



## Covenant Baptist Church

*Reformed and Refreshing*

*January 8, 2023*

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

*(January 8, 2023)*

Call to Worship: Psalm 23 (NKJV)  
Pastor Charles Swann

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

Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name 143

Scripture Reading: Mark 8:1-21 (LSB)  
Elder-in-Training Chris Olds

Hymn: Here is Love 185

Hymn: My Jesus I Love Thee 380

Message: Get Ready, Part 2—  
1 Peter 3:13-17 (NKJV)  
Pastor Charles Swann  
Hymn: Come Quickly, Lord 424

Presentation of New Members

Closing Prayer

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### Church Cleaning Schedule:

- January 14: Herrera/Fudge
- January 21: Phifer
- January 28: Prinz/Todd

### On-Call Deacon List:

- January 8: Dennis Fudge
- January 15: Chris Waddell
- January 22: Kenny Lucas

### 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

We will have a baptism service January 22nd. Grace Covenant Church in Rock Hill will be with us and Mark will be baptizing a few believers.

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Grace Central Church, pastored by Bud Moss and Joe Whiting, has an official start date to meet at Centerville Elementary School in Gilbert on Jan 15th at 10am. They will still be having an evening service here at CBC at 6pm tonight.

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We will be having an important membership meeting on Jan. 15th to vote on securing a loan for a new fellowship/overflow building. According to our Constitution and Bylaws, we are required to have the membership approve a loan. Information will be provided at the meeting as to the kind of building, the cost, and intended purpose. This is in anticipation of us staying in this location and not purchasing land anywhere else at this time. This will not be live-streamed and you must be present to vote. There is still a lot to do after we have approved the loan for the new building. Please pray for God's will to be done, and wisdom as we move forward.

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Kenya Need: Three days after coming home to see his family for Christmas break, Noel Night had to go back to the hospital. If he doesn't receive the following medical treatments he could face kidney failure: The cleaning of a kidney infection, removal of kidney stones, and a major hernia operation. Please pray for Noel! If God leads you to contribute, the cost of these treatments will be \$5,186.39. See Alton with any questions.

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A ring was found in the ladies' restroom. Please see Mrs. Angela if you are missing one.

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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.

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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.

## 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.*

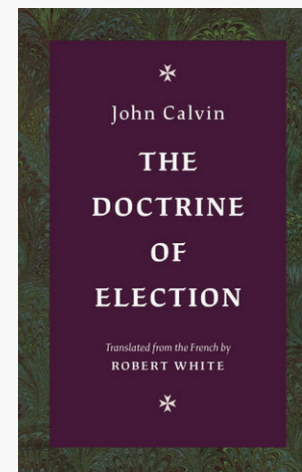
## Book of the Week: The Doctrine of Election, by John Calvin

Calvin did not invent election: it is a doctrine which belongs to the universal church. Its importance for him lies in the fact that it anchors the work of redemption, not in our feeble powers of will, but in God's inexplicable love for sinners, and it traces that work to a determination freely made in heaven before the world began.

The present volume offers a variety of sources, newly translated from the French, which throw fresh light on Calvin's doctrine of election. In place of his more formal works such as the Institutes from which the doctrine is usually derived, texts have been selected which were intended for oral delivery to a largely non-specialist audience. The tensions inherent in the doctrine, such as God's mercy versus his justice, are honestly acknowledged and answered. Throughout, appeal is made not to philosophical speculation but to God's revealed word. To depart from Scripture, the Reformer holds, is to enter a labyrinth from which there is no way out.

Purchase at:

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/the-doctrine-of-election-calvin.html>



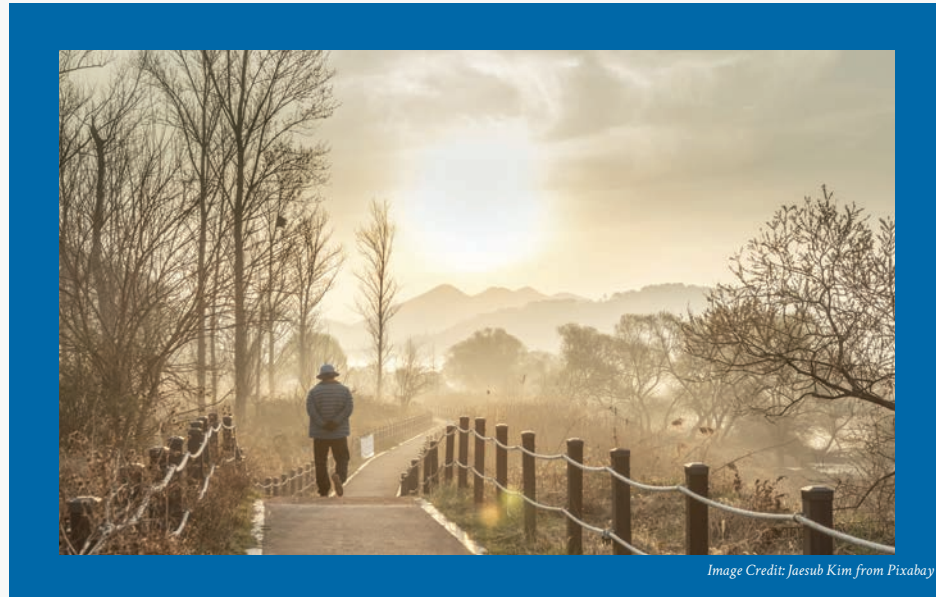


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## Keep Reading:

<https://g3min.org/i-am-a-poor-wayfaring-stranger/>

## I Am a Poor, Wayfaring Stranger

*—by James Anderson*

In 1844, Georgians Benjamin Franklin White and Elisha J. King published *The Sacred Harp*, a collection of hymns arising out of Southern folk traditions. Many of the texts were taken from the best of British hymnody, featuring poets like William Cowper, Charles Wesley, and especially Isaac Watts. White and King wrote some of the tunes, and compiled others from around the South. One of the notable features of this hymnal was its use of shape-notes, where four different symbols stood in place of the typical round noteheads. A modified solfege system, using only fa, so, la and ti, enabled singers to learn melodies quickly even if they couldn't read music.

The hymnal sold well, and went through several editions during White's lifetime. This collection, which is still in print today in a couple of different formats, introduced a wider audience to tunes such as *BEACH SPRING* (frequently found now with the text "Come, All Christians, Be Committed") and *THE MORNING TRUMPET*.

Appearing in two current editions of *The Sacred Harp* is the song "I Am a Poor, Wayfaring Stranger" (found in other sources as "I'm Just a Poor, Wayfaring Stranger" or simply, "Poor, Wayfaring Stranger").



### Keep Reading:

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/petition-seeks-ban-hate-speech-loudoun-county-school-board-meetings>

## Hundreds sign petition to ban 'hate speech' at Loudoun County School Board meetings

—by Kristine Parks

Hundreds signed a petition calling for a ban on “hate speech” at school board meetings after one parent quoted the Bible in his public comments criticizing the board.

At the Dec. 13 school board meeting, many parents demanded board members resign, in the wake of a grand jury report that indicted the former superintendent and another school official for their handling of sexual assaults.

The school’s transgender policy has been a focal point of criticism by parents after two female students were sexually assaulted by a boy wearing a skirt in 2021.

During the public comment section, one speaker accused the board of promoting “immoral” behavior that was against God’s “design” and “natural order.”

[LGBT] behaviors should never have been promoted, taught, or encouraged in the schools that you oversee,” Mark Winn said, before paraphrasing Jesus in the Gospels.



## 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:

The reason for election is not:

our foreseen faith,  
our foreseen righteousness,  
our foreseen obedience  
our foreseen choice.

God has elected people for salvation in accordance  
with His pleasure, His will, His glory (Eph 1:5).

Election is about God, not me.

## 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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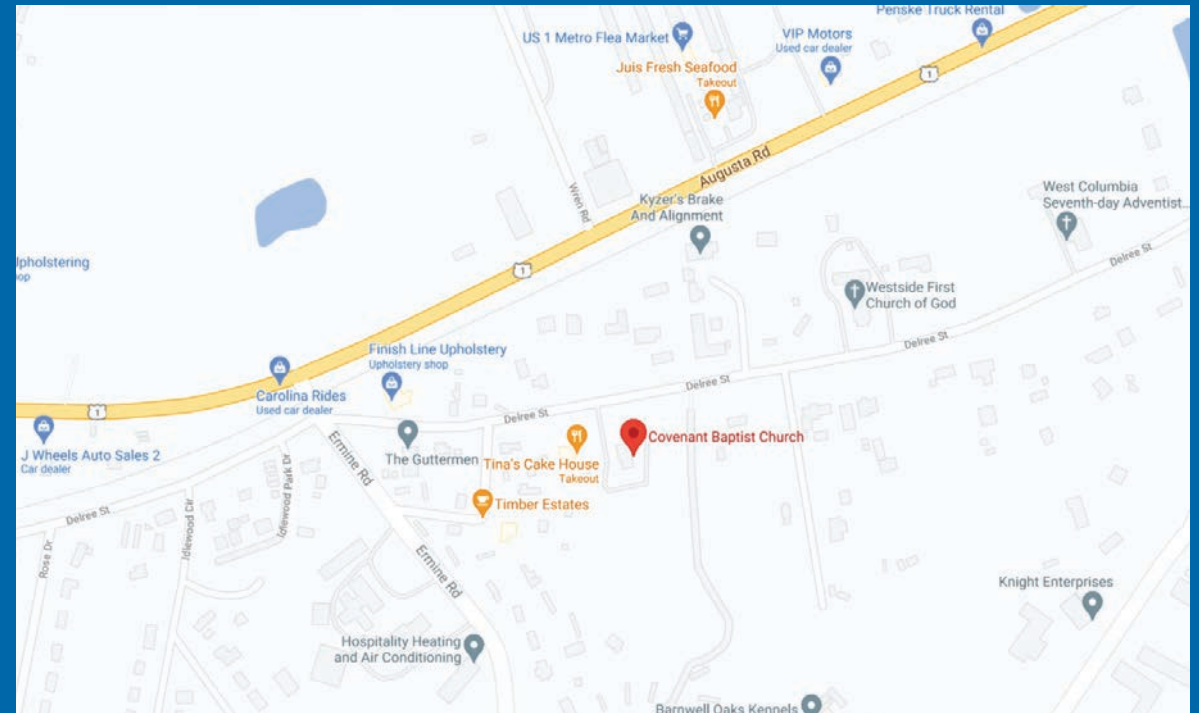
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## Location:



*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.*