



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

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>

Order of Worship • 02/19/23:

Call to Worship: Psalm 121:1-8 (NKJV)

| Pastor Charles Swann

Worship Through Music: led by Training for Elder
Sandy Allen

Hymn: Brethren, We Have Met to Worship 334

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:28-45 (ESV)

| Training for Elder Matt Watson

Hymn: Preserve Us, Lord, for You Are God Psalm 16D

Hymn: Behold Our God 126

Message: True Saving Faith: Living Faith—James
2:21-26 (NKJV)

Pastor Charles Swann

Hymn: May the Mind of Christ My Savior 377

Closing Prayer

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Cleaning Schedule:

- February 4:
Smith/Lawson
- February 11: Allen
(J&W)/Steele
- February 18: Allen
(S&H)/Thomas

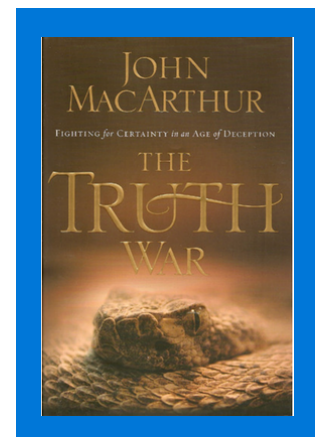
On-Call Deacon List:

- January 29: Trey Egan
- February 5: Colonel
Rogers
- February 12: Bob Falsetti

Book of the Week:

**The Truth War, by John
Macarthur**

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/the-truth-war-fighting-for-certainty-in-an-age-of-deception/>



Announcements:

We will observe the Lord's table next Sunday.

Our dear Russian family is really needing to find a house to move into ASAP, even if it is temporary for now. Please pray and look with us for a place for them. See Bobby if you have any leads.

Please make plans to attend the Rally for Equal Protection to end abortion on Saturday February 25th, 11 AM at the SC Statehouse in downtown Columbia. Speakers include: Jeff Durbin (End Abortion Now), Bradley Pierce (Foundation to Abolish Abortion), Rob Harris (SC State Representative), & Matt Brock (Operation Save America). South Carolina has the Constitutional and Biblical duty to restore equal protection rights for all pre-born babies beginning at fertilization. Representative Rob Harris has filed House Bill 3549, The SC Prenatal Equal Protection Act, which ends abortion from fertilization by establishing equal protection for all pre-born babies. Join us, as the church of Christ stands with one voice to call our lawmakers to end the sin of abortion.

A new BE class will be starting in March, explaining and memorizing the Baptist Catechism. The teaching will be geared towards 6-12 year olds, but it is open to any age. Children attending MUST have at least one parent in the class with them. This is meant to be a tool to help families jumpstart their own teaching through the week, and also to teach and encourage any who attend. There are CDs for sale in the bookstore (\$5) which have all of the catechism questions set to music to aid memorization. See Matt Watson with any questions.

For any members who did not get their gift copy of "Family Theology" from the church, please see Alton for your copy.

This Wednesday evening we have prayer at 6pm and service at 7pm.

Our church is now part of the G3 Church Network, and as benefit, any member of CBC can get 50% off tickets for G3 conference events.

While we are in process of getting more space for fellowship meals, if you desire to use the current fellowship space to eat lunch and have fellowship with other families, please take advantage of the tables and chairs in the fellowship building. We only ask that you clean up the area you use.

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.



We Cannot Love God if We Do Not Love His Word

—*by R. C. Sproul*

Emil Brunner, the twentieth-century Swiss theologian and one of the fathers of neoorthodox theology, wrote a little book titled *Truth as Encounter*. His thesis was that when we study the things of God, we are not studying truth in the abstract. We want to understand theology not merely so that we can make an A on a theology exam. We want to understand the doctrine of God so that we can understand God, so that we can meet the living God in His Word and deepen our personal relationship with Him. But we cannot deepen a relationship with someone if we do not know anything about him. So, the propositions of Scripture are not an end in themselves but a means to an end. However, they are a necessary means to the end. Thus, to say Christianity is not about propositions but about relationships is to establish an extremely dangerous false dichotomy. It is to insult the Spirit of truth, whose propositions they are. These propositions should be our very meat and drink, for they define the Christian life.

Keep Reading: <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/we-cannot-love-god-if-we-do-not-love-his-word>



Christian teacher loses job after refusing to deceive parents on kids' gender transitions: 'From the devil'

—by *Hannah Grossman*

A California teacher, who lost her job after refusing to comply with a California district's gender policies, citing Christian beliefs, is blowing the whistle on the expectations she felt as a teacher to not only hide students' gender transitions from parents, but also to keep them in the dark through lying.

"I knew immediately, like in my gut, in my heart, in my soul, that there was a decision I had to make because, you know, these two things were totally butting heads," Jessica Tapia, who worked at the Jurupa Unified School District, told Fox News Digital. "I essentially had to pick one. Am I going to obey the district in the directive that are not lining up with... my own beliefs, convictions and faith? Or am I going to stay true..., choose my faith, choose to be obedient to... the way the Lord has called me to live. And so it was crazy to be in the position where I realized that I couldn't be a Christian and a teacher."

Keep Reading: <https://www.foxnews.com/media/christian-teacher-loses-job-refusing-deceive-parents-kids-gender-transitions-devil>

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-selfinjuring-teens/>

Enduring Dark Providences

<https://biblicalcounseling.com/resource-library/articles/enduring-dark-providences/>

Other Resources:

Scripture Songs Memorization Tool:

<https://tinyurl.com/cbcs scripture playlist>

Text biblesongs to 55498 to be notified of new song releases.

Church Bookstore:

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

Quote of the Week:

"If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our dead bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go unwarned and unprayed for."

—*Charles Spurgeon*



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