



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

December 19th, 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 19th, 2021)

Prelude

Call to Worship: Isaiah 9:6-7

O Come, All Ye Faithful - 231

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery - 184

Away in a Manger - 235

Message:

The Reason for the Most Miraculous Birth
in the History of the World
—Luke 1:26–35

Hymn: Good Christian Men, Rejoice - 226

Closing Prayer

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On-Call Deacon List:

- December 19: Waddell
- December 26: Lucas

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- 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

There will be not Wednesday Worship Service this week, but there will be a time of prayer here at the church at 7pm.

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We are having a Christmas Eve Service Friday, December 24th at 6pm. It will include singing of hymns, the reading of the story of Christ's birth, and partaking of 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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If you are able, please sign up to bring finger foods, desserts, and drinks for the Christmas Eve service. There is a sign up sheet on the kitchen counter, or you can text Kerri Olds at 843-819-5080 and she will add you to the list.

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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 or by emailing sound@covenantbaptistsc.org with your name and the number of CDs you would like made. The cost is \$1 per CD and will include about 40 songs (1 hour of music). Please sign up by December 21 and the CDs will be ready to pick up at the Christmas Eve service.

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The Pastor and family would like to thank all of CBC for the generous gifts and cards for his birthday and Christmas. We were overwhelmed with the kind and loving words and the beautiful roses. We are truly blessed to serve in such a great church.

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We will not have Bible Ed class the rest of December. Some will be meeting doing that hour for prayer.

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We will be restarting our ACBC Biblical Counseling class January 13th at 7pm. If you are interested, please look for a sign up sheet in the foyer. — Praise the Lord! The funds for both the motorcycle and laptop needed for India mission work have been provided. The funds for the India orphans Christmas gifts have also been covered. Thank you for your generosity!

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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.

Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class—*On hold*

Biblical Counseling Class—*Begins January 13, 2022 at 7 pm.*

Christmas Eve Service and Fellowship—*December 24, 6 pm. We will have finger foods and desserts following the service. Please sign up to bring a dish using the sign-up sheet on the kitchen counter, or text Kerri Olds at 843-819-5080.*

Second Sunday Dinner—*January 9, 2022. 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.*

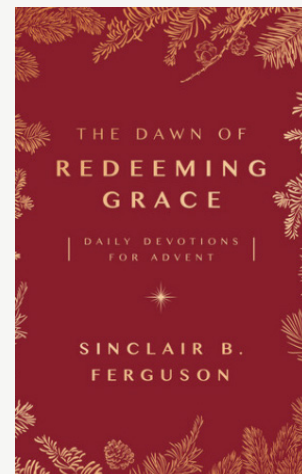
Book of the Week: The Dawn of Redeeming Grace, by Sinclair Ferguson

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://www.gty.org/library/blog/B151221>

Separation, Purity, and Christmas

—by Jeremiah Johnson

Christmas is a study in contrasts.

Snow is one of the prominent themes of the holiday, but most of the world doesn't get snow in December, so people decorate with inflatable snowmen and twinkle lights meant to imitate icicles.

Christmas is hailed as a time of joy, love, and peace, but many feel profound sadness and strife due to lost loved ones and broken families. And in spite of it being a season of giving, the majority of advertisements and sales focus on fulfilling selfish, materialistic desires.

On TV, the contrasts are unmistakable. One channel broadcasts the nativity story while the next airs a debate over whether Jesus was anyone worth celebrating. And a parade of politicians and talking heads fight over where and when it is appropriate to celebrate Christmas, while others work overtime to celebrate every religion's traditions.

But perhaps the most puzzling contrast is between believers—between those who celebrate the birth of Christ and those who argue that Christians should have no part in such a “pagan” holiday.



Continue Reading:

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/guatemalan-president-vows-to-make-country-pro-life-capital-of-latin-america/>

Guatemalan president vows to make country 'pro-life capital' of Latin America

—by Calvin Frieburger

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LifeSiteNews) – During a visit to the United States last week, Guatemalan President Alejandro Giammattei declared his intentions to make Guatemala the “pro-life capital” of Latin America.

“Every individual deserves to have their lives protected, from conception to natural death,” Giammattei said during remarks to an Institute for Women’s Health event at Washington, D.C.’s Willard Hotel, the Christian Post reported. “It is totally false that abortion is a human right. Any effort to try to impose abortion in a country is undue interference in international affairs.”

“We seek to protect life and to prevent interference,” he continued. “We do not approve of abortion because of my faith but also my profession as a medical doctor. Life should be protected from conception.”

During the event, he announced a declaration formally declaring Guatemala the “Pro-Life Capital of Ibero-America,” which includes most of the countries of Central and South America.

Other News:

A Microchip Containing Your Vaccine Passport Information Can Now Be Embedded In Your Hand— <https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/microchip-containing-your-vaccine-passport-information-can-now-be-embedded-your-hand>

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/>

Quote of the Week:

If we could condense all the truths of Christmas into only three words, these would be the words: 'God with us.' We tend to focus our attention at Christmas on the infancy of Christ. The greater truth of the holiday is His deity. More astonishing than a baby in the manger is the truth that this promised baby is the omnipotent Creator of the heavens and the earth!

—John MacArthur

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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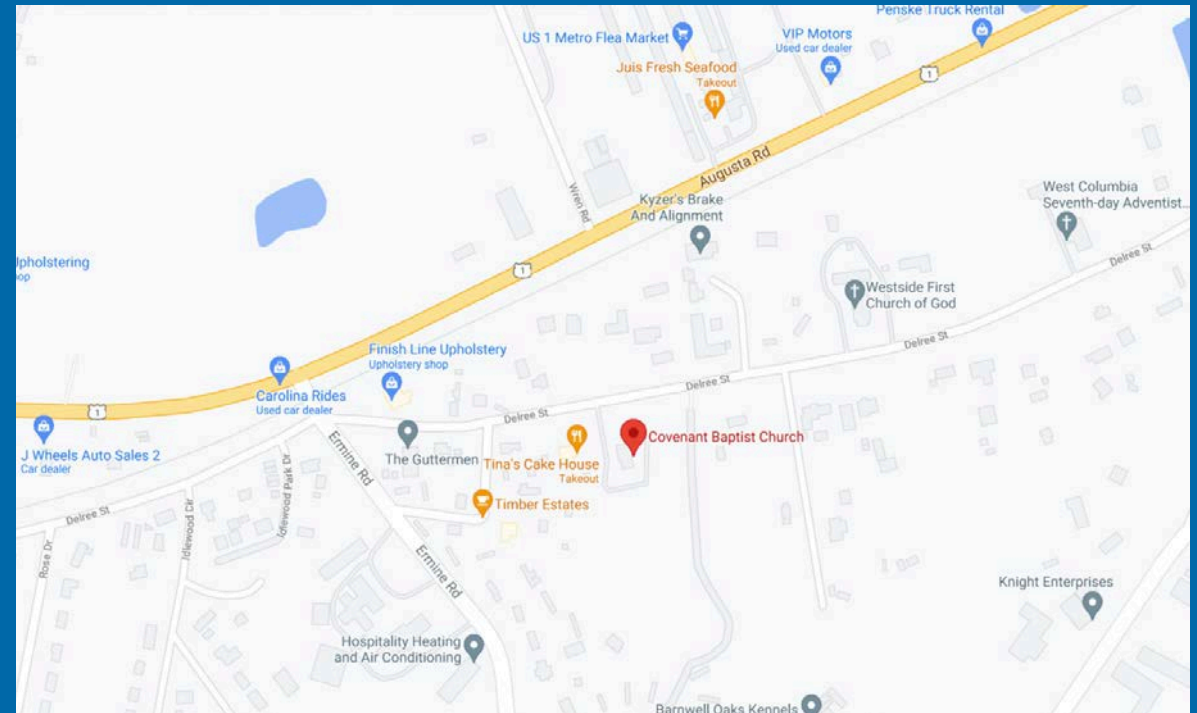
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Location:



*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.*