



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

December 12th, 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 (Systematic Theology)
~ 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 12th, 2021)

Prelude

Call to Worship: Luke 1:68-75

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus - 216

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Fullness of Grace - 221

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - 218

Message:

Revenge on the Sinners and Rapture of the Saints,
Part Two

—2 Thessalonians 1:6-10; 2:1

Hymn: Come, We at Love the Lord - 428

Closing Prayer

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On-Call Deacon List:

- December 12: Kyzer
- December 19: Waddell
- December 26: ??

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- December 18: Bristol
- December 25: Shumpert/Smoak

Church Bookstore:

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

Announcements

We are having a Christmas Eve Service at 6pm. We will have the singing of hymns, the reading of the story of Christ's birth and the Lord's Supper. Following the service we will have fellowship and food. This is a great opportunity for your family and friends to come and hear the gospel.

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We will not have Bible Ed class the rest of December.

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If you would like to purchase a scripture song/homegrown hymns CD for yourself, or as an evangelistic gift, please sign up in advance at the sound booth. The cost is \$1 per CD and will include many more songs than what has been released so far on the church YouTube channel. Please sign up by December 12, and the CD will be ready to pick up on the 19th, or at the Christmas Eve service.

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If you're not currently helping clean the church and would like to in 2022, please contact Chris Waddell (803-447-8257). The 2022 cleaning schedule will be finalized in mid-Dec. — We will be restarting our ACBC Biblical Counseling class January 13th. If you are interested, please look for a sign up sheet in the foyer.

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Intentional Faith, Family Life, and Courtship Mr. Kelly Hammond will be teaching a new Bible Education class presenting a very practical look at three very important and intertwining topics of the Christian walk. This class is open to all ages. Starting date: January 9th, and will last 4-6 weeks.

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NOTICE: Praise the Lord! The funds have been coming through for the laptop and motorcycle needed by Paul and Cathareen in India. The motorcycle is paid for, which leaves only \$800 remaining to raise for the laptop. Please pray for God's provisions. Thank you for your generosity!

Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class—*On hold*

Biblical Counseling Class—*On hold*

Second Sunday Dinner—*December 12. 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.*

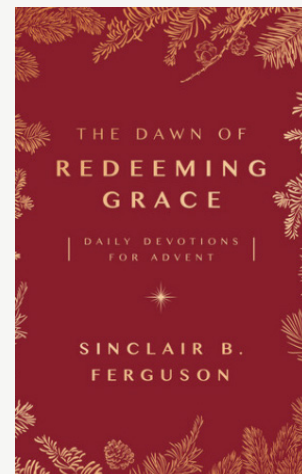
Book of the Week: The Dawn of Redeeming Grace, by Sinclair Ferguson

As dawn broke on that first Christmas morning, the sun rose on a new era: God's king had come to earth to bring about his kingdom.

Join Sinclair Ferguson as he opens up the first two chapters of Matthew's Gospel in these daily devotions for Advent. Each day's reflection is full of insight and application, and will help you to arrive at Christmas Day awed by God's redeeming grace and refreshed by the hope of God's promised king.

Purchase at:

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/the-dawn-of-redeeming-grace-daily-devotions-for-advent-ferguson.html>





Continue Reading:

<https://answersingenesis.org/the-word-of-god/trusting-text/>

Trusting the Text

—by *Brian H. Edwards*

Without the original texts of the Bible in our hands, how can we be sure our surviving copies don't contain lots of mistakes?

Why does my reference Bible have notes at the bottom of the page that say things like "Some manuscripts add . . ." or "some early manuscripts omit . . ."?

This is not a minor issue. Headed by Bart Ehrman, a growing movement claims that we cannot be sure what the original Bible said.

First off, there is no other ancient literature so well attested by so many manuscripts (handwritten copies of the original text) over such a length of time, as the Christian's Bible. But since we don't have the originals, written by Isaiah or Paul for example, would the many copies made over the years introduce thousands of mistakes, as Erhman and others believe?

Let's check it out so you know what to say next time someone makes this claim. We'll start with the Old Testament.



Continue Reading:

<https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/microchip-containing-your-vaccine-passport-information-can-now-be-embedded-your-hand>

A Microchip Containing Your Vaccine Passport Information Can Now Be Embedded In Your Hand

—by Tyler Durden/Michael Snyder

What I am about to share with you sounds very strange, but it is all true. Before I get into it, let me ask you a question. If you could have a vaccine passport permanently embedded into your hand, would you do it? Amazingly, some people in Sweden are willingly doing this to themselves. They are putting microchips that contain their vaccine passport information into their hands, and they are raving about how convenient this is. You can actually watch a video of this being done to someone right here. The video is not in English, but you will be able to understand what is happening.

Video:

<https://tv.aftonbladet.se/video/334510/faa-covidbeviset-under-huden-gaar-att-faa-som-ett-chip>

I was absolutely floored when I first watched that.

Do they not understand where this could lead?

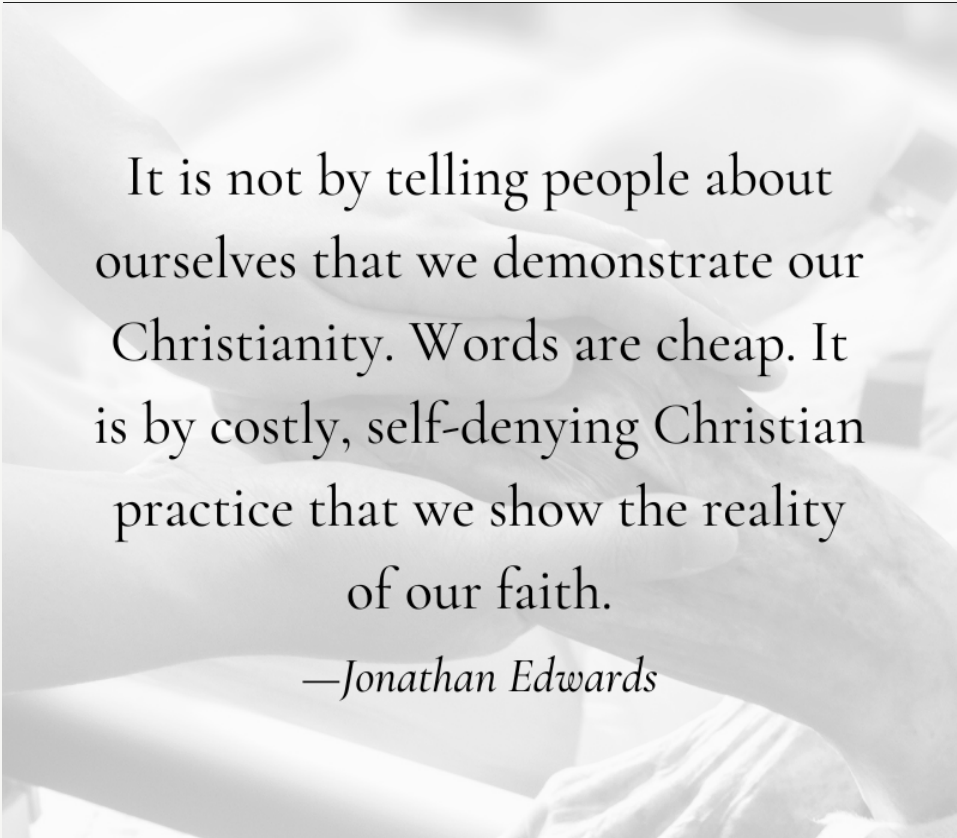
Other News:

The God of Endurance and Encouragement— <https://heartcrymissionary.com/mission-updates/the-god-of-endurance-and-encouragement/>

Doctors gather at summit to warn against vaccinating children— <https://www.wnd.com/2021/11/4959223/>

Gov. McMaster requests investigation into obscene materials in public school libraries— <https://www.wistv.com/2021/11/10/gov-mcmaster-requests-investigation-into-obscene-materials-public-school-libraries/>

Quote of the Week:



It is not by telling people about ourselves that we demonstrate our Christianity. Words are cheap. It is by costly, self-denying Christian practice that we show the reality of our faith.

—Jonathan Edwards

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 previously at 7 PM here at the church. If you would be interested in participating, please let the pastor know. We are going to livestream the class. Just go to the website at <https://covenantbaptistsc.org> and click the livestream button on home page at 7pm Thursdays.

Biblical counseling class on hold while teacher recovers from surgery.



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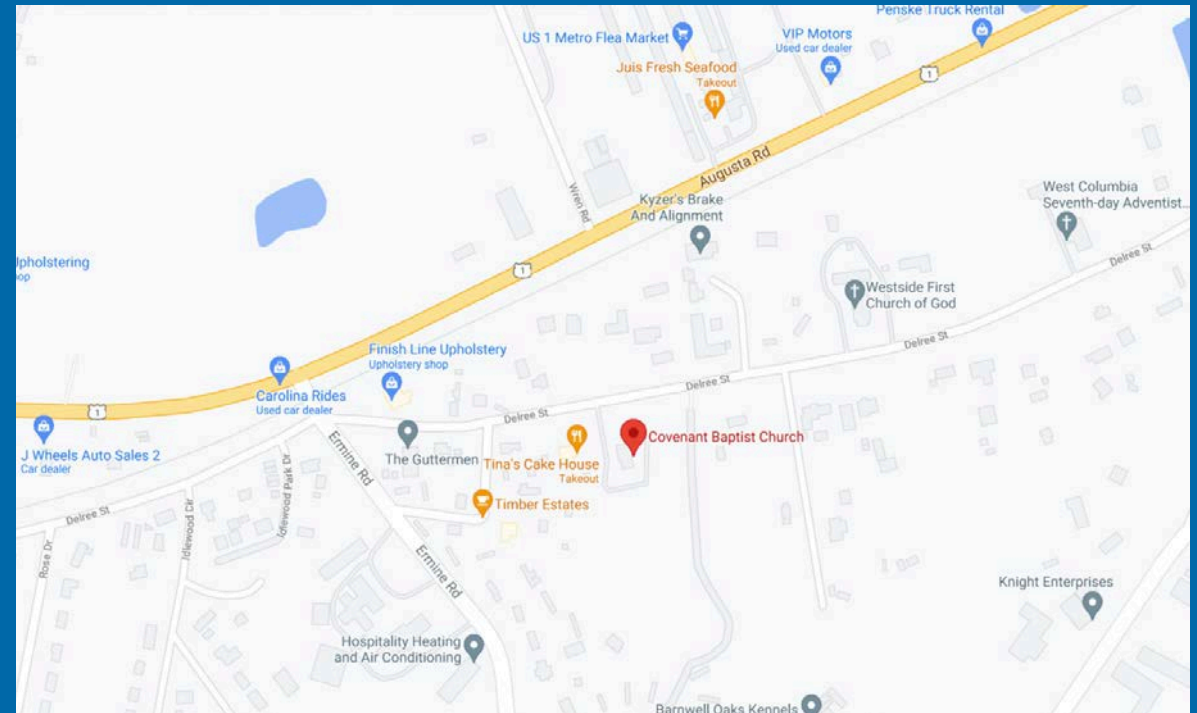
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Location:



*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.*