Baby Formula Shortage Is Getting Worse— <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2022/05/07/exclusive-baby-formula-shortage-is-getting-worse/>

Pray for Protection— <https://heartcrymissionary.com/mission-updates/pray-for-protection/>

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

Quote of the Week:

A quote by C. H. Spurgeon is displayed within a dark, rectangular frame with a subtle border. The background of the frame is a textured, mottled blue and green. The text is white and centered within the frame.

It would be a sad dishonor for a child of God to be the world's favorite. It is a very bad sign to hear a wicked world clap its hands and shout, "Well done!" to the Christian...Far be it from us to seek a crown of honor where the Lord found a crown of thorns.
—C. H. 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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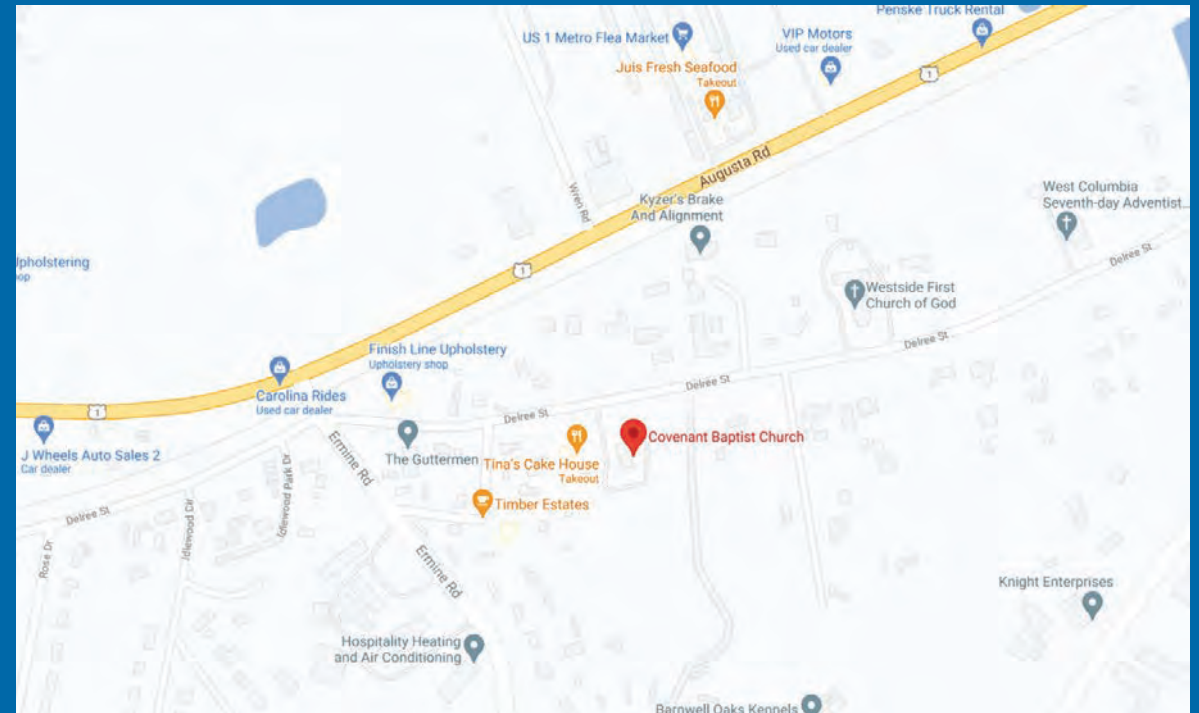
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Location:



*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.*