



## Covenant Baptist Church

*Reformed and Refreshing*

*September 18, 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  
~ 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

*(September 18, 2022)*

Call to Worship: Psalm 93:1-5 | Pastor Charles Swann

Worship Through Music:  
led by Elder-in-Training Sandy Allen

Hymn: Come, Christians, Join to Sing 125

Scripture Reading: Mark 4:1-20 | Matthew Lawson

Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus 278

Hymn: O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus 154

Message:  
When Temptation Becomes Sin  
—James 1:13-16  
Pastor Charles Swann

Hymn: Come, We That Love the Lord 428

Closing Prayer

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### Church Cleaning Schedule:

- September 24: Olds/Todd
- October 1: Kyzer (K&R)/Bean
- October 8: Allen (J&W)/Steele

### On-Call Deacon List:

- September 18: Andy Shumpert
- September 25: Wesley Smoak
- October 2: Daryl Kyzer

### Church Bookstore:

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

## Announcements

A very important meeting will be held on Wednesday the 28th at 7pm to give a financial report to the church. There will also be information given, and an opportunity for questions regarding a major change in our Kenya Mission. This will not be live-streamed.

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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 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 open dates to fill.

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Parents, please be mindful of others as you are training your children to sit through the service quietly. If your child is fussing or talking, please step out with them to the foyer, overflow room, or nursery rooms in the back where the sermon is being played over speakers and TV so you do not miss anything. We gladly welcome children being apart of the worship service, but encourage you to train them for this task. If you need some help in this area, please see one of the elders and they can direct you to families willing to share some advice that has worked in training their own children.

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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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Telegu Baptist Church has grown in numbers and size. They have the old building torn down and the blocks on location to do the addition for the added number off newcomers. They need 300 bags of cement which will cost some \$2500. They are providing the labor themselves. If you feel led to help in any amount, earmark checks or envelopes 'Telegu Baptist Church' of India. Or see Alton Crapps. God Bless.

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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*

**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: The Puritans: Their Origins and Successors, by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

What did the Puritans and their successors teach? Was their teaching biblical? What can we learn from them for our life and witness today? These questions guided Dr. Lloyd-Jones in giving the addresses in this volume. Far from sharing the idea that a knowledge of the past is useless or irrelevant, he believed that the study of history is vital to the well-being of the church today.

In these addresses given at the Puritan Studies and Westminster Conferences between 1959 and 1978, Dr. Lloyd-Jones ranges widely over the history of Reformed Christianity from the Reformation to the nineteenth century, drawing lessons from major figures like Calvin and Knox, Bunyan and Owen, Edwards and Whitefield, and from lesser-known men such as Henry Jacob, John Glas and Robert Sandeman.

Purchase at:

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/the-puritans-their-origins-and-successors-lloyd-jones.html>

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## Keep Reading:

<https://www.pewresearch.org/religion/2022/09/13/modeling-the-future-of-religion-in-america/>

## Modeling the Future of Religion in America

—Pew Research

Since the 1990s, large numbers of Americans have left Christianity to join the growing ranks of U.S. adults who describe their religious identity as atheist, agnostic or “nothing in particular.” This accelerating trend is reshaping the U.S. religious landscape, leading many people to wonder what the future of religion in America might look like.

What if Christians keep leaving religion at the same rate observed in recent years? What if the pace of religious switching continues to accelerate? What if switching were to stop, but other demographic trends – such as migration, births and deaths – were to continue at current rates? To help answer such questions, Pew Research Center has modeled several hypothetical scenarios describing how the U.S. religious landscape might change over the next half century.

The Center estimates that in 2020, about 64% of Americans, including children, were Christian. People who are religiously unaffiliated, sometimes called religious “nones,” accounted for 30% of the U.S. population. Adherents of all other religions – including Jews, Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists – totaled about 6%.<sup>1</sup>



## Finish Reading:

<https://www.foxbusiness.com/politics/colorado-utility-company-locks-22000-thermostats-in-90-degree-weather-due-energy-emergency>

## Colorado utility company locks 22,000 thermostats in 90 degree weather due to 'energy emergency'

—by Andrew Miller

Thousands of utility company customers in Colorado were locked out of changing their thermostats due to an “energy emergency,” sparking outrage that spilled onto social media.

Xcel Energy, a utility company based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, confirmed that 22,000 customers in the Denver, Colorado area who were signed up for the Colorado AC Rewards program were locked out of their thermostats for several hours on Tuesday, KMGH-TV reported.

Tony Talarico, an Xcel Energy customer in Arvada, Colorado, told KMGH-TV that he attempted to turn up the air conditioning as temperatures crept into the 90s on Tuesday but was greeted with a message from this thermostat declaring an “energy emergency” and prevented from turning the dial.

“Normally, when we see a message like that, we’re able to override it,” Talarico said. “In this case, we weren’t. So, our thermostat was locked in at 78 or 79.”



## News

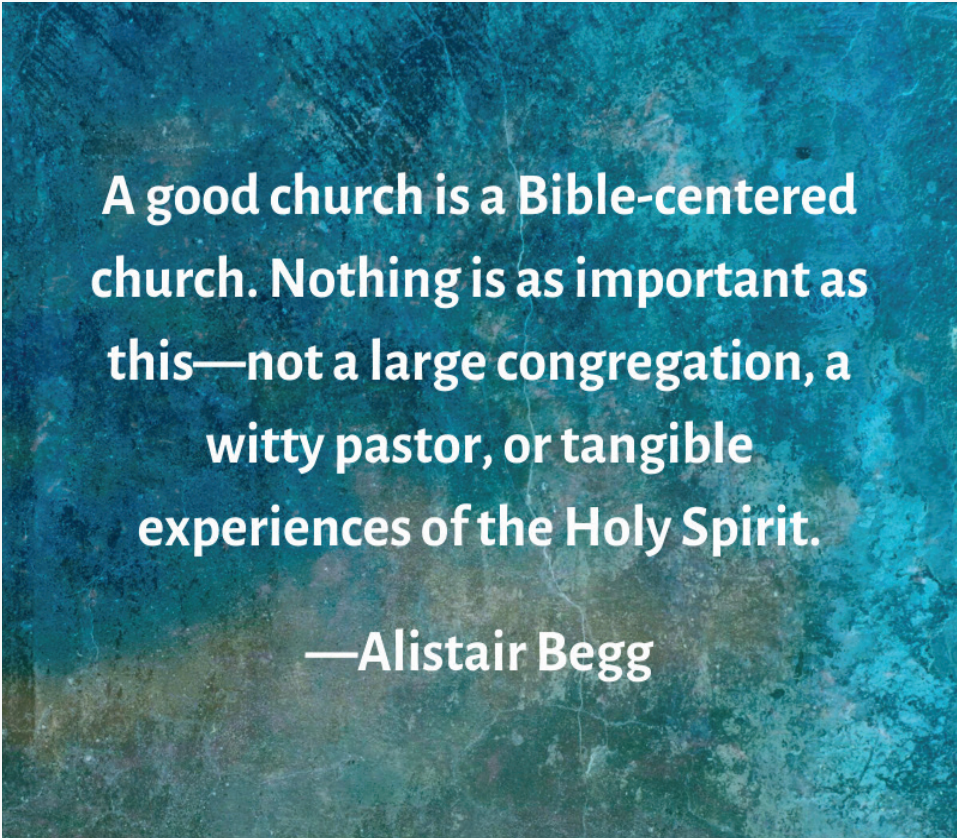
**Biden ignores China's infiltration of US universities**— <https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/biden-ignores-chinas-infiltration-us-universities>

**Walmart expands abortion coverage for U.S. employees**— <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/walmart-expands-abortion-coverage-employees-165803400.html>

**Could an earthquake break the Lake Murray dam? It's unlikely, but not impossible**— <https://www.thestate.com/news/local/article263357398.html>

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

## Quote of the Week:



**A good church is a Bible-centered church. Nothing is as important as this—not a large congregation, a witty pastor, or tangible experiences of the Holy Spirit.**

**—Alistair Begg**

## 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/>



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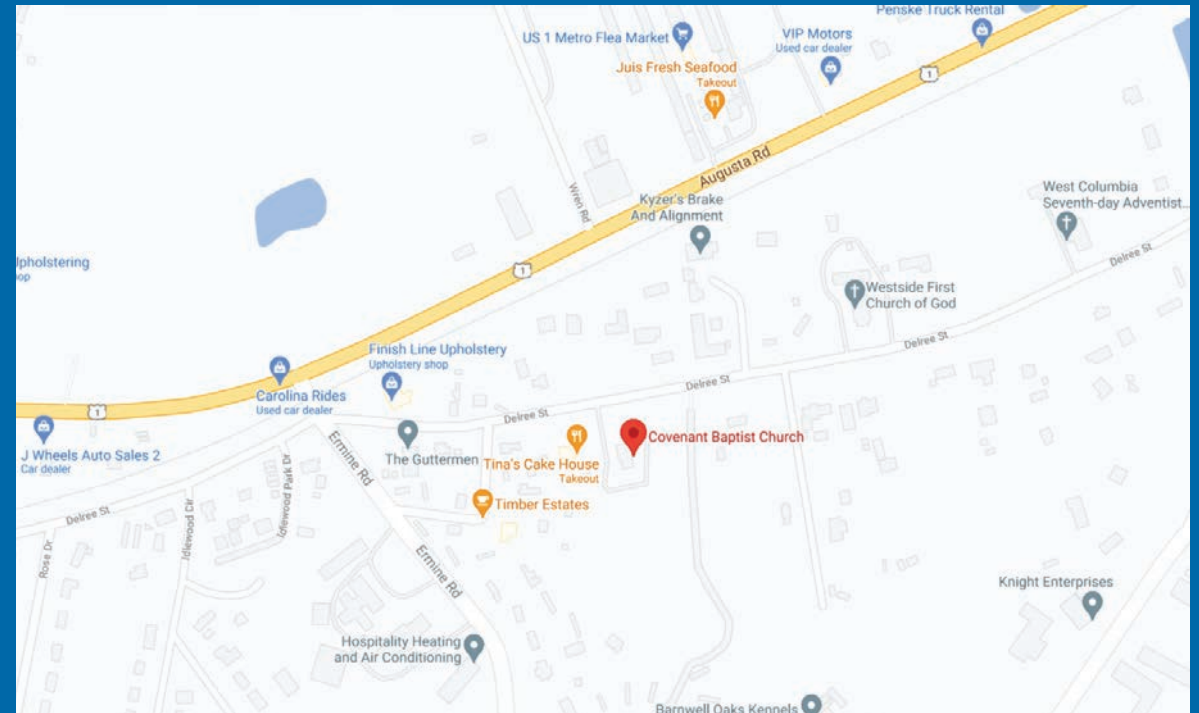
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## Location:



*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.*