



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

August 8th, 2021

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 (How God Converts the Human Soul)
~ 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

(August 8th, 2021)

Prelude

Call to Worship: Revelation 5:12-13

O Worship the King—135

Scripture Reading: Colossians 2:9-23

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go—75

He Will Hold Me Fast—388

Message:

The Resurrection of Christ, Part 1
—John 20:1-10

Prayer and Benediction

Crown Him With Many Crowns—129

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On-Call Deacon List:

- August 8: Egan
- August 15: Rogers
- August 22: Shumpert

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- August 14: Crapps/McSween
- August 21: Thomas/Waddell
- August 28: Bristol

Church Bookstore:

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

Announcements

A new resource will soon be available on the church website. Make sure you are on the church texting service to be notified as we add scripture songs that you and your family can use to help with memorization and hiding God's Word in your hearts.

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Covenant mission t-shirts are available in the library. There are a variety of sizes and colors, and the prices range from \$10.50-\$15, depending on size. The funds will support the church missions ministries. See Alton for details or to purchase.

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Please contact Chris Waddell (803-447-8257) if you would like to help clean the church every couple of months. You will be teamed with another family to divide the amount of work required. We need at least one more person/couple/family to help at this time.

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Once a month on Wednesday evening, we will be hearing from one of our other elders or elders in training as they teach the scripture. Please be in prayer for our men who are studying for written and oral examination to become an ordained elder in CBC.

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Please continue to pray for supporters for 9 girls in the orphanage in Guntur, India that have not as of yet received the \$41 per month support. Everything has been going well with the boys and the girls orphanages with this exception. Thank you all for the help that you have given to bring these children off the streets of India. Please see Alton for more details, or sign up to support an orphan on the blue pad on the foyer table.

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If you would like to give financially to Covenant, the offering box can be found on the small table in the foyer just outside the sanctuary doors.

Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class—*On hold*

Biblical Counseling Class—*On hold*

Second Sunday Dinner—*August 8th. Please plan to bring a dish to share and stay for the fellowship. Also remember that we usually have visitors who stay for the meal, and you are encouraged to bring more than a small side dish so that there is plenty to go around.*

Book of the Week: The Reformed Pastor, by Richard Baxter

Richard Baxter was vicar of Kidderminster from 1647 to 1661. In an introduction to this reprint, Dr. J.I. Packer describes him as 'the most outstanding pastor, evangelist and writer on practical and devotional themes that Puritanism produced'. His ministry transformed the people of Kidderminster from 'an ignorant, rude and revelling people' to a godly, worshipping community. These pages, first prepared for a Worcestershire association of ministers in 1656, deal with the means by which such changes are ever to be accomplished. In his fervent plea for the discharge of the spiritual obligations of the ministry, Baxter, in the words of his contemporary, Thomas Manton, 'came nearer the apostolic writings than any man in the age'. A century later Philip Doddridge wrote, 'The Reformed Pastor is a most extraordinary book...many good men are but shadows of what (by the blessing of God) they might be, if the maxims and measures laid down in that incomparable Treatise were strenuously pursued'.

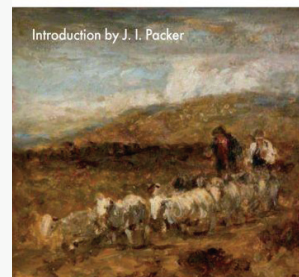
Purchase at:

<https://banneroftruth.org/us/store/church-ministry/the-reformed-pastor/>

The Reformed Pastor

Richard Baxter

Introduction by J. I. Packer





Church Membership in the New Testament

—by John MacArthur

It's obvious that the early church knew its flock well. In Acts 20, Paul exhorted the elders of the Ephesian church to faithfully watch over and shepherd their people. But it's very difficult to shepherd if you don't know who your flock is. And sheep don't survive well just roaming around on their own.

While the New Testament never speaks of church membership in today's terms, the principles of life in the early church lay the foundation for faithfully submitting and belonging to a local congregation. While the original membership process might vary from today's patterns, there's no doubt that New Testament Christians were lovingly united and bound to their local body of believers.

While the church was being born during Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, Acts 2:41 says, "So then, those who had received his words were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls."

Added to what? Added to the others. What others? Acts 1:15 says that about one hundred and twenty people were already gathered together in the upper room—the three thousand people saved on the day of Pentecost would have been in addition to the core that already existed after Christ's ascension.

It's possible their names were even physically added to a list by a secretary or someone keeping track, but that's not what is most important. The moment these men and women were saved, they were baptized as a physical testimony of their transformed lives and as a way to identify with the other believers. They were immediately welcomed into the church.

Just a few verses later, Acts 2:47 says, "And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved." The influx of new members didn't stop at Pentecost. The church met daily, and every day the Lord was drawing new men and women to Himself and into fellowship with His people.

Continue Reading:

<https://www.gty.org/library/blog/B130114>



In a Shocking and Chilling Report, Human Rights Without Frontiers says that Nigerian Jihadists have “hacked to death” no fewer than 3,462 Christians in Nigeria during the past 200 days.

—by Jack Davis

The Nigerian Voice (18.07.2021) – <https://bit.ly/3x0QXCp> – The number of defenseless Christians hacked to death by Nigeria’s Islamic Jihadists and their collaborators in the security forces in the past 200 days or 1st January to 18th July 2021 has risen to no fewer than 3,462 and this is just sixty-eight deaths less than the total deaths of Nigerian Christians in 2020 which the Open Doors’ World Watch List of Persecuted Christians put at ‘3,530’.

This number further represents daily average Christian deaths of seventeen and second highest since 2014 when over 5000 Christian deaths were recorded in the hands of Boko Haram and Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen. While Boko Haram killed over 4000 Christians in 2014, the Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen accounted for 1,229 Christian deaths. In our last report issued on 11th May 2021, covering January to April 2021, we found that no fewer than 1,470 Christians were hacked to death and in the past 80 days or 1st May to 18th July 2021, not less than 1,992 Christian lives have been lost. We also found that no fewer than 780 additional Christians

were abducted in 80 days or 1st May to 18th July whereas between 1st January and 30th April, 2200 were abducted. This brings the total number of the abducted Christians since January to 3000, out of which at least three out of every abducted thirty Christians were most likely to have died in captivity; thereby indicating additional secret death in jihadists’ captivity of 300 Christians. Additional deaths of 150 is also added to represent ‘dark figures’ or deaths that occurred but not reported or recorded.

The number of Churches threatened or attacked and closed or destroyed or burnt since January 2021 is also estimated to be around 300 with at least ten priests or pastors abducted or killed by the jihadists. Taraba State was discovered to be the most affected with at least seventy churches threatened or attacked and closed or burnt or destroyed. For purpose of setting the record straight, therefore, the International Society for Civil Liberties and Rule of Law is a research and investigative rights group which has been monitoring and investigating religious persecution and other forms of religious violence by state and non state actors across Nigeria since 2010. This, we do through the use of direct contacts with the victims, eye-witnesses, media tracking, review of credible local and international reports, interviews and closed sources and so on.

Continue Reading:

<https://www.davidalton.net/2021/07/26/in-a-shocking-and-chilling-report-human-rights-without-frontiers-says-that-nigerian-jihadists-have-hacked-to-death-no-fewer-than-3462-christians-in-nigeria-during-the-past-200-days/>

Other News:

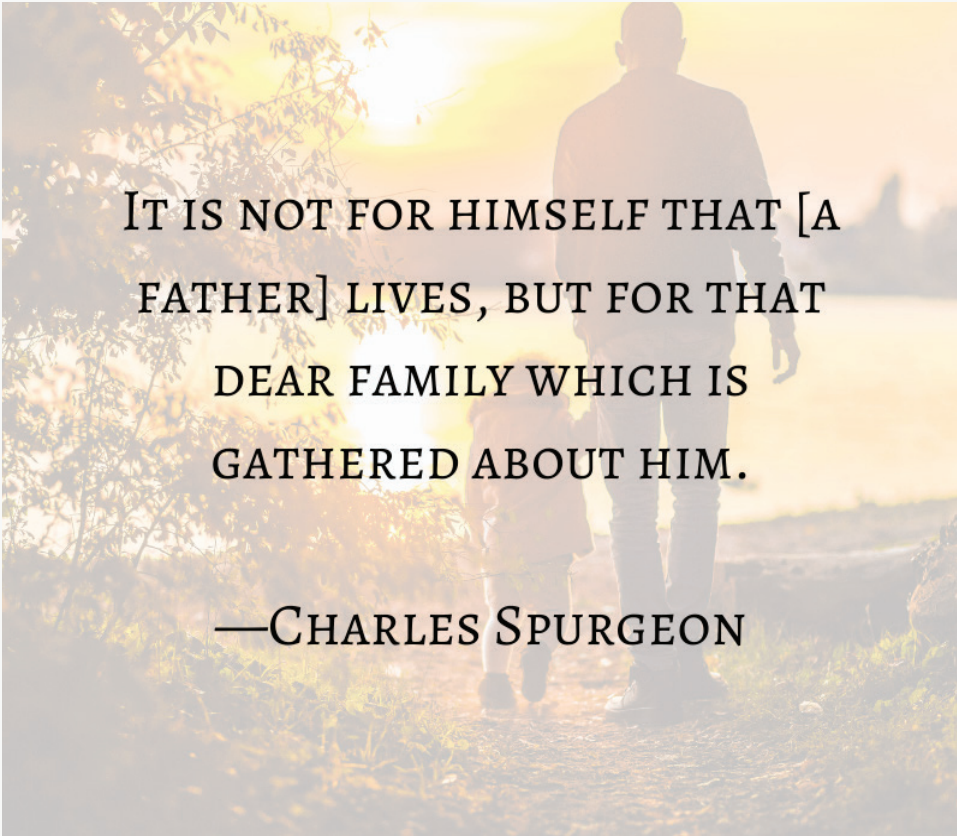
Woman Losing Hands and Legs to Amputation After Suspected Bad COVID Vaccine Reaction, Jab Was Required by Her Employer: Report—
<https://www.westernjournal.com/woman-losing-hands-legs-amputation-suspected-bad-covid-vaccine-reaction-jab-required-employer-report/>

45 churches engulfed or attacked in ongoing anti-Christian terror campaign— <https://www.thecountersignal.com/news/45-churches-attacked>

Christian-Themed Attraction “Ark Encounter” Is The Most Popular Place Of Interest In Kentucky—<https://www.christianitydaily.com/articles/12514/20210708/christian-themed-attraction-ark-encounter-is-the-most-popular-place-of-interest-in-kentucky.htm>

Sheriff Briefs Trump on 300 Percent Increase in Migrant Deaths in One Texas County— <https://www.breitbart.com/border/2021/06/30/sheriff-briefs-trump-on-300-percent-increase-in-migrant-deaths-in-one-texas-county/>

Quote of the Week:



IT IS NOT FOR HIMSELF THAT [A
FATHER] LIVES, BUT FOR THAT
DEAR FAMILY WHICH IS
GATHERED ABOUT HIM.

—CHARLES SPURGEON

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/>

Covenant Baptist Biblical Counseling Class:

A Biblical Counseling class started February 13th at 7 PM here at the church. If you would be interested in participating, please let the pastor know. We are going to live-stream the class. Just go to the website at <https://covenantbaptistsc.org> and click the live-stream button on home page at 7pm Thursdays.

Biblical counseling class on hold while teacher recovers from surgery.



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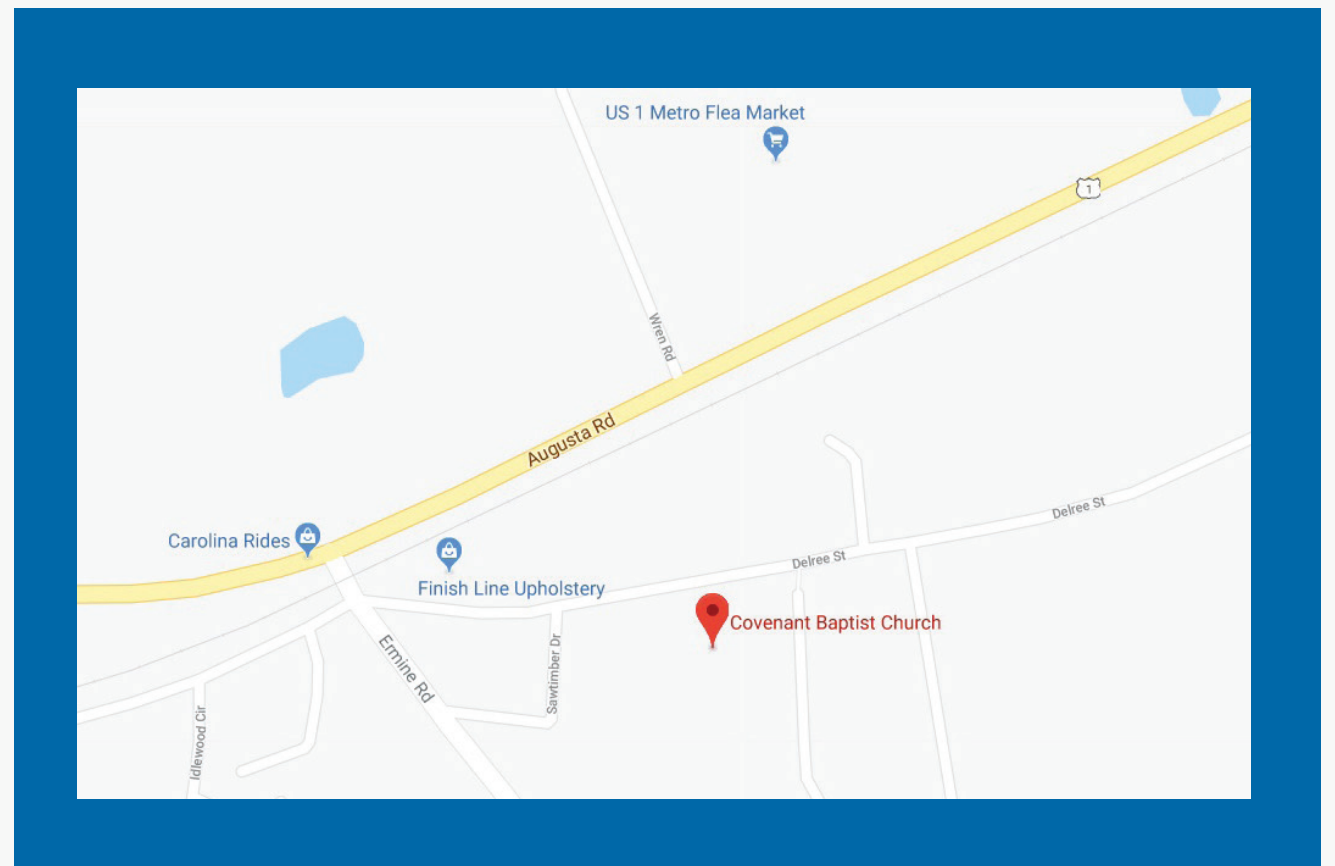
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West Columbia, SC 29170

<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.*