



## Covenant Baptist Church

*Reformed and Refreshing*

*December 26th, 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 26th, 2021)*

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 40:8–11

Crown Him with Many Crowns - 129

Scripture Reading: Revelation 4:1–11

Lamb of God - 265

Rock of Ages - 209

Message:

The Right Focus for Difficult Days Ahead  
2 Thessalonians 1:11–12

O Church, Arise - 353

Closing Prayer

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### On-Call Deacon List:

- 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

We will have the Lord's Supper next Sunday.

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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.

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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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We are grateful to God that we can participate in a ministry that desires to see both baby and mothers saved from the horrible act of abortion. Our desire as a ministry of CBC is to save babies from physical death via abortion, and to see the mother repent of the sin of abortion and find forgiveness in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you want to participate in this ministry, we have designated two leaders in our church as a point of contact. First, we have Chris Olds who is one of our elders-in-training and also we have Trey Egan who is a deacon and both have been involved in this needed ministry.

## Covenant Baptist Church Events

**Greek Class**—*On hold*

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

**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.*

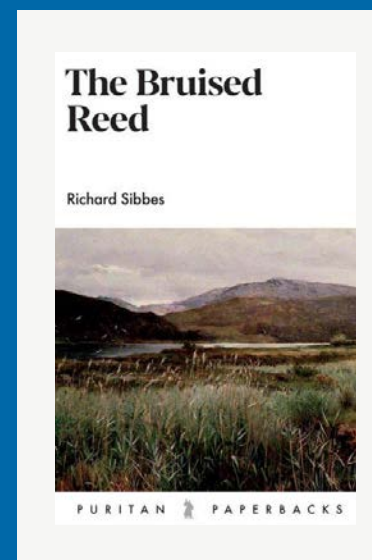
## Book of the Week: The Bruised Reed, by Richard Sibbes

Richard Sibbes (1577-1635), one of the most influential figures in the Puritan movement during the earlier years of the seventeenth century, was renowned for the rich quality of his ministry. The Bruised Reed shows why he was known among his contemporaries as 'the sweet dropper'.

Of all Richard Sibbes' works, The Bruised Reed has probably had the most enduring impact. It is an exposition of Matthew's application to Jesus of the description of the Servant of the Lord in Isaiah 42:3 (Matt. 12:20). Sibbes' wonderfully sensitive treatment has ministered to generations of Christians since its first publication in 1630.

Purchase at:

<https://banneroftruth.org/us/store/christian-living/the-bruised-reed/>





## Continue Reading:

<https://tabletalkmagazine.com/posts/let-us-not-grow-weary/>

## Let Us Not Grow Weary

—by Paul Levy

One of the things I love about the Bible is its sheer realism. The irony is that the world thinks the Bible is full of fairy tales. Yet, when you engage with its teaching, you find that it fits our humanity. The God who wrote the Bible “knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust” (Ps. 103:14). The teaching of Scripture is wonderfully realistic.

While studying Galatians in house groups, I was struck by this passage: “Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith” (Gal. 6:9–10).

Paul has expounded the gospel, the glorious freedom that Christ brings. One hymn puts it like this: for those who are in Christ, “the terrors of law and of God with me can have nothing to do.” We must guard our hearts against falling back into a pattern of thought that thinks it is what we do, our external acts, that make us acceptable to God. It is subtle and the temptation to slip back into legalism is always with us.

In Galatians 6, the Apostle is applying how this works out in church life as he speaks of our duty toward one another.



## Continue Reading:

<https://www.zerohedge.com/technology/covid-passport-microchip-swedish-company-rollout-sees-another-conspiracy-theory-become>

## COVID Passport Microchip? Swedish Tech Start-Up Sees Another Conspiracy Theory Become Fact

*—by Tyler Durden*

A rice-sized microchip produced and so far “successfully” tested by a Swedish tech company based out of Stockholm’s “Epicenter” start-up consortium, has brought what was only recently widely mocked as crazed conspiracy theory into the realm of another pandemic-era conspiracy fact. Or as Joe Rogan now likes to quip, the last two years has seen black-helicopters-Alex Jones proven right on “almost everything”.

Viral video published in multiple major outlets this week has featured the head of the chip implant technology developer partnering firm - DSruptive, Hannes Sjöblad, explaining how it works. “Right now it’s very convenient to have a COVID passport always accessible on your implant,” he says in the video. Epicenter has long sought to produce useful “human-compatible tech”.

The technology was pursued and implemented in earnest after Sweden’s government recently enacted new laws requiring citizens to produce vaccination proof on the spot in any gathering involving more than 100 people. According to France24, “Following that announcement, the number of people who got microchips inserted under their skin rose: around 6,000 people in Sweden have so far had a chip inserted in their hands.”

## Other News:

**Guatemalan president vows to make country 'pro-life capital' of Latin America**— <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/guatemalan-president-vows-to-make-country-pro-life-capital-of-latin-america/>

**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/>

## Quote of the Week:

"HE WAS CREATED OF A MOTHER  
WHOM HE CREATED. HE WAS  
CARRIED BY HANDS THAT HE  
FORMED. HE CRIED IN THE MANGER  
IN WORDLESS INFANCY. HE, THE  
WORD, WITHOUT WHOM ALL HUMAN  
ELOQUENCE IS MUTE."

AUGUSTINE

## 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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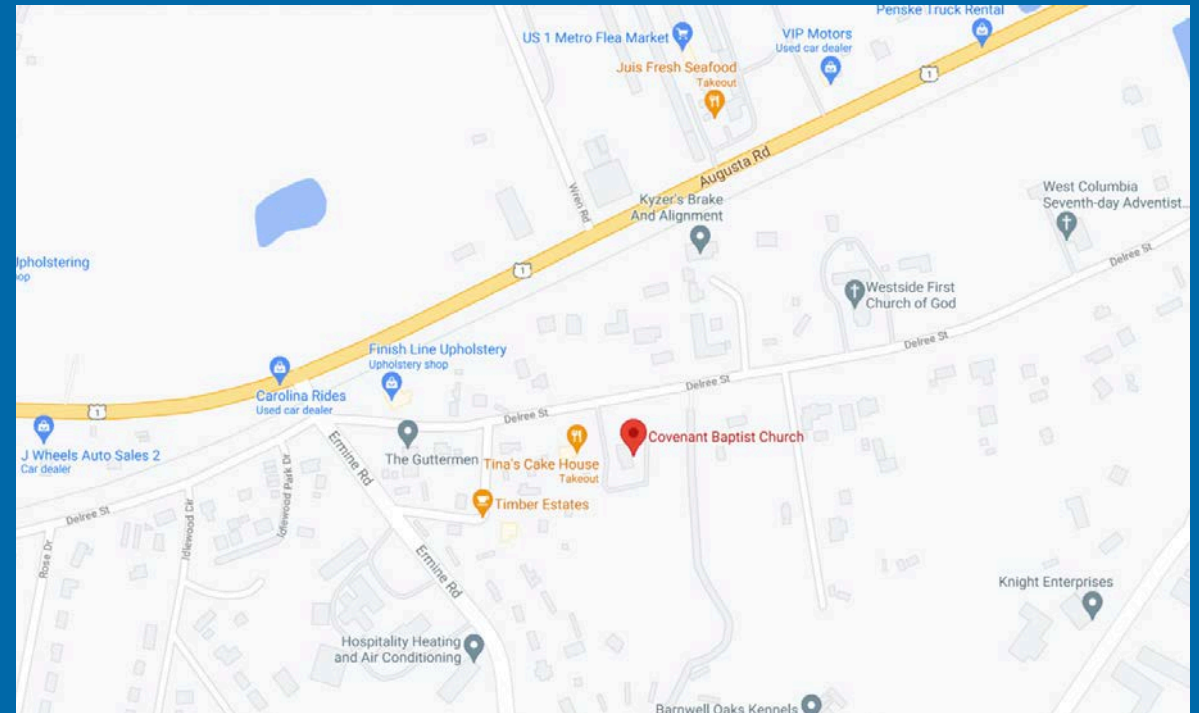
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## Location:



*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.*