

December 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.

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

(December 11, 2022)

Call to Worship: Isaiah 7:14 & John 1:14,18 (NKJV)
Pastor Charles Swann

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

Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory 222

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38 (NASB)
Pastor Bud Moss

Hymn: Fullness of Grace 221

Hymn: The First Noel 223

Message:
The Evil of Favoritism, Part 2—James 2:1-13
Pastor Charles Swann

Hymn: Good Christian Men, Rejoice 226

Closing Prayer

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Church Cleaning Schedule:

- December 17: Crapps
- December 24: Thomas/Waddell
- December 31: Correa/Smiling

On-Call Deacon List:

- December 11: Trey Egan
- December 18: Colonel Rogers
- December 25: Bob Falsetti

Scripture Songs Memorization Tool:

https://tinyurl.com/cbcscriptureplaylist
Text biblesongs to 55498 to be notified of new song releases.

Church Bookstore:

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

Announcements

There is an evening service at 5pm, with Pastor Bud Moss preaching through Genesis. Come join us.

Starting Wednesday, Dec 21 at 7pm, Pastor Joe Whiting will be teaching a series on "Biblical Ethics". This is a great opportunity to get sound biblical teaching on what the Bible says about ethics. In a world of confusion, the Bible is the plumb line for all that is holy.

There is a list of widows and homebound of our church in the foyer. Pick up a copy.

Please pray for the Orphan Funds. The incoming funds have dropped off somewhat seriously. To keep taking the children off the streets, we must pray for God's support.

Please contact Chris Waddell (803-447-8257) if you would like to help clean the church in 2023. The current cleaning rotation is approximately 10-weeks for each family. We are looking to add five families in 2023. If you have any questions please contact Chris.

The Mission Team would like to purchase a gift for each of our orphans at Covenant's Orphan Homes in Guntur, India. If you would like to participate, gifts of books and clothes can be purchased reasonably for about \$6 each, or a total of \$600 for both the 63 orphans, and the live-in families that care for them. See Alton for details.

This Wednesday, prayer at 6pm and worship at 7pm. Pastor Bud Moss will be preaching.

We will be having a Christmas Eve service with the Lord's Supper on Saturday, Dec 24th at 5pm. December 25th we will have our worship at 11 AM and will not have Bible Ed.

Please pray for a location for the new church plant, pastored by Bud Moss and Joe Whiting. If you are going to be giving to this new church, please indicate it by writing that this is for the "New Church Plant".

We are participating in helping 'Faith Cometh by Hearing' and providing Proclaimers with the Bible in the Ukrainian and/or Russian language to share with the thousands that do not have Bibles. We can purchase 10 mid-size Proclaimers at \$45 each. Bible sticks in Ukrainian can be purchased for \$25 each. Please pray about helping and earmark envelopes or checks 'Bible Proclaimers'. Any questions please see Alton.

Book of the Week: Luke: An Expositional Commentary, by R. C. Sproul

Can we know what Jesus was truly like during His time on earth? A first-century physician set out to gather eyewitness testimony of the life, teaching, and ministry of Jesus Christ. The result is a close-up account of a compassionate Savior on His journey to redeem His people. In this volume, Dr. R.C. Sproul traces the record of Jesus' life as told by Luke, the man considered by some to be one of the greatest historians of the ancient world. Dr. Sproul shows that this gospel is for believers and skeptics alike, written so "that you may have certainty" (Luke 1:4) about the Son of Man who came to seek and save the lost.

Dr. Sproul's expositional commentaries help you understand key theological themes and apply them to all areas of your life. Drawn from decades of careful study and delivered from a pastor's heart, these sermons are readable, practical, and thoroughly Bible-centered.

Purchase at: https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/luke-an-expositional-commentary-sproul.html

R.C. SPROUL THE SON OF MAN CAME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THE LOST LUKE: AN EXPOSITIONAL COMMENTARY

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.



Political Creationism

—by Darrell B. Harrison

The response of many American voters to the results of the 2022 midterm elections, has convinced me that we are a society comprised of political creationists.

Political creationists are individuals who, regardless of their political party affiliation or ideological persuasion, tend to hold to a dogmatic view of the role of politics in society as to view the electoral process as a means to bring to fruition a world of their own subjective imagination and invention. It is a mindset that not even professing believers in Christ are immune from embracing, as we can be just as beguiled as unbelievers by the eschatological allure that society can be redeemed simply by voting the "right" people into office.

Dr. John MacArthur cautions us against embracing that kind of mentality, saying,

The presumption that a social movement or political clout could make a significant spiritual difference in the world is evidence of a severe misunderstanding of sin.... The work of God's kingdom is not about overhauling governments, rewriting regulations, or rebuilding society into some version of a Christian utopia. Political and social justice efforts are, at best, short-term, external solutions for society's moral ills[.]

Keep Reading:

https://g3min.org/political-creationism/

Kirk Cameron is denied story-hour slot by public libraries for his new faith-based kids book

-by Maureen Mackey

EXCLUSIVE: With a new children's book out that celebrates family, faith and biblical wisdom, actor-writer-producer Kirk Cameron cannot reach scores of American children or their families in many U.S. cities via the public library system because over 50 public libraries have either outright rejected him or not responded to requests on his behalf.

A story-hour program for kids and parents connected to new book releases is an activity that many libraries typically present to their patrons and communities.

Many of the same libraries that won't give Cameron a slot, however, are actively offering "drag queen" story hours or similar programs for kids and young people, according to Cameron's book publisher and according to a review of the libraries' websites and current program listings.

Keep Reading:

https://www.foxnews.com/lifestyle/kirk-cameron-denied-story-hour-slot-public-libraries-faith-kids-book

News

G3 Weekly—December 3, 2022— https://g3min.org/g3-weekly-december-3-2022/

G3 Weekly Features—Tobias Riemenschneider— https://g3min.org/g3-weekly-features-tobias-riemenschneider/

G3 Weekly—November 19, 2022— https://g3min.org/g3-weekly-november-19-2022/

G3 Weekly—November 12, 2022— https://g3min.org/g3-weekly-november-12-2022/

Quote of the Week:



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

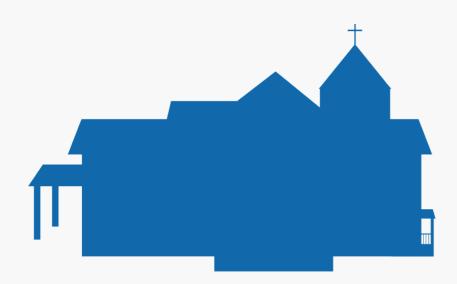
https://biblicalcounseling.com/crafting-temptation-and-repentance-plans-to-help-addicts/

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/

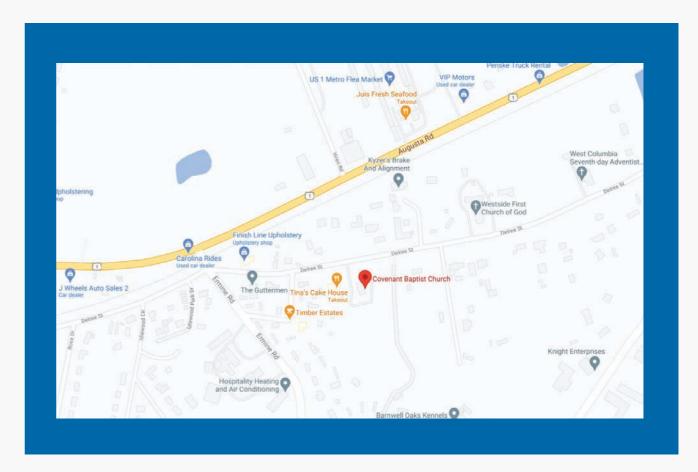


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https://covenantbaptistsc.org

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.