



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

September 11, 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
~ 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

(September 11, 2022)

Call to Worship: Psalm 92:1-8 | Pastor Charles Swann

Worship Through Music:
led by Elder-in-Training Sandy Allen

Hymn: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart 373

Scripture Reading: Mark 3:20-35 | Matthew Lawson

Hymn: Nothing but the Blood 302

Hymn: Speak, O Lord 368

Message: Whose Fault Is It Anyway?
The Biblical View of Temptation
—James 1:13-18 | Pastor Charles Swann

Hymn: Come Quickly, Lord 424

Closing Prayer

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Church Cleaning Schedule:

- September 17: Phiifer
- September 24: Olds/Todd
- October 1: Kyzer (K&R)/Bean

On-Call Deacon List:

- September 11: Colonel Rogers
- September 18: Andy Shumpert
- September 25: Wesley Smoak

Church Bookstore:

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

Announcements

This Wednesday we are back in Romans 10. Prayer at 6pm and worship at 7pm.

Priscilla Steele will be taking over responsibility for the church library. Once trained, please see her for information on borrowing books from church.

Ben Smith is the new contact for the church texting service. If you need to send a prayer request, or would like to be added to the list, you can text him at 910-330-3778.

The homeschool co-op is in need of volunteers to teach basic life skills. This would entail 1 class lasting about 45 minutes on a Thursday around 11:15 AM. Suggested skills are reading a map, turning off water sources for sinks/toilets/washing machine, resetting tripped breakers/turning off power source, securing a load on truck or trailer with ratchets and/or ropes, etc. See Kerri Olds to volunteer, suggest a life skill, or see open dates to fill.

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. — We are looking for more ladies to help serve in the nursery. You need to be a member of CBC and you we will need to get a background check. Please see Kerri Olds.

Telegu Baptist Church has grown in numbers and size. They have the old building torn down and the blocks on location to do the addition for the added number off newcomers. They need 300 bags of cement which will cost some \$2500. They are providing the labor themselves. If you feel led to help in any amount, earmark checks or envelopes 'Telegu Baptist Church' of India. Or see Alton Crapps. God Bless.

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 alongside 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*

Second Sunday Dinner—*We will not be having our 2nd Sunday Meals for now. Due to not having enough room for everyone to eat, we are postponing our 2nd Sunday meals until we can figure out how better to accommodate the crowd. We are so thankful that so many want to stay in to eat and have fellowship together but we also want to be able to have enough room for you, and your friends and family to do the same. Please be in prayer for the elders and deacons as they make the needed decisions to accommodate the growing church.*

Book of the Week: God vs. Government, by Nathen Busenitz and James Coates

How should Christians respond when the state encroaches on the church? Busenitz and Coates relate the story of two congregations' bold decisions to reopen during the COVID-19 pandemic against official mandates. As members regathered, the pastors found hostile governing authorities taking action. Explore biblical answers about remaining faithful to God's commands even when society dictates otherwise! 208 pages, softcover from Harvest.

Purchase at:

<https://www.christianbook.com/government-taking-biblical-christ-compliance-collide/nathan-busenitz/9780736986328/pd/986328>

Also available in the church bookstore





Listen or Read:

<https://www.gty.org/library/blog/B220906>

Sign the Declaration:

<https://frankfurtdeclaration.com/>

Why I Signed the Frankfurt Declaration

—by John MacArthur

Christ declared, “My kingdom is not of this world. . . . My kingdom is not of this realm” (John 18:36). Far from setting Himself up as a rival to Caesar, He was saying that the church belongs to a different, higher realm than any earthly government, and therefore she poses no threat to Caesar’s rightful authority. The church’s purpose is not to overthrow or usurp earthly governments. Jesus amplified that point when He said, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s; and to God the things that are God’s” (Matthew 22:21).

But for his part, Caesar has always tended to view Christ as an adversary and an inconvenience. From Herod and Pontius Pilate until today, earthly governments have always sought to exert control over Christ and His kingdom. Caesar is not content with the things that are Caesar’s; he also wants control over the things that belong to God. So earthly rulers invariably try to seize as much dominance over the church as they can possibly appropriate.

Today’s postmodern politicians are as determined as any government in history to intrude into matters that pertain to Christ. They impose moral standards that are hostile to biblical principles. They use Caesar’s bully pulpit to portray biblical values as a threat to the very existence of humanity.



Finish Reading:

<https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/biden-ignores-chinas-infiltration-us-universities>

Biden ignores China's infiltration of US universities

—by Michael Cunningham

Gatestone Institute Senior Fellow Gordon Chang and former Defense Intelligence Agency officer Rebekah Koffler analyzes Russia and China's growing alliance, on 'Fox & Friends Weekend.'

As Washington grapples with security threats associated with China's military modernization and brinkmanship in the Indo-Pacific, it has taken its eyes off subtler threats closer to home. One such threat is Beijing's infiltration of American educational institutions.

The best-known example of this decades-long campaign are the notorious Confucius Institutes, but these instruments of Chinese "soft power" are just one manifestation of an even bigger problem. According to Bloomberg, 115 universities in the U.S., including Harvard and Stanford, received almost \$1 billion in combined gifts and grants from Chinese sources between 2013 and 2020. These were just the donations that were publicly reported.

This is troubling, given a 2020 report by the U.S. Department of Education that found foreign donors often influence institutions' teaching and research.

News

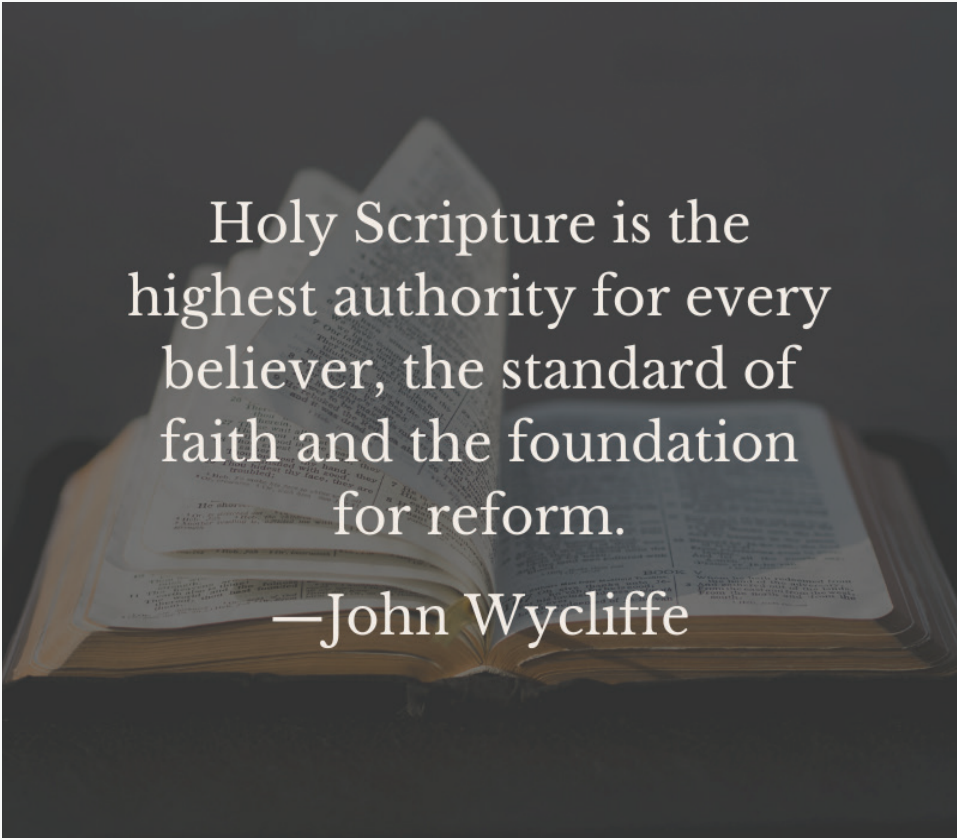
Walmart expands abortion coverage for U.S. employees— <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/walmart-expands-abortion-coverage-employees-165803400.html>

Could an earthquake break the Lake Murray dam? It's unlikely, but not impossible— <https://www.thestate.com/news/local/article263357398.html>

Israel bans large cash transactions, requires digital payments— <https://thecountersignal.com/israel-bans-large-cash-transactions-requires-digital-payments/>

Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Maps Out Neom Project to House 9 Million People— <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-07-25/mbs-maps-twin-100-kilometer-buildings-to-house-9-million-people>

Quote of the Week:

An open book with text overlaid. The text is in a serif font and reads: "Holy Scripture is the highest authority for every believer, the standard of faith and the foundation for reform." Below this, in a slightly smaller font, is "—John Wycliffe". The background of the quote is a dark, slightly blurred image of an open book with its pages visible.

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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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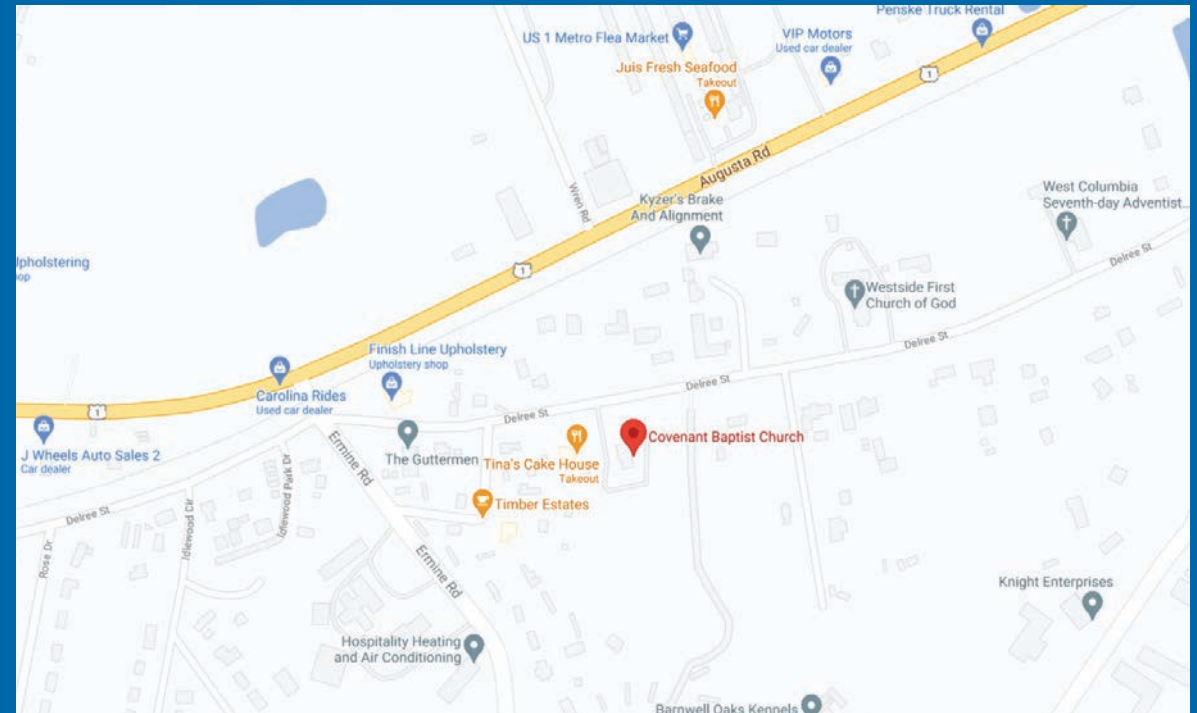
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Location:



*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.*