



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

December 18, 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

(December 18, 2022)

Call to Worship: Revelation 5:12-14 (NKJV)
Pastor Charles Swann

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

Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful 231

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:39-56 (NASB) | Pastor Bud Moss

Hymn: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly 250

Hymn: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing 238

Message:
The Danger of Not Fearing God
—Luke 12:1-5, Romans 3:18
Pastor Charles Swann

Hymn: There Is a Redeemer 201

Baptisms & Presentation of New Members

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Church Cleaning Schedule:

- December 24: Thomas/Waddell
- December 31: Correa/Smiling
- January 7: Shumpert/Smoak

On-Call Deacon List:

- December 18: Colonel Rogers
- December 25: Bob Falsetti

Scripture Songs Memorization Tool:

<https://tinyurl.com/cbcs scriptureplaylist>

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.

CBC Family: Our Russian family has arrived legally and are daily working on all the formalities of getting a green card . The church is going to help with a donation for housing until they are set up. If you would like to help please write on your check (Russian Family). Please see Alton or Bobby with any questions. Blessings.

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.

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.

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.*

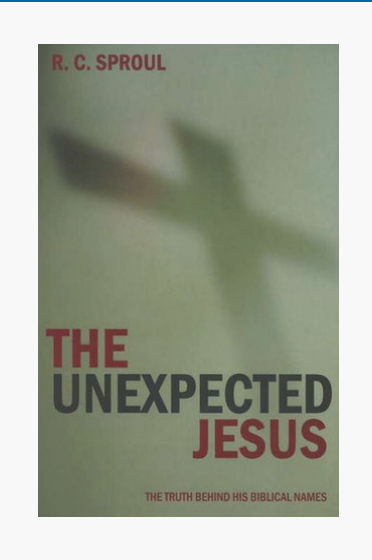
Book of the Week: The Unexpected Jesus: The Truth Behind His Biblical Names, by R. C. Sproul

Jesus divides history, your birthday is determined by his! But why should that be? This is a man who evokes the widest polarisation of opinion of any historical figure: devotion from some, vitriolic abuse by others and astonishing indifference from many. Today most people just don’t know who he really was, or is, or don’t care. People still put forward all kinds of ideas about who he was. Books like ‘The Da Vinci Code’ propose that he was only a man (in which case why are his descendants so important?).

Many religions have other ideas - everyone has an opinion whether based on fact or fiction. Those for and against have often resorted to name- calling, but in the Bible Jesus was both called by, and gave himself, unusual names. Noted theologian, R. C. Sproul, seeks to enlighten us by investigating what those names actually mean. From there he determines what Jesus set out to do. Jesus is no mere historical figure, he is as important in the 21st century as he was when he walked the earth.

Purchase at:

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/the-unexpected-jesus-the-truth-behind-his-biblical-names-sproul.html>





Keep Reading:

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/glory-christmas>

The Glory of Christmas

—by R. C. Sproul

On the night Jesus was born something spectacular took place. The plains of Bethlehem became the theater for one of the most spectacular sound-and-light shows in human history. All heaven broke loose.

Luke tells us what happened:

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”
(Luke 2:8-14)

G3 Weekly—December 17, 2022

—by Ben Zeisloft

Welcome to G3 Weekly—a summary of this week’s top news stories on Christianity and the public square.

This week, President Joe Biden decorated the White House with rainbow lights and signed a bill codifying so-called same-sex marriage into federal law. Plans were unveiled to build a \$300 million tourist village next to the purported location of Jesus’s baptism. Meanwhile, a Christian taxi driver in India was stabbed multiple times after handing his passenger a gospel tract.

Keep Reading:

<https://g3min.org/g3-weekly-december-17-2022/>

News

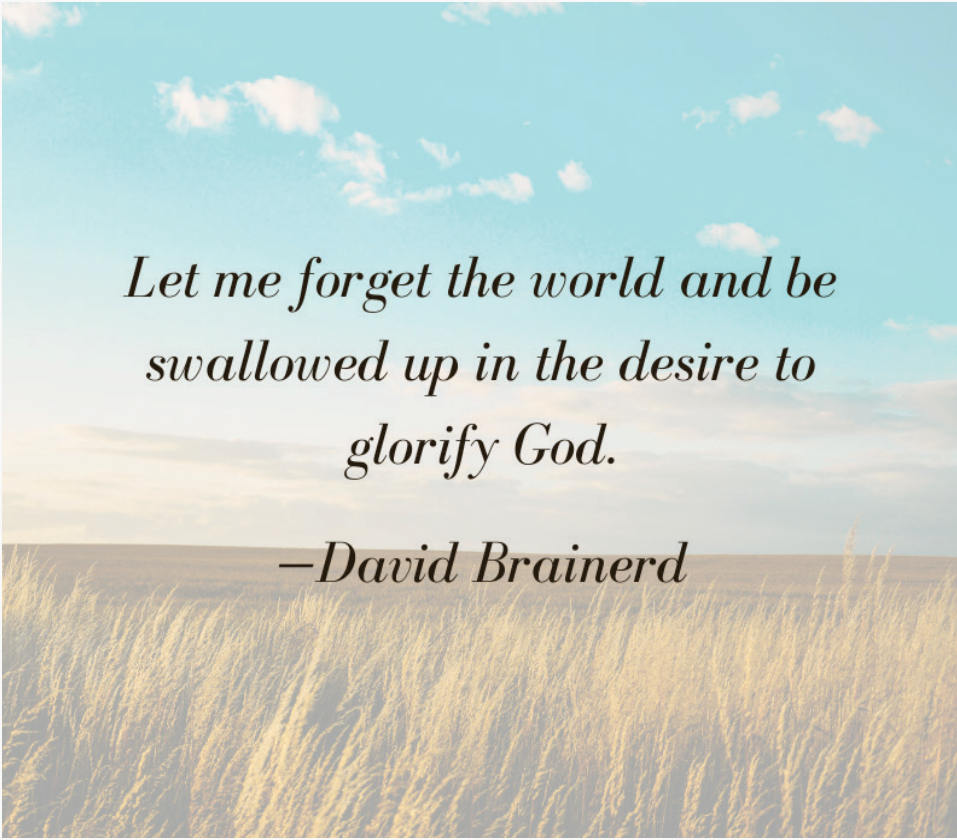
Kirk Cameron is denied story-hour slot by public libraries for his new faith-based kids book— <https://www.foxnews.com/lifestyle/kirk-cameron-denied-story-hour-slot-public-libraries-faith-kids-book>

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/>

Quote of the Week:



*Let me forget the world and be
swallowed up in the desire to
glorify God.*

—David Brainerd

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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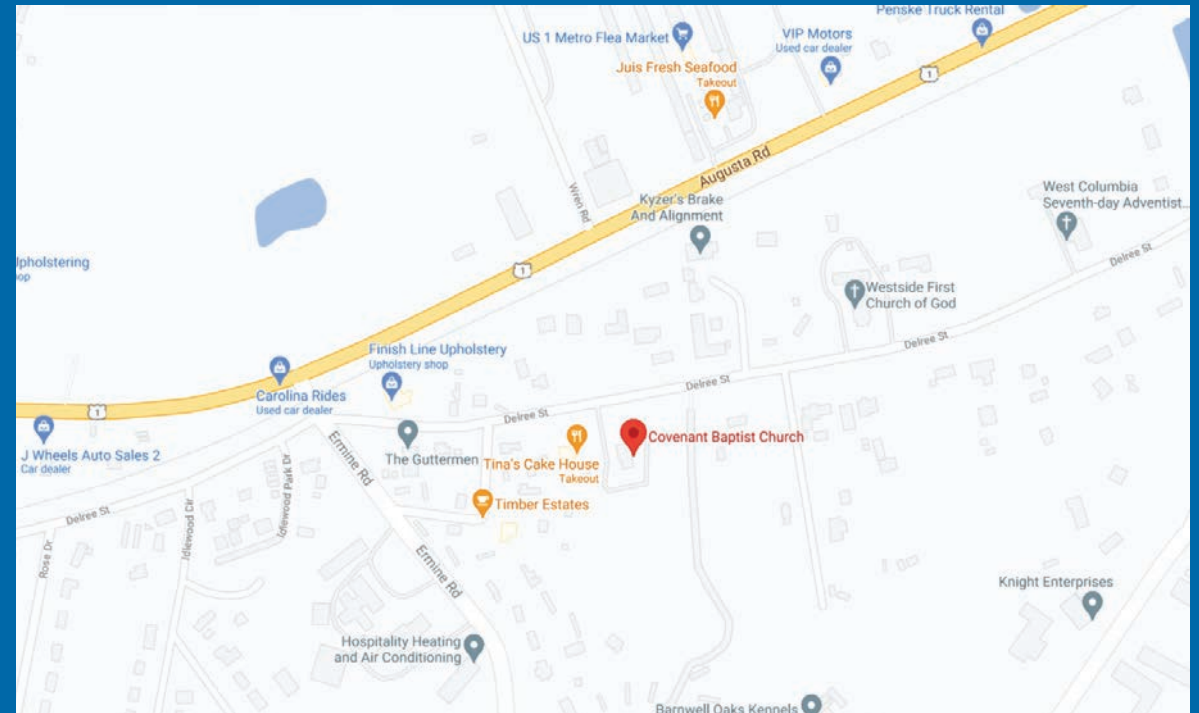
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Location:



*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.*