



# Covenant Baptist Church

*Reformed and Refreshing*

*August 14, 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

*(August 14, 2022)*

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 150:1-6

Hymn: O God, Our Help in Ages Past 55

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:1-22

Hymn: Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners 206

Hymn: Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor 406

Message:

Mark Corral—Elder in Training  
(Grace Covenant Church, Rock Hill)

Hymn: Oh, How He Loves You and Me 157

Closing Prayer

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### Church Cleaning Schedule:

- August 20: Thomas/Waddell
- August 27: Correa/Smiling
- September 3: Shumpert/Smoak

### On-Call Deacon List:

- August 14: Daryl Kyzer
- August 21: Chris Waddell
- August 28: Kenny Lucas

### Church Bookstore:

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

## Announcements

The SC Senate Medical Affairs Subcommittee is meeting this Wednesday, August 17, 9:00 AM-5:30 PM to discuss their bill to ban abortion in our state. Several from Covenant and like-minded churches will be addressing the subcommittee, and we also have an opportunity to represent Christ outside during the meeting using signs that are Christhonoring, for abolition, and non-inflammatory. Please contact Trey Egan (803-881-5492) for more information.

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Paul Washer will be in speaking at Columbia International University on October 11 at 6:30 pm. If you would like to go, you will need to contact Bethany Rowe at 803-807-5150 to reserve a seat.

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Ben Smith is the new contact for the church texting service. If you need to send a prayer request, or would like to be added to the list, you can text him at 910-330-3778.

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The upcoming homeschool co-op is in need of volunteers to teach basic life skills. This would entail 1 class lasting about 45 minutes on a Thursday around 11:15 AM. Suggested skills are reading a map, turning off water sources for sinks/toilets/washing machine, resetting tripped breakers/turning off power source, securing a load on truck or trailer with ratchets and/or ropes, etc. See Kerri Olds to volunteer, suggest a life skill, or see available dates to fill.

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We are thankful for the continued growth of our Rockhill Church Plant—Grace Covenant Church. Mark Corral is doing a great job. Please pray for him and Ali as he continues to work toward ordination to be lead Pastor/Teacher of this wonderful church.

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We are looking for more ladies to help serve in the nursery. You need to be a member of CBC and you we will need to get a background check. Please see Kerri Olds.

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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 alongside 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**—*We will not be having our 2nd Sunday Meals for now. Due to not having enough room for everyone to eat, we are postponing our 2nd Sunday meals until we can figure out how better to accommodate the crowd. We are so thankful that so many want to stay in to eat and have fellowship together but we also want to be able to have enough room for you, and your friends and family to do the same. Please be in prayer for the elders and deacons as they make the needed decisions to accommodate the growing church.*

## Book of the Week: Meeting Jesus: The 'I Am' Sayings of Christ, by R. C. Sproul

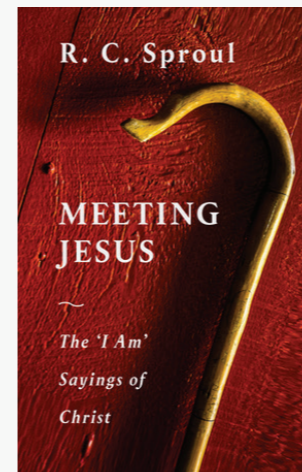
Who is Jesus? Nearly every adult person has formed some opinion of him. These opinions may be superficial, uninformed, or downright heretical. But does it really matter what we think about Jesus? After all, he was a man who lived nearly 2,000 years ago, so how relevant can he be to people in the twenty-first century?

The answer to that question ultimately rests upon whether what Jesus said about himself is true.

In this short book, R. C. Sproul looks at seven sayings of Jesus recorded in the Gospel of John which reveal his true identity and teach us the truth about him. By considering these 'I am' sayings we meet Jesus and learn just how relevant he truly is.

Purchase at:

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/the-cross-gods-way-of-salvation-lloyd-jones.html>





## Keep Reading:

<https://answersingenesis.org/culture/coping-with-criticism/>

## Coping with Criticism

*—by Ken Ham*

When we stand firm on God’s Word, we can expect attacks. How should we respond? It depends on who the opposition is.

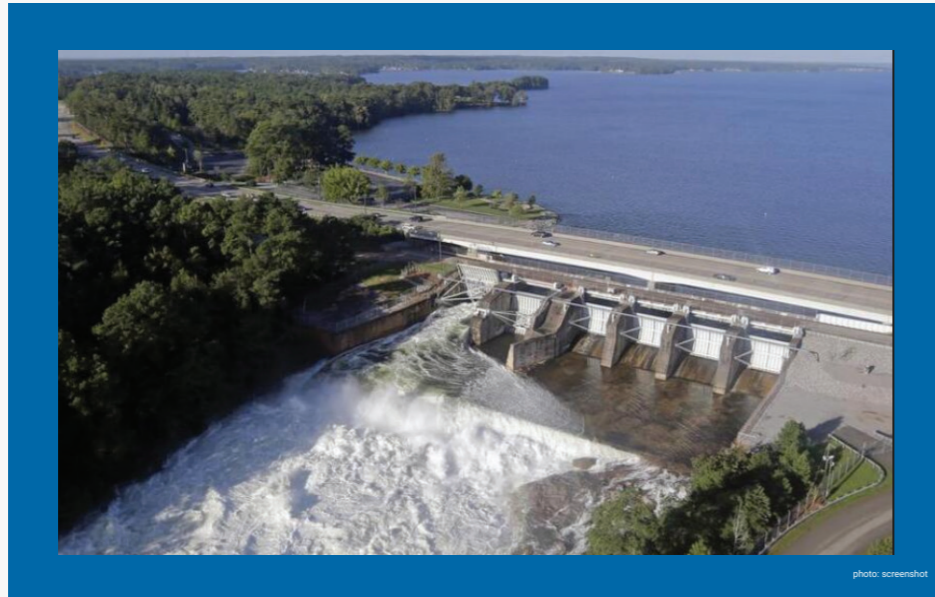
Should born-again Christians expect condemnation for their beliefs?

Consider the following verses of Scripture: “Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted” (2 Timothy 3:12).

“And people loved the darkness rather than the light” (John 3:19).

“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few” (Matthew 7:13–14).

The Bible makes it clear that Christians will be criticized and condemned—even persecuted—for their faith. In a world where the majority will reject the truth of God’s Word and the gospel, Christians should expect opposition.



## Continue Reading:

<https://www.thestate.com/news/local/article263357398.html>

### Could an earthquake break the Lake Murray dam? It's unlikely, but not impossible

—by *Stephen Pastis*

Experts say it's unlikely, but a powerful Midlands earthquake could threaten the Lake Murray dam and unleash up to 650 billion gallons of water.

If the two 213-foot tall dams comprising the Dreher Shoals Dam facility — known locally as the Lake Murray dam — were fractured after a powerful earthquake, the resulting failure would unleash a massive amount of water. A breach of the structure — which holds back nearly 650 billion gallons of water — would subject the Midlands area to catastrophic flooding, with water reaching south of I-20 into the Congaree Swamp, according to Kim Stenson, the director of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, and Dominion Energy.

The nearly 8,000-foot-long main dam, which is owned by Dominion Energy, provides hydroelectric power generated from Lake Murray's 50,000 acres of water.

The Gervais Street Bridge could be under water, with places like the Vulcan Quarry or the Riverbanks Zoo being inundated.

## News (Cont.)

**Israel bans large cash transactions, requires digital payments—**  
<https://thecountersignal.com/israel-bans-large-cash-transactions-requires-digital-payments/>

**Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Maps Out Neom Project to House 9 Million People—** <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-07-25/mbs-maps-twin-100-kilometer-buildings-to-house-9-million-people>

**Woke Churches Label Pro-Life Movement a ‘Demonic Agenda’ and Claim ‘God Is Pro-Choice’—** <https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2022/07/11/woke-churches-label-pro-life-movement-demonic-agenda-claim-god-is-pro-choice/>

**Chinese firm bought North Dakota farm near US Air Force drone base: report—** <https://nypost.com/2022/07/01/chinese-firm-bought-farm-near-us-air-force-drone-base-report/>

## Quote of the Week:

THINKING THAT I DESERVE  
HEAVEN IS A SURE SIGN I HAVE NO  
UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOSPEL.

—SINCLAIR FERGUSON

## 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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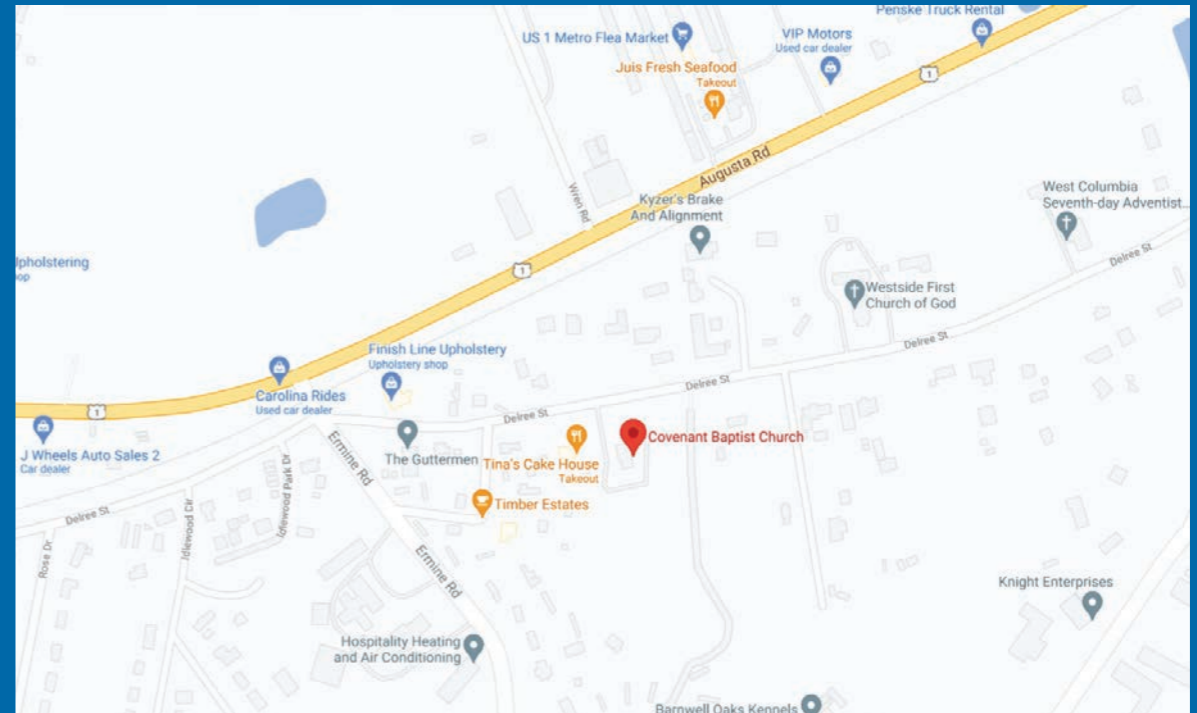
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## Location:



*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.*