



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

May 22, 2022

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 (New Members Class)
~ 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

(May 22, 2022)

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 143:1–2;7–11

Hymn: To God Be the Glory 19

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:1–27

Hymn: My Hiding Place 191

Hymn: Speak, O Lord 368

Message:

The Necessity of Prayer for the Man and His Message,
Part 2—2 Thessalonians 3:1–2

Hymn: May the Mind of Christ, My Savior 377

Closing Prayer

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Church Cleaning Schedule:

- May 28: Kyzer (K&R)/Bean
- June 4: Allen (J&W)/Steele
- June 11: Crapps/McSween

On-Call Deacon List:

- May 22: Kenny Lucas
- May 29: Trey Egan
- June 5: Colonel Rogers

Church Bookstore:

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

Announcements

We need your help with seating in the main sanctuary. We are thankful for so many who are coming to worship with us, but sometimes the pews are not used to their maximum capacity. Please be aware of the needs of others. If you can sit toward one end of the pew, it will allow other to easily see where the empty seats are.

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As a reminder, we do have a nursery in the back for mothers to take their babies to if needed. It is not staffed at the moment but it can allow for a mom to go and have some private time with her baby and also view the worship service, which is playing on the TV in the room.

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Next Lord's Day we will observe the Lord's Table.

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Our New Members Class continues today. If you have joined the church or are considering uniting in membership with the church, plan to be at this class. It begins at 9:30am and is being taught by Pastor Swann.

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There is a schedule change for Wednesday evenings to make it easier to remember our prayer service. From this point forward, we will have our dedicated prayer service on the first Wednesday of each month. The second Wednesday we will have preaching from one of our elders-in-training.

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The 3rd Covenant Home now has 21 boys taken off the streets and living within its walls. We now need 21 supporters to adopt a boy to support at \$41.00 a month. The Mission Letter will be reaching outside of the church to those who may be interested in working along-side of us in getting these children off the streets of India. Please see Alton for more details. Prayer is our #1 tool. Thank you all.

Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class—*On hold*

Biblical Counseling Class—*Thursdays, 7 pm.*

Second Sunday Dinner—*June 12th, 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.*

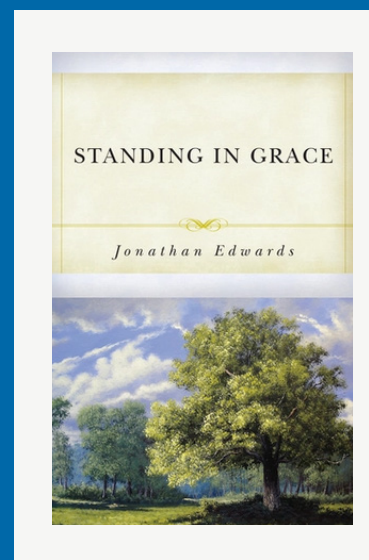
Book of the Week: Standing in Grace, by Jonathan Edwards

In this book, America's greatest theologian explains one of Christianity's most important subjects—the believer's standing in grace. Edwards gives his usual thorough treatment as he examines the difference between common and saving grace, demonstrates the nature and qualities of saving grace, and emphasizes how a principle of grace is from the Spirit of God. Edwards also deals extensively and insightfully with the issue of the Holy Spirit as it relates to standing in grace.

This work was first published in 1865 by Alexander Grosart under the title A Treatise on Grace and was included as part of Selections from the Unpublished Writings of Jonathan Edwards. This new edition is typeset and edited for easier reading.

Purchase at:

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/encouragement-for-the-depressed-spurgeon.html>





Listen:

<https://kevindeyoung.org/podcast/seven-principles-for-cultivating-a-christian-posture-toward-the-world/>

Seven Principles for Cultivating a Christian Posture toward the World

—by Kevin DeYoung

Podcast:

Important lessons to learn as we deal with negativity and hostility

In this episode of Life and Books and Everything, Kevin reads from the article he wrote for WORLD Opinions on seven principles for cultivating a Christian posture toward the world.



Continue Reading:

<https://owenstrachan.substack.com/p/john-macarthur-epic-stand?s=r>

John MacArthur's Epic Stand

—by Owen Strachan

The worst times are when men of courage do their best work. This is particularly true—or should be—for the Christian church. We not only have natural resources to power courage, after all, but have divine resources at hand. We have Christ in us, Paul tells us (Philippians 1:27). We have the indwelling Spirit (Romans 8:9). We have all the love and acceptance and backing of a heavenly Father, meaning we can labor and minister in the confidence that we are secure and will never be abandoned, no matter what man may do to us (Romans 8:15, 31-39).

Yet in our day, it can feel to us like the men of courage have scattered. We sometimes wonder, like Elijah in the days of Ahab and Jezebel, if there are any sound men left (read 1 Kings 19). Despite our fear and anxiety, the truth is this: God has not left us to ourselves. We have his greatest earthly gift: we have faithful men to lead us, at least in terms of the universal church. One such man, one worker who has not failed to show up for his shift, is John MacArthur.

Several years ago, folks wondered if MacArthur was going to retire. They mused that he must be ready to opt out, and must be tired from so much toil in the fields of God. Surely no one would begrudge such a man his retirement. Many men his age are living in a retirement condo, after all, snoozing the hours peaceably away. There's no shame in that.

News (Cont.)

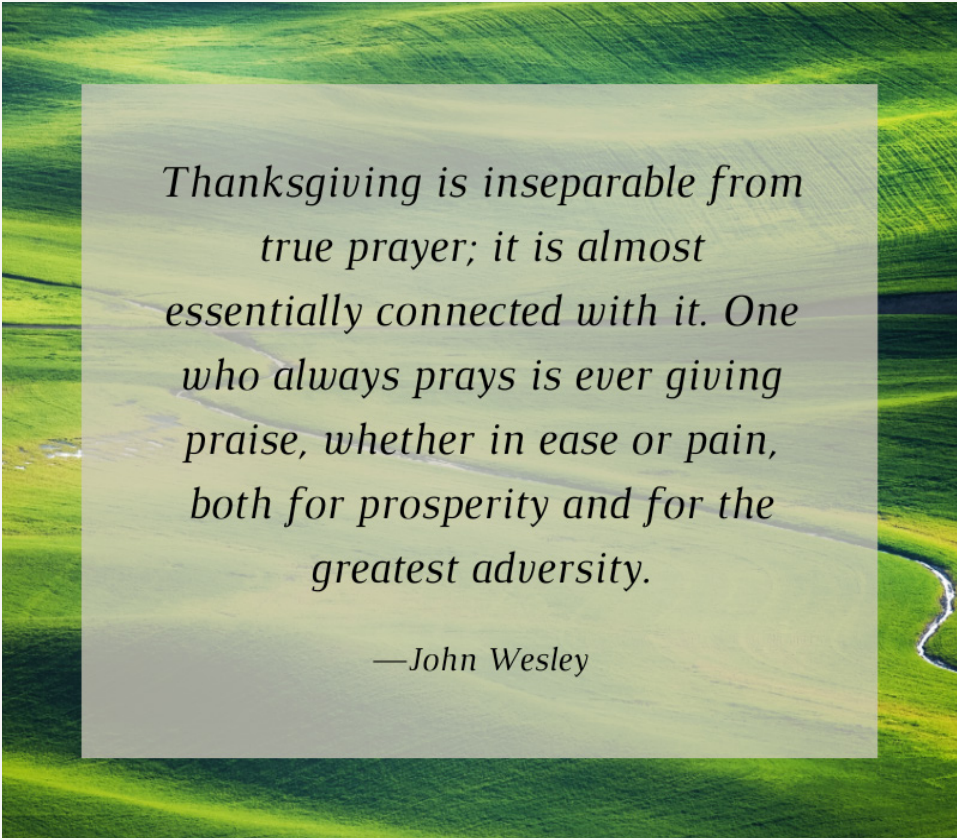
Exclusive: Baby Formula Shortage Is Getting Worse— <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2022/05/07/exclusive-baby-formula-shortage-is-getting-worse/>

Pray for Protection— <https://heartcrymissionary.com/mission-updates/pray-for-protection/>

Serving Refugees— <https://heartcrymissionary.com/mission-updates/serving-the-refugees/>

California Bill Would Legalize Infanticide, Babies Could be Left to Die Up to 6 Weeks After Birth— <https://www.lifenews.com/2022/03/25/california-bill-would-legalize-infanticide-babies-could-be-left-to-die-up-to-6-weeks-after-birth/>

Quote of the Week:



Thanksgiving is inseparable from true prayer; it is almost essentially connected with it. One who always prays is ever giving praise, whether in ease or pain, both for prosperity and for the greatest adversity.

—John Wesley

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:
Thursdays, 7pm



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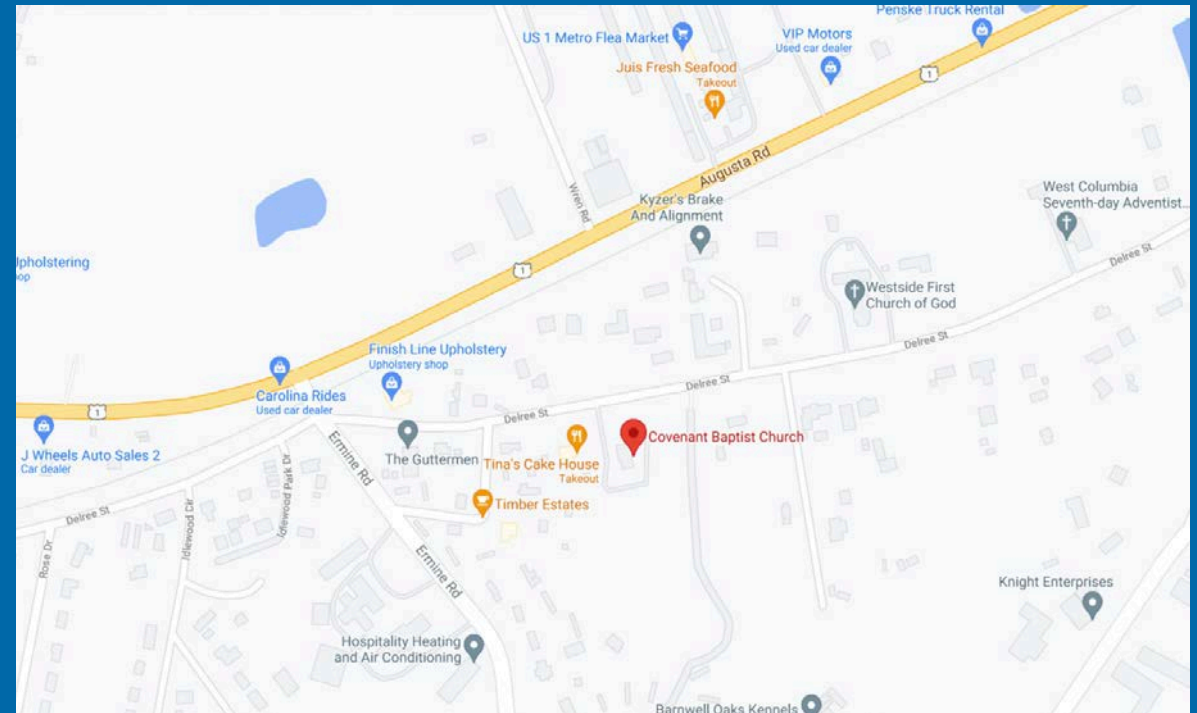
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Location:



*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.*