



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

June 7th, 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>

Service Times:

Bible Education Hour (Puritans)
~ 9:30 A.M.—ON HOLD

Sunday Worship ~ 10:30 A.M.

Wednesday Prayer Service ~ 7:00 P.M.—ON HOLD

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

Order of Worship

(June 7th, 2020)

O God, Our Help In Ages Past—55

Scripture Reading:
2 Timothy 3:1-17

O Great God—35

Ancient Words—365

Message:
The Origin of the New Testament
—John 16:12-15

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: May the Mind of Christ My Savior—377

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Church Bookstore:

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

Announcements

We are aware of the situation with the coronavirus and are asking that everyone take the necessary precautions (i.e. wash hands, use hand sanitizer, etc.) and monitor the church website and the texting service for announcements regarding our services. Things can change overnight as we have seen, so there may be a time when we cancel all services. If you have any questions, you can ask any of the elders or deacons. If anyone needs help knowing how to livestream the service, please see one of the elders or deacons. Also, if you need to stay home for health reasons and need anything brought to you, please let us know. We would be glad to serve you in this way.

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A special time of prayer in the overflow room/fellowship area will begin soon, taking place on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM. In an effort to have more prayer and to improve our Wednesday evening service, we are adding a time and place for men and women to pray for general needs. This is modeled after the men and women gathered together for prayer in the upper room in Acts 1. During the Wednesday evening service at 7 PM, we will have 2 or 3 men lead in a more directed prayer for specific topics or needs. Start date to be announced soon.

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We will have preaching for the next 2 Sunday evenings:

Alton Crapps: June 7th, 6pm
Matt Watson: June 14th, 6pm

Come and support these men as they preach and teach the Word of God.

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We will be having the Lord's Supper soon; the date will be announced later.

Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class—*On hold*

Other Events:

Truth: Answers for Women, March 27-28 2020—(Williamstown, KY)

DELAYED UNTIL 2021

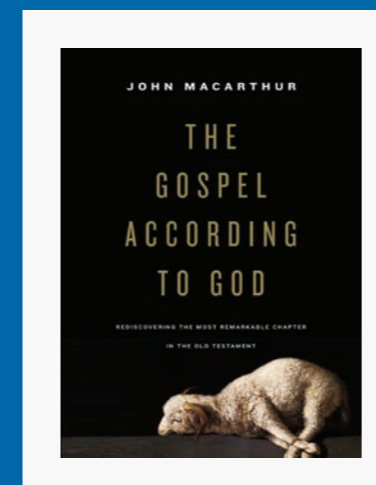
More at: <https://answersingenesis.org/outreach/event/answers-for-women-2020/>

NCFIC Singles Conference—*NCFIC is offering a Singles Conference: Holiness to the Lord October 28-29. More details can be found at: <https://ncfic.org/events/216400/overview>*

Book of the Week: The Gospel According to God, by John MacArthur

In his best seller *The Gospel According to Jesus*, John MacArthur called the church to consider how it had lost sight of what it means to follow Christ—yielding to Him as Lord—and it shook the evangelical world. John's follow-up books, *The Gospel According to the Apostles* and *The Gospel According to Paul*, answered criticisms to the first book and dug even deeper into the salvation truth communicated throughout the New Testament.

Now, in *The Gospel According to God*, John MacArthur gives you a fresh perspective on what many people refer to as the "Old Testament's gospel"—Isaiah 53. This in-depth study of Christ's sacrifice for sinners will catapult your worship as you behold the One who was pierced for your sins and took on Himself the scourging that we all deserved.



<https://www.gty.org/store/books/451185/the-gospel-according-to-god>



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Real-Life Ways to Disciple Your Grandchildren

—by Karen T. Mason

We swayed back and forth, her back against the porch swing with her chubby legs straight ahead, many years away from reaching the patio floor beneath. I tucked a protective arm around my little charge, happy that I'd found something for her short attention span that pleased us both. Conversation with a one year old can be limited, so I just sang an impromptu ditty about the blue sky, the green trees, and the great, big God who made her and made me.

There have been many songs, conversations, activities, sit-down lessons, and lots more cousins added since then, but the teaching essence of “swing-time” remains the same: one generation telling God's works to another (Psalm 145:4). Christian grandparents want to share their faith with their grandkids, and indeed they are responsible before the Lord to do so (Deuteronomy 4:9; Psalms 78:4–7).

It's a mighty calling, but, really, how does one go about it? What are the ways, the when, and the where of it all?

Special Days

For generations, intentional grandparents have been enlisting the help of holiday celebrations when families tend to gather. That's a favorite for my husband and me. Of course, Christmas and Easter are perfect times to read the related Scriptures or role-play the historical accounts.

Eight-year-old Eli, the eldest of our 14 grandchildren, was pleased to lead his siblings and cousins on a living room Easter processional with his homemade banner bearing the word Power, proclaiming God's power over death, held high. The songs, the tambourines, and the dance of tiny feet that day all declared the “praiseworthy deeds of the Lord” to the next generation.

Birthdays, anniversaries, Thanksgiving, Passover, even Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day offer grandparents an opportunity to gather their grandchildren and lift high the name of Jesus. It can be as simple as reading aloud a Scripture or devotional passage before the meal, or as involved as a carefully planned event that enlists the help of age-appropriate books, crafts, games, or even carefully selected message-movies to teach your kids.

Ordinary Days

But life isn't all special days; it's mostly ordinary, a fact that is not overlooked in God's Word, which directs us to teach when we sit, walk, lie down, and rise. Deuteronomy 6:7 has ordinary life covered!

Regular days involve using our skills to do work, which is another great way to teach children. Grandparents can use their everyday work skills as a way to equip children, guiding their character, work ethic, and others-oriented habits in the process:

Four-year-old Kami is eager to “do the breakfast dishes.” Under wise grandparent supervision, Kami has grown in her skills while her grandma nurtures her understanding of serving the Lord as a steward of his creation.

Bill taught his tween grandson to safely use the riding mower to diligently manage his three-acre lawn.

Abbey learned the skills to complete her first textile project from watching her

grandmother sew Christmas gifts. It wasn't always emotionally smooth sailing, but now as a grown woman, Abbey crafts baby gifts for new moms.

Walter, an experienced farmer, guided his grandson in his purchase of a quality heifer at his first stock auction.

Schoolwork can be tedious, but twice a week the grandkids arrive at Candee's doorstep for their homeschool geography and Bible classes with "Professor Grandma," who makes learning meaningful by tutoring with fun manipulatives and gems from her lifelong Scripture study. Then there is my friend Judy, who teaches reading and math, spending hours with her long-distance grandchildren on scheduled video chats. She says that sharing everyday life, even remotely via the web, affords natural opportunities to speak of God's wonders and to show how to apply his truth.

Reading may seem ordinary, but sharing a good book with someone you love is both endearing and educational. That's why grandparents love to read board books, novels, biographies, exciting accounts from the Old and New Testaments, portions from science books, and so much more.

And reading is not limited to being in the same room anymore! Renee reads to her grandkids by live video chats. My husband, Dale, pre-records his own voice, so our grandchildren can listen over and over to Bible accounts or stories he has written. Reading isn't just for the grandparents either. Grandparents should encourage kids to teach themselves by providing them biblically sound books and magazines (like Answers magazine, with its special insert for children). Years ago, my mother offered a monetary prize to her teenaged grandson to give a written report on a book of her choosing. She's confident she made a sound investment, lifting his thoughts beyond the clamor of youthful peers to things eternal.

Lots of Places

Grandparents and their grandchildren love to get out and experience new things.

Marty, a single grandma of modest means, has made mission trips with each of her grandchildren, sharing her love for the gospel and serving others.

Don took his grandkids across the country for a Rocky Mountain ski trip. The emotional bonding of the adventure opened their hearts to receive his words of spiritual truth.

Young Justice loves exploring the local creek with his grandma and often goes home with pocketfuls of fossils and a bucketful of crawdads. His grandma inspires his sparked interest by giving biblically based resources such as the fun kids book *I Really, Really Like Fossils* and letting him go online (under her watchful eye) to view free Creator-honoring videos about animals on the special Kids section of the AiG website.

Zoos, museums, and natural wonders across our country all offer the same opportunity—a launching point for crediting God with the wonders of design, the power of the global flood, or the reliability of his Word. The Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter are an intentional grandparent's dream come true! Kids love to go, and the biblical teachings are right there in front of them at a level they can mostly grasp. On top of all that, age-appropriate special workshops are frequently offered. Four-year-old Nathaniel already loves to watch Buddy Davis adventure videos, but this week he went to Buddy's "Dinosaurs and Dragons" workshop and came home with a dinosaur sculpture crafted with his own hands under the direction of Buddy Davis himself!

Because "the days are evil," we are called to make the most of every opportunity (Ephesians 5:16). We must wisely and continually bring our grandchildren's attention to Scripture. In order to make sense of the world into which they have been born into, they must have a solid foundation beginning in Genesis. Let your legacy be that you provided your grandchild with the knowledge of Scripture which is the lofty view from which the seeming chaos of each generation's current events find meaning in light of God's creation order, the fall, the flood, the division at Babel, the promised Redeemer and the blessed cross, and then finally Christ's consummation of all things. This legacy brings relevance to our need for the amazing grace of Christ crucified. Believe it, live it, pray it, and teach it. May the Holy Spirit grant your grandchild repentance unto salvation.

You want to teach your grandchildren? You can and you must. It is indeed a joyful calling!



Top 3 Common Mistakes when Studying the Bible

—from *Daily Dose of Greek*

In this “Honest Answers” video from Southern Seminary, Dr. Plummer discusses the top three mistakes people make when interpreting the Bible.

<https://vimeo.com/418711604>

Also check out: <https://www.deliveredbygrace.com/three-reasons-why-christians-should-reject-blacklivesmatter/>



Costi Hinn names new wave of prosperity preachers, says they are not like his uncle, are businessmen

—by *Jeannie Law*

Costi Hinn, nephew of famed faith healer Benny Hinn, recently shared his experience of being in the prosperity gospel circle where he used donations for his lavish lifestyle and said the movement is now operating in the young Christian culture.

The pastor has become well-known for exposing some of the pitfalls of the lifestyle and teachings of his famous uncle and the prosperity gospel. In the latest PreachersNSneakers Podcast episode, Hinn sharing candidly about growing up in that lavish lifestyle, where he once had a decked out Hummer, and it was then that he was around the next generation of prosperity gospel pastors.

“Back then, a lot of these guys that are on your account, that are younger, their dads were pretty decent preachers, just good guys, they weren’t real wild. They weren’t rolling in Bentleys and all that. They would never hit the news as a prosperity preacher. But this whole next generation of guys that are almost like Christian TED Talk motivational speaker types, they really hit it in the business world,” Hinn explained.

“It’s almost like gospel business and so it’s a different world. They stay away from the white suits, like my uncle, they are not speaking in tongues everywhere and throwing their jackets at people and doing massive crusades. They’re appealing to

culture in a way that is 'sexy or trendy' and that's really attractive to culture."

Hinn named the young megachurch pastors that he grew up around before he came out of the prosperity gospel life. Among them were Judah Smith, Chad Veach, John Gray, "his friend" Rich Wilkerson Jr. and Carl Lentz.

He said his life got flipped upside down after he was married and realized prosperity preachers were "living off poor people and manipulating rich people."

"It doesn't matter who you're with on your Instagram account. It doesn't matter what kind of car you're driving, what kind of stage you're on, how big the screen is behind you. If you've got reflective lights and audio engineers making you sound like you're Joel Osteen every week, I don't care who you are. God can work at any time in any place in any way," Hinn, who serves as executive pastor of discipleship at Redeemer Bible Church in Arizona, said.

"Yes, the church should use media. Yes, we should strive for excellence. Yes, we should care for our pastors. But we're not celebrities. Our ministry and faithfulness is not dependent on crowd-pleasing. It's dependent on God-pleasing."

Hinn talked about having to deal with PTSD after coming out of that lifestyle. He battled guilt when doing anything that remotely felt luxurious because of how badly he abused the ministry funds in the past.

"Wealth is not a sin; God has blessed you with that wealth. You're allowed to enjoy things, but here's how I would say it: Wealth is not a sin, wealth is a responsibility," he said.

"God knows what you need before you ask and He cares for you, food, clothing, shelter. God is saying, 'Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added.' So don't worry about getting stuff, worry about God."

"With this preachers and sneakers prosperity gospel world, they're telling everybody, 'Just claim it, just believe it, it's going to happen. Forget the past, look forward, your blessing's coming, your burdens are preparing you for your blessing,'" he echoed and then advised: "Give them the hope of the gospel, tell them to be content. Don't fail the heart test."

The minister testified that God turned his "mess of a story" and salvation from the prosperity gospel into a book and a ministry that reaches people all over the world

and although he is grateful for the blessings, financial gain is not why he shared his story with the world.

"I didn't save myself and go now I'm going to turn this into my blessing. No, in fact, there are so many things that have happened in my life that have been very hard and they have not amounted to physical blessings," Hinn said.

His faith, he said, is in God and he knows that his abundant life will come to full fruition in eternity with Jesus.

The Instagram account @preachersnsneakers launched in 2019 and is popular for calling out famous pastors for their taste in expensive shoes, as well as other gear, some of which cost approximately \$4,000 per pair.

Correction: May 20, 2020:

A previous version of this article incorrectly stated that Costi Hinn is a pastor at Mission Bible Church in California. While he formerly served as a pastor there, he now serves as a pastor at Redeemer Bible Church in Arizona.

Other News:

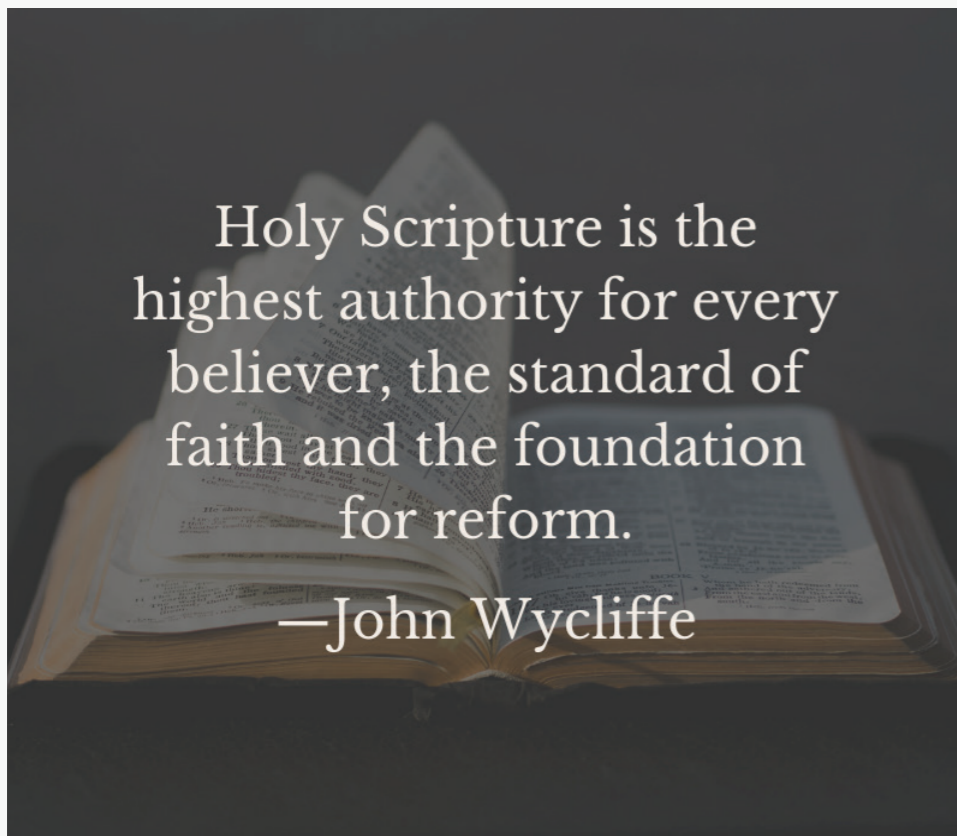
Pastor dies from coronavirus after laying hands on infected followers, declaring them healed— <https://www.christianpost.com/news/pastor-dies-from-coronavirus-after-laying-hands-on-infected-followers-declaring-them-healed.html>

NYC Council speaker demands Samaritan's Purse to leave over homosexuality views - The Christian Post— <https://www.christianpost.com/news/nyc-council-speaker-demands-samaritans-purse-to-leave-over-homosexuality-views.html>

County supervisor says San Diego has only had 6 “pure, solely coronavirus deaths” out of 194 listed as such— <https://disrn.com/news/county-supervisor-says-san-diego-has-only-had-6-pure-solely-coronavirus-deaths-out-of-194-listed-as-such>

Dallas Salon owner gets 7 days in jail and \$7000 fine for reopening shop— <https://disrn.com/news/dallas-salon-owner-gets-7-days-in-jail-7000-fine-for-reopening-shop>

Quote of the Week:



Holy Scripture is the highest authority for every believer, the standard of faith and the foundation for reform.

—John Wycliffe

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/>

Covenant Baptist Biblical Counseling Class:

A Biblical Counseling class started February 13th at 7 PM here at the church. If you would be interested in participating, please let the pastor know. We are going to livestream the class. Just go to the website at <https://covenantbaptistsc.org> and click the livestream button on home page at 7pm Thursdays.

Biblical counseling class on hold while teacher recovers from surgery. See page 2 for more info.



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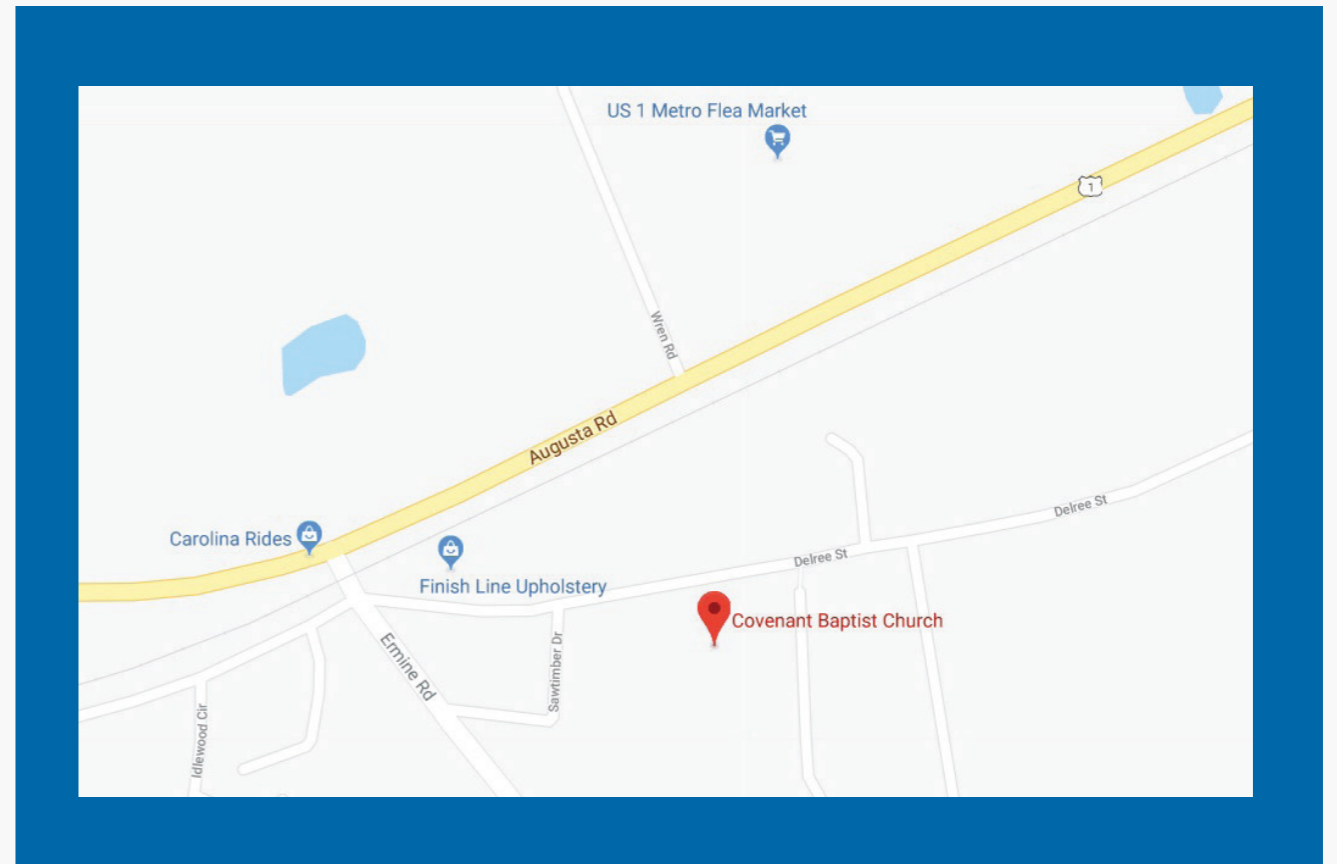
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Location:



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They will be happy to give you the information you need.*