

Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

January 19th, 2020

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>

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

(January 19th, 2020)

I Sing the Mighty Power of God—26

Prayer and Scripture Reading:
Psalm 139:1-24

Wonderful, Merciful Savior—162

Ancient Words—365

Message:

The Biblical Response to Abortion—Psalm 139

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: Ancient Words (Chorus only)

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Upcoming cleaning volunteers:

January 25: Wheat
February 1: Fudge/Kyzer (K&R)
February 8: Allen

Deacon on-call list:

January 19: Colonel Rogers
January 26: James Campbell
February 2: Daryl Kyzer

Church Bookstore:

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

Announcements—January 19th, 2020

Greek class will meet tonight at 6 PM.

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We have a special gift for every family and every single person in our church regarding the topic of how fearfully and wonderfully we are made. It is a DVD from Answers in Genesis. Please pick one up as you leave today.

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Our pastor will be preaching some very important messages starting today regarding “A Biblical Response to Abortion, Homosexuality and Women in Ministry”. These are and continue to be issues of confusion and compromise within evangelical churches. We would like to address these topics from God’s Word so that you have the ability to defend your beliefs and have a reason for the hope that is within you. Please invite others to come. Also a word to parents: be aware that the topics on abortion and homosexuality will deal with sensitive issues for small children to hear. Please use personal discretion for your children.

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If you would be interested in taking some Biblical Counseling classes here at the church, please let the pastor know. We would like to see both men and women trained in biblical counseling here at CBC.

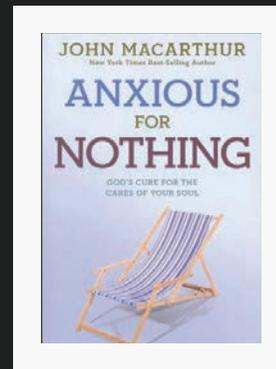
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The Mission Team for India will be leaving on March 12 with big plans to work the fields of harvest in 2 places in south India. First we will be teaching at a pastors conference in Markapur with Pastor Charles, Bro. Andy, and Alton. Meanwhile Luke Swann, Andrew Shumpert and Spencer Allen work in 2 villages doing ministry. All of this is to take place during the morning to mid-afternoon hours. Then in the evening hours, the whole team will go into the outlying areas to take the gospel to 2 or more

villages again. It is a tedious job that requires a lot of energy and a strong desire to do God’s work. Each individual is responsible to raise their own funds for air tickets, hotel room, and meals. If you would like to help in this ministry please earmark checks or label the missions envelope either for the individual you wish to help or if you wish to help with the ministry cost, label checks or envelope India Ministry. Bibles, taxis, translators or village work would be included under this listing. The team will leave Markapur on March 20 or 21 and return to Hyderabad to travel home and the rest of the team will go for a short 2-3 day visit with our indigenous missionaries, Pastor Paul and Cathy Manoj, in Mt. Side of Bididi which is north of Bangalore. Your prayers and your support are much appreciated.

Book of the Week:

Anxious for Nothing

John MacArthur



So many things to worry about - so little time to fret! MacArthur shows believers how to gain a “peace that passes understanding” by going to the only true source of comfort and victory - Scripture! You’ll learn to cast your cares on God, deal with difficult people, live without complaining, and be content.

<https://www.amazon.com/Anxious-Nothing-Cares-MacArthur-Study/dp/1434702979>

Patterns of Evidence: The Red Sea Miracle Part 1 & 2

IN THEATERS

Feb. 18th-Part 1 May 5th-Part II

Tim Mahoney investigates one of the greatest miracles of the Bible. Did a mighty sea split? What secrets will be revealed?

After leaving Egypt, the Bible describes the Israelites crossing a deep sea that was miraculously split with walls of water on their right and left. When the Egyptians and their chariot force pursued, the water came crashing back down to destroy the entire army. Are miracles of this kind even possible?

Skeptics contend that no evidence has ever been found for huge numbers of people crossing the wilderness or a mighty sea. Does the lack of evidence at the traditional sites mean the events didn't happen, or might we have been looking in wrong places all along?

Join Timothy Mahoney in the next chapter of the series as he retraces the steps of Moses and the Israelites, looking for answers in Patterns of Evidence: The Red Sea Miracle Part 1 & 2.

Hear ideas from all sides of the debate as you journey back to the lands of the Bible in search of answers to one of the Bible's biggest mysteries; where is the lost sea of the Exodus, and what really happened there? Can a patterns approach help to solve the problem?

<https://patternsofevidence.com/redsea/>

Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class:

*Greek class will resume tonight at 6 pm,
in the fellowship hall.*



2nd Sunday Fellowship Dinner:

*February 9th 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.*

Dazzling Diamonds by Special Delivery –by Dr. Andrew Snelling

Diamonds are dazzling but definitely not “ forever.” In fact, they wouldn’t exist without special conditions. God provided those conditions: creation deep in the earth, and rapid delivery during the Flood.

Because of their shimmering beauty, diamonds have been prized throughout history. God even included a diamond among the twelve gemstones on the high priest’s breastplate, representing the twelve tribes of Israel (Exodus 28:18, 39:11). Thus the Creator God looked upon diamonds as things of beauty, purity, and value.

Today, more money is spent on diamonds than all other gems combined. The total value of diamonds mined each year—approximately 130 million carats (more than 57,000 pounds)—is nearly US \$9 billion. Diamonds are prized not just for their appearance but for their ultra-hardness. In fact, they are the hardest of all known natural materials, ideal for tools used for polishing and cutting in modern industry. Even Jeremiah speaks of writing on tablets “with a pen of iron” and “with the point of a diamond” (Jeremiah 17:1).

“Diamonds are forever,” the saying goes. But, in fact, they are not stable, at least in the heat and pressures inside the earth. They can survive in only a narrow zone known as “the diamond stability zone.” At higher or lower depths, they quickly break down into graphite, the soft (and more stable) form of pure carbon used in pencils. In addition to being unstable, diamonds need just the right conditions to form. That explains why they are so rare.

So how did diamonds form inside the earth, and then pass through all those destructive zones without breaking down into graphite? The answer is two unique events in the earth’s past: Creation and the Flood.

Original Creation of Diamonds

The clue to the origin of diamonds is their location. Diamond deposits are found in only a few isolated locations around the world. Historically, diamonds have been found and mined in southern and central Africa, where some 49% of diamonds originate. However, today large deposits are found in specific regions of Siberia, Canada, Australia, and Brazil.

The common denominator is unique areas of particular rock types known geologically as the “cratons.” Cratons consist of the foundational basement rocks of the



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continents, before they broke apart during the Flood and were covered by fossil-bearing sedimentary layers. These basement rocks were likely formed back in the Creation Week.

Diamonds apparently formed at the roots of these cratons. Why do we think this?

One clue is the radioisotope markers in the diamonds that match those of the basement rocks. (Based on occasional minute inclusions within them, diamonds are claimed to be 1–3.2 billion years old. While these secular dates are wrong, the relative radioisotope dating is helpful, indicating that diamonds were formed earlier than the Flood deposits.)

Another clue is that these craton roots are in the diamond stability zone.

Current ideas differ about the original source of the carbon that was converted into diamonds. Some researchers believe that diamonds formed from carbon in methane or other hydrocarbon gases that ascended through the upper mantle from deeper inside the earth. This is consistent with conditions that could have existed on Day Three of Creation Week.

Other scientists suggest that the carbon came from the earth's surface (and may even be ultimately of biological origin); upheavals in the earth's crust then pushed the carbon down to these depths. However, the isotopic composition of diamonds rules out that scenario.

So how did these diamonds reach the surface without breaking down? A good clue is the rock material found with diamonds on the surface.

Host Rock

Diamond deposits are found in the two unusual host rocks that brought them from deep in the earth's interior to the surface. These host rocks are called kimberlite (named after the best-known and earliest-mined diamond deposits at Kimberley in South Africa) and lamproite.

The diamonds were not part of their host rocks originally. The kimberlites and lamproites were merely vehicles that transported diamonds to the surface. They rose from even deeper inside the earth, and picked up the diamonds as they traveled upward.

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Kimberlites and lamproites are volcanic rocks produced from melted (molten) rocks in the earth's mantle, below the outer crust. These molten rocks rose up in three-dimensional shapes called pipes. These pipes look like champagne glasses, narrow at the bottom and splaying out near the surface. At depth the pipe connects with a system of deep fractures. It is along these fractures that the molten rock forced its way upward.

Picking Up Diamonds on the Way to the Surface

Kimberlites and lamproites often contain fragments of other rock types that broke off and were picked up as the molten rock rose from the earth's interior to the surface. Laboratory studies suggest that these rock fragments formed at high temperatures and pressures found in the earth's upper mantle at a depth of 87–125 miles (140–200 km). These are the same conditions under which the mineral diamond is known to be stable. At shallower depths, where temperatures and pressures are lower, diamonds are unstable and carbon appears as the mineral graphite.

Some catastrophe in the earth's past caused localized melting of rocks in the upper mantle, producing molten blobs of kimberlite and lamproite. Since heat causes rocks to expand, these blobs were less dense (and more buoyant) than the surrounding rocks. As a consequence the molten blobs (magmas) began to rise along fractures upward toward the earth's crust. As the blobs passed through diamond-bearing zones, they picked up diamond crystals and transported them into the crust.

A Catastrophic Ascent

This process must have been extremely rapid; otherwise, the diamond crystals would have reverted to soft graphite. Laboratory experiments, coupled with other mineralogical and textural features in kimberlites and lamproites, indicate the ascent was between 6 and 19 miles (10–30 km) per hour. In other words, if these magma “blobs” began their journey at depths of 125 miles (200 km), then they must have blasted to the earth's surface in only 7–20 hours!

We have never observed any eruptions like this in our modern world. Special conditions during the Flood and earliest post-Flood times, however, would explain these unique events that brought diamonds to the surface for the future amazement and enjoyment of mankind.

What drove this explosive ascent? Within the magmas was the gas, carbon dioxide, under extreme pressure. Water was also present under pressure, in the form of superheated steam. This gas and steam would have pounded through the rock like a hydraulic drill, causing fracturing and wedging. Much like soda in a corked bottle, the magmas were ready to enter the rocks above them explosively.

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The rising magma got a “second wind” near the surface, leading to a final explosive push upward. Because the magma traveled so rapidly, it had little time to cool. At the shallow depth of 1.25 miles (2 km), the pressure greatly diminished, allowing the superheated steam in effect to boil. At the same time, the magma came into contact with groundwater, which was also boiling from the heat of the rising magma. The net result was an explosive release of energy, much greater than that of the Mount St. Helens blast on May 18, 1980.⁷ Like a bomb detonating, the magmas punched holes all the way up to the surface. These intense explosions formed chimney-like pipes unlike anything we see during today’s mild volcanic eruptions. These explosive eruptions were localized and very short-lived, but shattered the rapidly cooling magmas. The fragments ended up filling the pipes. The explosiveness is evident in the fragments. Diamond crystals are found with the shattered remains of the magmas.

In the years since the Flood, secondary diamond deposits have formed due to weathering and surface erosion. Diamonds are so hard they survive and end up in gravels, river sediments, and sometimes on beaches, such as along the coast of Namibia in southern Africa.

Time Capsules

Although radioisotope dating is used to claim diamonds are 1–3.2 billion years old, diamonds also contain radiocarbon (^{14}C) that instead dates them at thousands of years. This has been independently verified. Uniformitarians have tried to argue that the measured ^{14}C in the diamonds is contamination from the analytical instrument. However, the ^{14}C is 25 times higher than what the same instrument measures without a sample in it. So the measured ^{14}C is intrinsic to the diamonds, and thus they are only thousands of years old.

This finding is highly significant. We have already seen that the diamonds were formed when the basement rocks formed. If the radiocarbon dating method for diamonds gives the correct age, then the basement rocks of the continents are only thousands of years old. Studies by creationists have conclusively demonstrated that radioisotope dating methods have experienced grossly accelerated decay rates, meaning the 1–3.2 billion-year dates are wrong. The ^{14}C locked in these diamond time capsules—so hard that they cannot be contaminated—correctly dates not only the diamonds but the earth itself at only thousands of years old.

Thus almost every engaged or married woman in North America—and many other parts of the world—is wearing hard evidence on her left hand that God created a young earth. What a great talking point that can lead to witnessing opportunities!

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Conclusions

It appears that God formed diamonds deep inside the earth's mantle, more than 87 miles (140 km) down, when He laid the foundations of the earth (Job 38:4). Radiocarbon inside these diamonds dates Creation Week and the rocks formed during it at only a few thousand years.

Furthermore, the diamonds were transported to the earth's surface extremely rapidly by catastrophic processes. Kimberlite and lamproite magmas rapidly ascended through fossil-bearing Flood deposits during the Flood. Within 7–20 hours, each stream of magma explosively formed the diamond-bearing pipes that we mine today.

The next time you stare into a sparkling diamond with its bewitching beauty, remember that it speaks about more than beauty. Based on its chemistry, we know God formed it deep inside the earth during Creation Week. And the only reason you can admire it today is the rapid changes within the earth during the Flood, when God catastrophically judged the earth because of man's sin. God delights in giving "beauty for ashes" (Isaiah 61:3). What a testimony diamonds are to our Creator Jesus Christ, who endured the judgment for our sins on the Cross to become our beautiful Savior!

Paul's Journeys: News from Brazil —by Paul Washer

I hope this brief update finds you growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, “who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel” (2 Timothy 1:10).

I am on the road again in Brazil, the country where my grandparents were missionaries in the 1930s. As you read this I am participating in the “Old School” Bible conference in the city of Franca. When the conference was first organized a few months ago, an auditorium was contracted that seated 500 people. However, as time drew near for the conference, it became obvious that a larger facility would be needed. At present, there are over 2000 believers gathered together from Brazil, Africa, the United States, and Latin America.

I am sharing these statistics with you to show that God is working in many churches and individuals here in Brazil. For several decades there have been many faithful evangelical missionaries working here and their labor has born much fruit. Nevertheless, this beautiful country has also suffered greatly under the false teaching of Roman Catholicism, and most recently, under the heresies of countless ultra-prosperity cults. In spite of this, in the last several years there has been a new awakening to the foundational doctrines of biblical Christianity—Scripture alone, Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Christ Alone, and Glory to God alone.

We live in a day when large numbers seem to flock to conferences on health, wealth, and prosperity with little concern for the person of God, His redemptive work in Christ, or eternal realities. Therefore, it is truly encouraging when over 2000 people travel great distances to attend a conference with the following themes: The attributes of God, the depravity of man, the Cross, justification by grace through faith, the work of the Spirit, and the role of the Law in the Covenant of Grace.

In the few days before the conference, I was asked to do several interviews for a YouTube channel that has over a million followers in Brazil and around the world! The primary topics that we discussed were the importance of doctrine, the dangers of academic pride, the necessity of prayer and communion with God, personal holiness, church planting, the training of elders, instruction for young ministers, etc. That same evening, I met with several young men who have aspirations to either enter into the ministry or to serve the Lord in a greater capacity as laymen. It was a real encouragement for me to see that God's work will continue with a new generation of sincere and godly men.

The night before the conference, I also had the privilege of preaching in a new church plant in a rural area just outside the city of Franca. What a privilege to see the new believers gathered to hear the word of God and to worship the One who redeemed them. We must always remember that the true test of a work of God is not how many people raise their hands or pray a prayer in an evangelistic meeting, but how many people persevere in their profession and

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and gather together in a biblical church. Yes, the planting of biblically mature churches is not only the goal but also the litmus test of mission work!

During my stay here in Brazil, I have spent a great deal of time with HeartCry missionary David Romer—a Brazilian church planter in Paris, France. I asked David to join us at this conference in Brazil so that the sound Brazilian churches might become involved in church planting efforts in France. France was home to some of the greatest reformers, and faithful missionaries still labor there today. Nevertheless, it is a very hard soil and many more biblically mature laborers are needed in the sowing and cultivating of a harvest. It is not an exaggeration to say that there is more gospel light in the jungles of South America than on the streets of Paris!

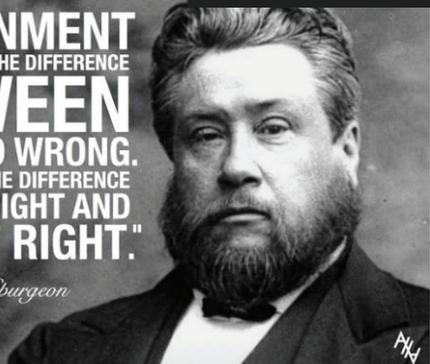
At this conference, I am not only preaching and meeting with leaders, but it is here that my first three workbooks—Knowing the Living God, Discerning the Plight of Man, Discovering the Glorious Gospel—are being distributed in Portuguese. There are also plans to translate and publish three more workbooks that will soon be published in English—Studying the Scriptures, Biblical Fasting, and Christ's Church, Christ's Way.

In closing, I want to thank personally all the churches and individuals who partner with the HeartCry Missionary Society. Not only are you helping to support and train over 200 missionary families in 39 countries, but you are also enabling me to preach the Scriptures and write theological works that we hope will aid in the advancement of Christ's kingdom and the edification of His people throughout the world.

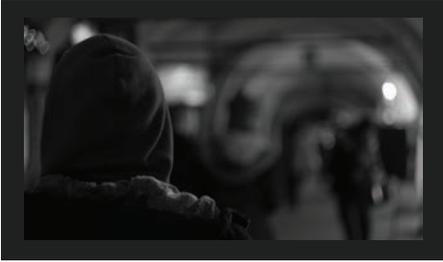
A Reminder...

**"DISCERNMENT
IS NOT KNOWING THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN
RIGHT AND WRONG.
IT IS KNOWING THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN RIGHT AND
ALMOST RIGHT."**

-Charles Spurgeon

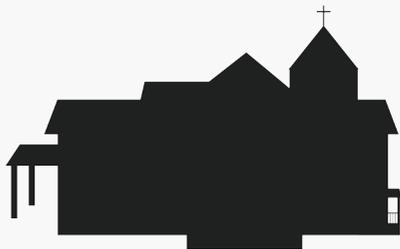


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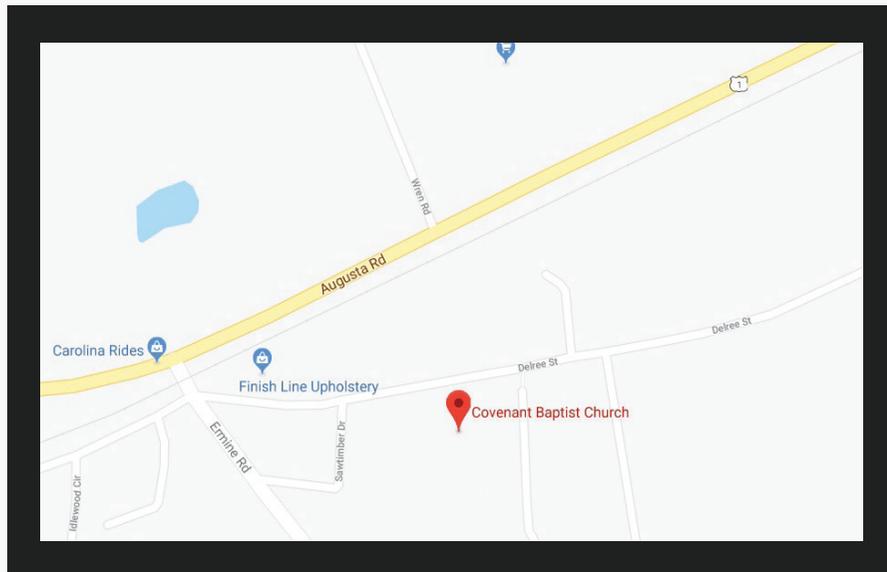
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*If you are interested in joining our church, please speak to one of our elders or deacons.
They will be happy to give you the information you need.*