



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

December 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

(December 25, 2022)

Call to Worship: Luke 1:68-75(NKJV)
Pastor Charles Swann
Worship Through Music:
led by Elder-in-Training Sandy Allen

Hymn: Joy to the World 224

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20 | Elder Alton Crapps

Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High 227

Hymn: What Child Is This? 230

Message:
At Just the Right Time—Galatians 4:4-5
Pastor Charles Swann

Hymn: The Birthday of a King 251

Closing Prayer

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Church Cleaning Schedule:

- December 31: Correa/Smiling
- January 7: Shumpert/Smoak
- January 14: Egan/Fudge

On-Call Deacon List:

- 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

No evening service tonight.

We would like to thank all of our church family for such a generous gift to the Swann family for Christmas. We are blessed to be here and thankful God has placed us here to serve His Church.

Anyone that did not receive their family jar of jam from Mrs. Angela, please see her after service.

Wednesday evenings, Pastor Joe Whiting has started 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.

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.

This Wednesday, prayer at 6pm and worship at 7pm.

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”.

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.*

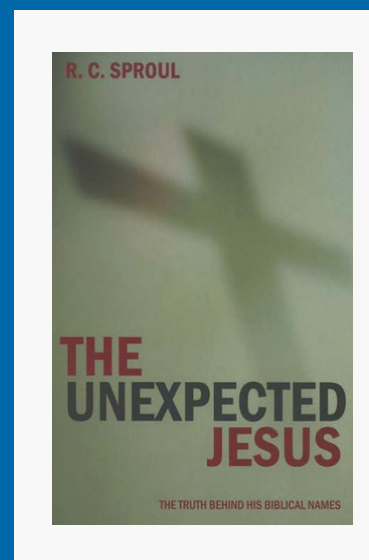
Book of the Week: The Unexpected Jesus: The Truth Behind His Biblical Names, by R. C. Sproul

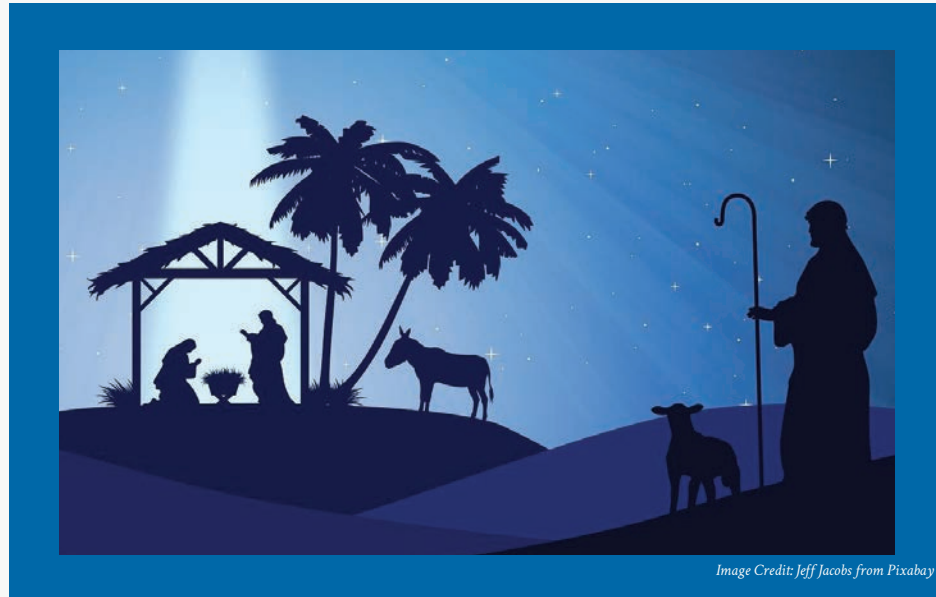
Jesus divides history, your birthday is determined by his! But why should that be? This is a man who evokes the widest polarisation of opinion of any historical figure: devotion from some, vitriolic abuse by others and astonishing indifference from many. Today most people just don’t know who he really 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://g3min.org/the-profound-simplicity-of-away-in-a-manger/>

The Profound Simplicity of “Away in a Manger”

—by Scott Aniol

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year to sing good hymns. Some of our traditional Christmas hymns really are quite profound, the queen of them all being “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing.”

Yet some Christmas hymns are far from perfect. Others have addressed the problems with some of these hymns. One hymn that often gets marginalized is “Away in a Manger.” Usually critics target the line “No crying he makes,” insisting that such a phrase belittles the humanity of the Christ child. Could be, but it could just as easily be interpreted as saying that Jesus didn’t happen to be crying just then. Some newborn infants just don’t cry very much.

Others, however, will point out that the hymn just doesn’t contain a whole lot of doctrine. True, it’s mostly a narrative and doesn’t contain all of the rich Christology found in hymns like “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing.”

Yet, I do believe that the hymn, although admittedly simple, does say some things quite profound[.]

News

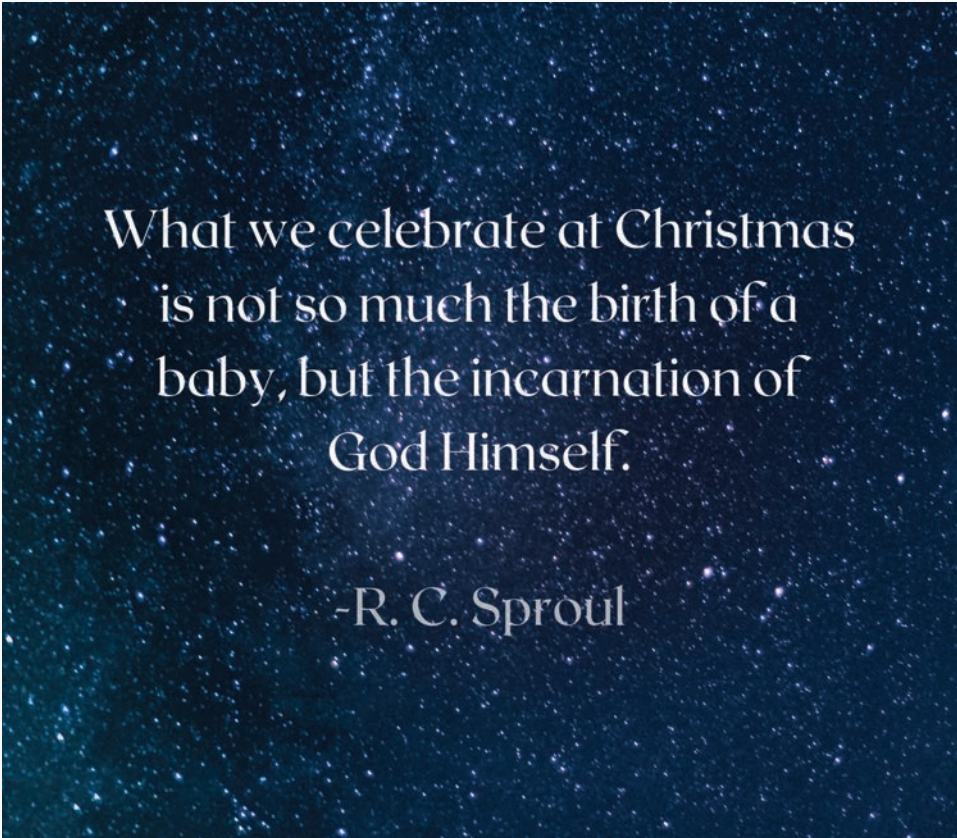
G3 Weekly—December 17, 2022— <https://g3min.org/g3-weekly-december-17-2022/>

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/>

Quote of the Week:



What we celebrate at Christmas
is not so much the birth of a
baby, but the incarnation of
God Himself.

-R. C. Sproul

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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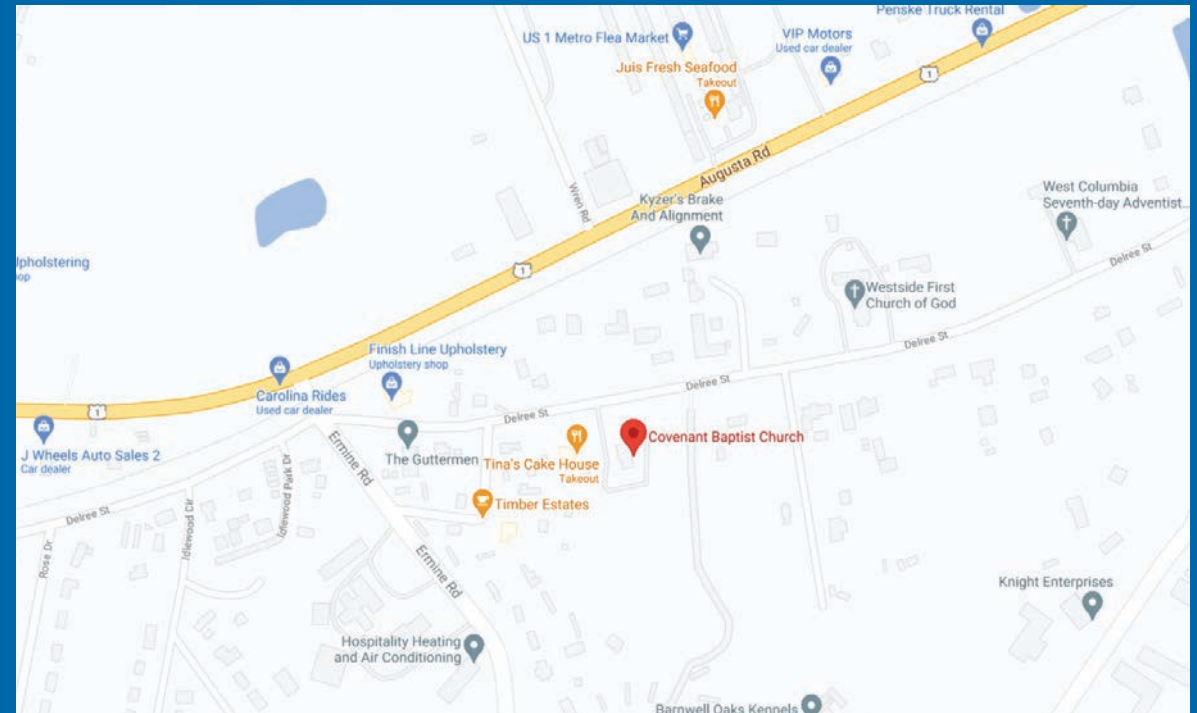
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Location:



*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.*