



# Covenant Baptist Church

*Reformed and Refreshing*

*September 25, 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 25, 2022)*

Call to Worship:

Psalms 95:1-7 (NKJV) | Pastor Charles Swann

Worship Through Music:

led by Elder-in-Training Andy Shumpert

Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 2

Scripture Reading: Mark 4:21-41 (LSB) | Matthew Lawson

Hymn: Come, Thou Almighty King 326

Hymn: His Robes for Mine 181

Message:

Comfort From an Immutable God in  
Our Changing Trials and Temptations  
—James 1:17-18 | Pastor Charles Swann

Lord's Table—1 Corinthians 11:23-32 (NKJV)

Hymn: I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord 352 and Closing Prayer

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### Church Cleaning Schedule:

- October 1: Kyzer (K&R)/Bean
- October 8: Allen (J&W)/Steele
- October 15: Crapps/McSween

### On-Call Deacon List:

- September 25: Wesley Smoak
- October 2: Daryl Kyzer
- October 9: Chris Waddell

### Church Bookstore:

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

## Announcements

A very important meeting will be held on Wednesday the 28th at 7pm to give a financial report to the church. There will also be information given, and an opportunity for questions regarding a major change in our Kenya Mission. This will not be live-streamed.

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If you are interested in joining a Bible study, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. Title: “Being Steadfast in the Midst of Spiritual Warfare.” Teacher: Jim Hearing. Date, place and time to be determined soon.

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We have a few homeschool field trip opportunities coming up next month. The first is to Hendersonville, NC to visit an apple orchard on October 3rd. The other is to Hagood Mill Historic Site in Pickens, SC on October 28th. If you would like to join either of these trips, please see Kerri Olds for more information.

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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. See Kerri Olds to volunteer, suggest a life skill, or see open dates to fill.

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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 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.

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Telegu Baptist Church has grown in numbers and size. They are expanding their building and 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.

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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 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*

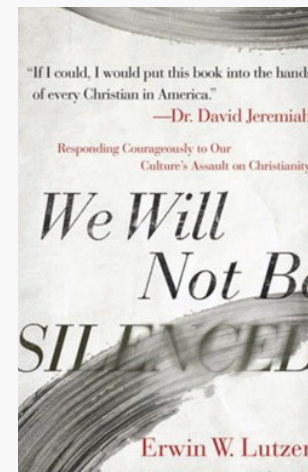
**Second Sunday Dinner**— *We will not be having our 2nd Sunday Meals for now. Due to not having enough room for everyone to eat, we are postponing our 2nd Sunday meals until we can figure out how better to accommodate the crowd. We are so thankful that so many want to stay in to eat and have fellowship 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: We Will Not Be Silenced, by Erwin Lutzer

Current culture considers biblical faith an expression of bigotry and hatred, yet resorts to shaming and pressure tactics to enforce other views. How do you witness to Christian beliefs without arguing or being intimidated into silence? In *We Will Not Be Silenced*, Erwin Lutzer offers ways to respond with truth, gentleness, and Christlike love, showing compassion and not compliance or conformity.

Purchase at:

<https://www.christianbook.com/silenced-responding-courage-cultures-assault-christianity/erwin-lutzer/9780736981798/pd/981798>





## Keep Reading:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/shaken-to-bear-fruit>

## Shaken to Bear Fruit

*by Tim Challies*

The strange machine along the streets of Madrid seized my attention.

Its long arms reached out and wrapped themselves around the trunk of a tree. Its motor vibrated those arms at high speeds so they could shake the tree violently. Its net sat suspended just beneath the lowest branches. As the machine buzzed and roared, a hundred ripe oranges fell from the branches to land in the net below — a hundred ripe oranges that could feed and satisfy a hundred people. That machine was carefully designed to release the fruit from the tree — to release it by shaking.

The nets filled with oranges remind me of something the apostle Paul once wrote about times of trial and tribulation, of deep sorrow and loss. He contended that Christians must be prepared to be afflicted, perplexed, persecuted, and even struck down — a collection of words meant to display the variety of ways in which God may call us to suffer (2 Corinthians 4:8–9).

The God who is sovereign over all things may lead us into times and contexts that are deeply painful. Yet we can be confident that our suffering is never arbitrary and never meaningless, for God always has a purpose in mind.



## The State of Theology, 2022

—*Ligonier Ministries and  
LifeWay Research*

What do Americans believe about God, salvation, ethics, and the Bible? Ligonier Ministries and LifeWay Research partnered to find out. Every two years, we take the theological temperature of the United States to help Christians better understand today's culture and to equip the church with better insights for discipleship. Read some of our key findings from 2022 below and explore the data for yourself.

### Finish Reading:

<https://thestateoftheology.com/>

### Also See:

#### Pro-Life: Support the Houck Family

<https://www.givesendgo.com/prolifefamily>

At 7am on Friday, September 23, 20 SWAT team members burst into the home of Mark Houck, founder of The King's Men - an organization that forms men to act as leaders and protectors in their families and communities, especially in the fight to end abortion. These agents had guns drawn and shields up in the faces of Mark, his wife, and their seven young children. Mark was handcuffed in front of his family and arrested.

Mark's "crime" was protecting his son from an aggressive Planned Parenthood escort in downtown Philadelphia.



## News

**Colorado utility company locks 22,000 thermostats in 90 degree weather due to 'energy emergency'**— <https://www.foxbusiness.com/politics/colorado-utility-company-locks-22000-thermostats-in-90-degree-weather-due-energy-emergency>

**Biden ignores China's infiltration of US universities**— <https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/biden-ignores-chinas-infiltration-us-universities>

**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>

## Quote of the Week:

Preaching is not a production, a lecture, or a monologue. It is a spiritual event in the life of the church, in which the entire congregation seeks to commune and worship God through the proclamation of His truth.

—Unknown

## 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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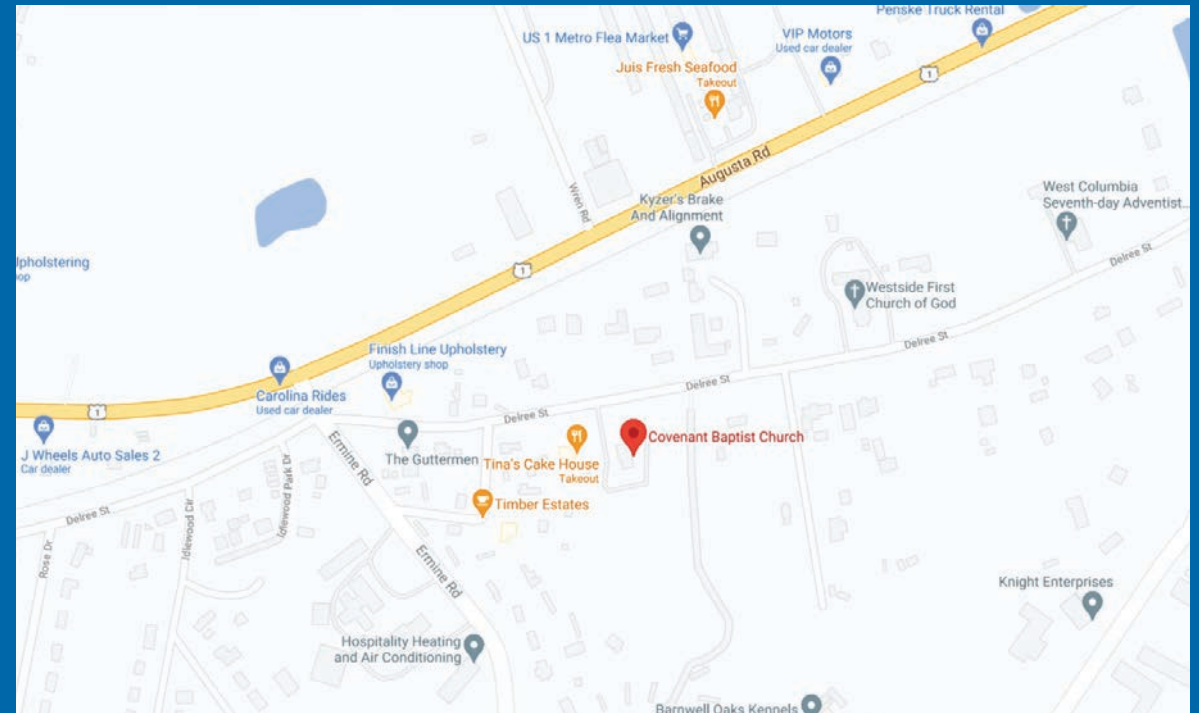
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## Location:



*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.*