



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

October 13th, 2019

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://covenantbaptists.org>

Covenant Baptist Church Schedule

Bible Education Hour (Systematic Theology)
~ 9:30 A.M.

Sunday Worship ~ 10:30 A.M.

Wednesday Prayer Service ~ 7:00 P.M.

*(We are not interested in traditional worship
or contemporary worship. We are only
interested in true worship.)*

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Order of Worship

(October 13th, 2019)

There Is A Fountain—301

Prayer and Scripture Reading: Proverbs 14:19-35

Take My Life and Let It Be—393

Be Thou My Vision—176

Message: Who's Real: Facing the Reality of
True Christianity—John 14:15-17

Closing Hymn: Give Thanks (screen)

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Upcoming cleaning volunteers:

October 19: Lucas/Bean

October 26: Bristol

November 2: Shumpert/Smoak

Deacon on-call list:

October 13: James Campbell

October 20: Matt Watson

October 27: Daryl Kyzer

Announcements—October 13th, 2019

In preparation for worship, a prelude is played by the pianist. When this begins, please find your seat and prepare for worship.

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Today is our 2nd Sunday Fellowship Meal. Please plan to stay for food and fellowship.

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Greek class will meet tonight at 6 PM.

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There will be an elder's meeting Tuesday, Oct 15 at 6 PM.

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Dixiana Baptist Church will be holding a conference Oct 27-30 from 6-8 PM each evening. The topic is "The New Testament Church" and speakers include Chris Platt, Charles Swann, Brandon Sandifer, and Mitch Campbell. There is also a free meal provided each night from 5:30-6. The address is 3516 Charleston Hwy, West Columbia 29172.

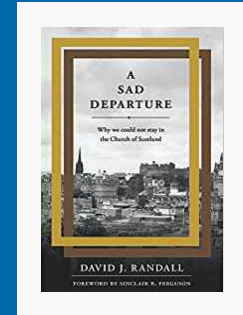
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The Bible Education Hour will now be meeting in the fellowship area. This will allow those who may be visiting to go into the sanctuary instead of remaining in the foyer until the service begins.

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On 2nd Sundays, we will no longer have Bible Ed due to the meal and setting up of food before the service.

Book of the Week:

A Sad Departure

David J. Randall



From the Forward by Sinclair Ferguson:

If you care at all about the Christian church you must brace yourself for a roller coaster of emotions as you read *A Sad Departure*.

...*A Sad Departure* tells a dark story, almost novelesque in character. A church's Theological Commission reaches a unanimous conclusion on the teaching on marriage given in its ultimate authority, the Bible. But then its General Assembly acts in a way that ignores, demeans, and rejects that teaching. Thus behind these sad departures lies the prior and much sadder departure of the Kirk from its sacred constitution.

This is a thoughtful, honest and solemnising book written out of a deep personal and pastoral concern for the cause of the gospel.

Read the full description and purchase at: https://www.amazon.com/dp/1848716613/ref=cm_sw_r_sms_c_api_i_LpODbDPQXYWM

G3 Conference: Worship

<https://g3conference.com/>

“The worship of God has both a theological foundation that must not be ignored as well as practical implications for every Christian and local church.

“Does God mandate how we worship and how do we discern what is acceptable worship to God? In an age where pastors are entering the pulpit on zip lines and where motorcycle stunts are being attempted as illustrations during corporate worship—we must ask ourselves what does God expect and what does he forbid?

“In the 2020 G3 Conference, we will look at the subject of the worship of God—seeking to understand the theological foundation and real life implications for us in the context of our local churches. Make your plans to join us by securing your seat!”

Worship is our innermost being responding with praise for all that God is, through our attitudes, actions, thoughts, and words, based on the truth of God as He has revealed Himself.

—John MacArthur



Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class:

Our Greek class, “It’s Greek to You and Me”, will continue tonight the fellowship hall at 6 P.M.



2nd Sunday Fellowship Dinner:

This Sunday is our next second Sunday fellowship meal. Please plan to bring a dish and join us after the service! 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.

Two Habits of Successful Parents—by Tim Challies

Chap Bettis recently wrote about a phenomenon he has observed in today’s young parents—one Aileen and I have often discussed as well. “Many parents are reluctant and even resistant to asking advice about their parenting. While others can see blind spots, the parents themselves remain... blind to them.” That is one side of the equation—young parents aren’t asking seasoned parents for input or assistance.

The other side of the equation is that seasoned parents are reluctant to address concerns or offer assistance, even when they see those significant blind spots. This must not be a new phenomenon since many years ago J.C. Ryle said, “I would rather correct a man about anything than his parenting.” Older parents who have experience to draw upon and counsel to offer are loathe to speak up without invitation. And the invitations rarely come.

Bettis and a friend offer a number of possible explanations, especially as they pertain to parents failing to seek counsel in the area of corrective discipline. But I’ve got some conjecture of my own. I would like to offer an explanation related to the fact that today’s parents are the first generation to have grown up and then begun to raise their children in a fully digital world.

The Decline of the Expert

Today many people across many fields are lamenting the decline of the expert and the demise of expertise. It’s increasingly true that authority has little connection to accomplishment. Tom Nichols says rightly that we are seeing “a Google-fueled, Wikipedia-based, blog-sodden collapse of any division between professionals and laymen, students and teachers, knowers and wonderers—in other words, between those of any achievement in an area and those with none at all.” Today’s young parents have been raised to have a different view of expertise—a view that has been fostered by the egalitarian nature of the Internet. And it is inevitably working its way out in their parenting.

This connects to young parents in a couple of ways.

First, young parents are more likely to ask Google their questions than to ask people in their community. It’s easier and more normal for them to bang those questions into their phone or computer than to take them to church and to ask them there. And then when they find answers to their questions, it’s often in the context of online “communities” of other people who are going through similar issues. This gives them a connection to other people encountering the same ordeals and going through the same stage of life.



Two Habits of Successful Parents—by Tim Challies (cont.)

Second, young parents are more likely to seek and find answers from “peer experts” than from older “non-experts.” In today’s mindset, experts are not those who have successfully raised children to adulthood, but those who have successfully published blogs, books, and podcasts, even if they themselves have not yet successfully raised children to adulthood. Thus a young mom is more likely to seek the counsel of another young mom who has an online following than the counsel of an older mom who does not.

Here’s how this works out. A young mom who is struggling with potty training or a toddler’s temper tantrums is likely to take her questions online. When she does that, she is likely to find a blog or podcast begun by other young moms who are also dealing with potty training or toddler temper tantrums. The bloggers or podcasters have gained a following because of the questions they are asking, suggestions they are making, and vulnerability they are showing. This gives them a kind of authority that causes the young mom to trust and follow them. She joins into their form of social media community and they attempt to solve these problems together. And while this scenario may be particularly true of young moms, it’s also true of young dads struggling with fathering and of young couples struggling with marriage.

And while gladly acknowledging there is value in many of those blogs, books, and podcasts, I think there is a better way. I think every young family would do well to implement two habits.


Here is the first habit: find families who have successfully raised children to adulthood, then ask them to tell you how they did it. It’s simple. Just say, “We want our children to be like your children some day. Can we come over so you can tell us how we can have that?” The problem with “peer experts” is that while they have proven they can successfully gain a following as they talk about parenting, they haven’t proven any substantial success in actual parenting. It’s not that hard to raise a child to five or ten years old and to have that child appear happy and healthy and obedient. But we don’t really get a substantial assessment of our parenting until our children are well into their teens or twenties—until they’ve pretty much been launched into life. Many of the most successful parents have never launched a blog or podcast or otherwise spoken publicly about their parenting. Find those people, especially in your local church, and learn from them. It’s as simple as finding kids who you’d be proud to call your own, then inviting yourself into the lives of their parents.

Here’s the second habit: find families who have successfully raised children to adulthood, then invite them to tell you what they observe in your children and in your parenting. Invite them to observe you and invite them to speak freely of both your strengths and weaknesses. This will be a display of the trait of humility. An even bigger display of the trait of humility will be to listen patiently and without defensiveness when they point out a concern in your children or a flaw in the way you are raising them. But if they have raised children to become well-grounded and godly adults, why wouldn’t you

Two Habits of Successful Parents—by Tim Challies (cont.)

want to seek, welcome, and consider their counsel? Why would you prefer the counsel of people whom you don't really know and people who don't have nearly the track-record of success?

There are few tasks you will undertake in life that are more important than raising children. It is an incredible honor that God allows us to create, birth, and raise other human beings made in his image. With this incredible honor comes great responsibility. You're unlikely to fulfill this task well, or as well as you could have, without the input of the community God has given you. So take advantage of it! Learn to implement these basic habits of successful parents.



There is no more
lovely, friendly and
charming relationship,
communion or company
than a good marriage.

—Martin Luther

A Reminder...

From:

<https://www.challies.com/articles/two-habits-of-successful-parents/>

Botham Jean's brother forgives Amber Guyger, implores her to 'give your life to Christ' —by Michael Gryboski

The brother of Botham Jean, who was shot and killed by former Dallas police officer Amber Guyger, publicly forgave her and asked to hug her in court.

In an emotional scene during the impact statements made in court, Brandt Jean said he forgave Guyger, if she is “truly sorry,” saying, “I know if you go to God and ask Him, He will forgive you.”

“I am speaking for myself,” said Brandt to Guyger, “but I love you, just like anyone else. And I’m not going to say I hope you rot and die, just like my brother did.”

“I personally want the best for you,” he added, saying his late brother, Botham, would also want the best for Guyger, which would include her giving her “life to Christ.”

He then twice asked Judge Tammy Kemp if he could give Guyger a hug. With permission from the judge, Brant and Guyger embraced for a long time as she cried on his shoulder.

Following the impact statements, Judge Kemp gave Guyger a Bible (you can see a video of that here starting at 1:55: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y_qpdyAuLu4) she kept with her at the courthouse and used every day. Kemp opened the Bible and told Guyger: “This is your job for the next month. Right here. John 3:16.” Kemp also embraced Guyger after she first spoke with and embraced Botham’s family.

In an interview with Teresa Woodard of ABC’s Dallas-Fort Worth affiliate WFAA, Botham’s mother, Allison, said: “If Amber Guyger had spent just 60 seconds engaging Botham, the two of them would have been friends today. Just 60 seconds ... he would have laughed it off with her. She chose to kill him.” Allison Jean’s full statement outside the courtroom can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2uhpV5qzPw>

Earlier this week, a jury found Guyger guilty of murder in the first-degree for fatally shooting Botham Jean last year when she entered his apartment. On Wednesday, she was sentenced to 10 years in prison with the possibility of parole after five years.

Guyger, who was Botham’s downstairs neighbor, testified that she entered his apartment by mistake following her 14-hour shift, thinking it was her place and that Botham was a burglar.

Botham Jean's brother forgives Amber Guyger, implores her to 'give your life to Christ' —by Michael Gryboski (cont.)

During the trial, the jury heard testimony from neighbors about how often they got lost and wound up “on the wrong floor of the South Side Flats where Guyger and Jean lived,” The Dallas Morning News reported.

While many viewed Brandt's display of forgiveness in a positive light, others, including Bishop Talbert Swan of the Church of God in Christ in Springfield, Massachusetts, were more critical.

“#BothamJean would've never received only 10 yrs if he broke into Amber Guyger's apt and murdered her,” tweeted Bishop Swan. “Her family would neither have offered #forgiveness nor hugged him. The bailiff wouldn't have combed his hair and the judge wouldn't have hugged him and given him a Bible.”

Kyle J. Howard, preacher and theologian with the AND Campaign, took to Twitter to warn about drawing the wrong conclusions from the act of forgiveness.

“Yes, he forgave her and hugged her cuz that's the kind of Christianity the black church & black Christians have ALWAYS practiced. From forgiving their slave masters to a teenage racist who shot up their church. That doesn't nullify the pursuit of justice,” he tweeted. “If the only time you wanna praise or affirm the black church is in moments when black Christians are forgiving those who have murdered their loved ones; you affirmations are profoundly disingenuous.”

Others saw the forgiveness Brandt showed Guyger as a positive Christian testimony.

“This is an unbelievable testimony. This man is living out the gospel of Jesus Christ which goes against everything in our human nature. This could only happen by the power of the Holy Spirit and because he absolutely believes he will see his brother again. Powerful!” Hall of Fame NFL coach Tony Dungy shared on Twitter.

Guyger is the first Dallas police officer to be convicted of murder since the 1970s.

From:
<https://www.christianpost.com/news/botham-jeans-brother-forgives-amber-guyger-implores-her-give-your-life-to-christ.html>



Strategies for Fighting Depression Well—by Jim Newheiser

<https://biblicalcounseling.com/fighting-depression-well/>



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*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.*