



## Covenant Baptist Church

*Reformed and Refreshing*

*July 28, 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://covenantbaptistsc.org>

# Covenant Baptist Church Schedule

Bible Education Hour ~ 9:30 A.M.

Sunday Worship ~ 10:30 A.M.

Wednesday Prayer Service ~ 7:00 P.M.

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Greek Class:

Sunday: 6:00 P.M. on the 28th

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2nd Sunday Fellowship Dinner:

August 11th, following the service

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Kenya Mission Trip:

August 15th-27th

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### Upcoming cleaning volunteers:

August 3: Shaffer  
August 10: Crapps/McSween  
August 17: Lucas/Bean

### Deacon on-call list:

July 28: Chris Waddell  
August 4: Colonel Rogers  
August 11: Burt Lanier

# Announcements—July 28, 2019

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 8:1-36

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Message: The Assurance of Heaven for the Christian That Sins—John 13:33-14:3

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Greek class meets tonight at 6 P.M.

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We would like your input. We are considering whether or not to continue the Fall conference due to expense and attendance. Please let us know if you would be willing to attend a fall conference usually the last week of October, Sunday through Wednesday nights. We are not asking for good intentions but rather would you make a commitment to attend. On the table in the foyer of the church there are some papers you can indicate yes or no to a fall conference. Thank you for your help with this. — Elders

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Ladies: you are welcome to join a monthly meeting up of ladies at Ruby Tuesday on Augusta Road every first Tuesday of the month at 11:30. See Diane Falsetti for additional details.

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Pastor Swann, Luke Swann, and Alton Crapps are planning to go to Kenya in August. If you would like to give towards the expense of this trip, please indicate it on your check or envelope. Please specify “Swann travel expenses” or “general mission fund”. We plan to also put Bibles in the hands of the poor, which would come from the general Mission Team fund.

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If you would like to give towards feeding the orphans in Kisumu, Kenya during the drought, please earmark your checks “Drought Relief” or write the same on your envelopes.

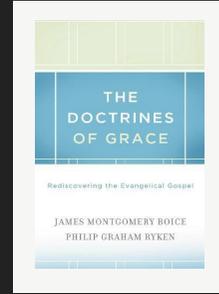
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We would like to give you an update on the Kenya orphans. The number of orphans that live at Benard’s Vision changes yearly due to age and school regulations. Please see Alton with any questions. The numbers are as follows:

621 True orphans—no living parents.

180 Partial orphan—one parent living

10 family in poverty—Benard and Pam take the child in.

## Book of the Month: The Doctrines of Grace: Rediscovering the Evangelical Gospel *James Montgomery Boice & Philip Graham Ryken*



“We live in an age of weak theology and casual Christianity. And this situation will continue as long as God’s people insist on substituting intuition for truth, feeling for belief, and immediate gratification for enduring hope. Yet if evangelicalism will again denounce this self-centered faith and place Christ and his cross at the center of its vision, the church will see great days once more. According to authors James Montgomery Boice and Philip Graham Ryken, this will happen when believers specifically return to the gospel foundation with its doctrines of radical depravity, unconditional election, particular redemption, efficacious grace, and persevering grace.”

Read the full description at: <https://www.amazon.com/Doctrines-Grace-Rediscovering-Evangelical-Gospel/>

## By What Standard?

Watch the trailer at: <https://founders.org/cinedoc/>

“In 1979 the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) formally entered into the “Battle for the Bible” that was raging within North American evangelicalism. Over the next 15 years, the SBC was returned to its historic commitments on the inerrancy and infallibility of Scripture. Many of those who resisted this conservative resurgence were driven by religiously progressive convictions...

“Now, 25 years after the clear success of the conservative resurgence, it seems like evangelicals, including Southern Baptists, are in danger of loosening their commitments to those basic, Christian commitments. Dangerous ideologies like Critical Theory and Intersectionality are gaining inroads into the thinking of some leaders, churches and organizations...

“Founders Ministries is producing this cinedoc to sound an alarm and issue a call for pastors and churches to stand firm against this onslaught by reaffirming the authority and sufficiency of God’s written Word. If we care about true justice—what God has revealed to be just—then we must stand against what is being promoted under social justice. If we care about the true gospel—the gospel revealed in the faith once-for-all-delivered to the saints—we must reject the agendas being promoted by godless ideologies.”

(From: <https://founders.org/cinedoc/>)

## Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class:

*Our Sunday Greek class, “It’s Greek to You and Me”, will continue in the fellowship hall at 6 P.M. on Sunday, June 28th.*



2nd Sunday Fellowship Dinner:

*Our next 2nd Sunday fellowship dinner will be on August 11th, after the service. Please plan to bring a dish and stay for food and fellowship.*



2019 Kenya Mission Trip:

*Pastor Swann, Luke Swann, and Alton Crapps are planning to go to Kenya in August for the annual pastors’ conference, and to help with the orphanage. We plan to also put Bibles in the hands of the poor.*



# Where Did Family Come From? – by Tim Challies

We are at an interesting and perhaps unprecedented time in history when our understanding of family is being confronted and our definition of family is being rewritten. The social norms of Western society and the laws of Canada are changing fast. Things that only a generation ago were considered inadvisable, immoral, or just plain evil are now considered good, normal, and worthy of celebration. Things that not long ago were considered the mark of a crumbling society are now considered marks of an advanced society.

So what is a family, anyway? Where did it come from? Who has the right to define it?

Ask the culture around us about the origins of family and you'll probably hear that over billions of years humanity evolved from lesser organisms and along the way we created family as a means of protection and social organization. Family arose from within the human mind as we evolved and as we adapted to life in a hostile world.

Ask Christians and I hope you'll hear something different—that God created human beings in an instantaneous act and that from the beginning he bound people together into those groups we call family. Family arose from within the mind of God as he created us in a perfect world.

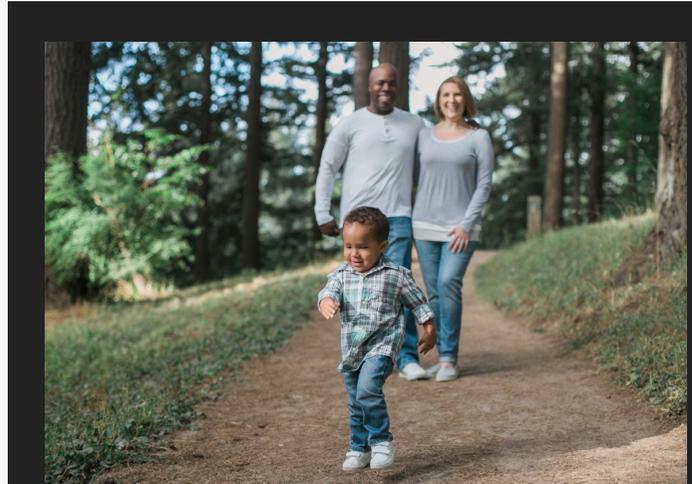
It's almost impossible to over-emphasize the difference this makes. Why? Because if we created it, we define it and we are accountable only to ourselves. But if God created it, he defines it and we are accountable to him.

## God Created Family

So let's briefly trace the origins of family as God describes it in the book of Genesis. Whatever else God wants us to understand from his creation account, he wants us to know this: this is his world and everything in it has been created by his hand. And this gives him the right of ownership over it.

As we come to the sixth and final day of creation, we see God creating humanity, his crowning achievement. While God made everything, he made humanity a special thing. Humans are different from everything else because we and we alone are made “in his image” and “after his likeness.” There are ways in which we resemble God, in which we bear the attributes of God. God has left his fingerprints on us in a unique way.

Humanity was made in the image of God, and humanity takes two forms. Verse 27 says, “In the image of God he created him, male and female he created them.” There is one humanity, but it's made up of two sexes who equally share the image of God.



# Where Did Family Come From? – by Tim Challies (continued)

In chapter two we get a fuller account of how God created humanity. In verse 7 God creates the first man, whom we know as Adam, then in verse 18, he creates the first woman, whom we know as Eve. God took a piece of Adam's body and used that as the raw material to make this companion for him. Verse 21 continues the account: "So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

Now Adam had his companion. She is described as his "helper." That doesn't mean that she was mere hired help to do his bidding. She was essentially a "corresponding counterpart" to Adam. She complemented him—she was different from him in such a way that she completed what was lacking in him to carry out God's will for humanity. The mission God assigned to human beings could not be accomplished by male alone. Just as God's image was only fully displayed in male and female, God's will could only be fully completed by male and female.

Moses, who wrote Genesis, left us a little editorial note here to explain what happened when the two came together, and this is where we are introduced to family. Genesis 2:24: "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." Looking back at this first wedding ceremony, Moses tells us that something has happened here—something that still happens at every wedding. When a man and woman are married, they leave their birth families in some ways and form a new family. (See *Leave and Cleave Like a Strawberry*.)

What do we learn from all this? We see that God created people and God created family. This is crucial: he didn't just create humans and set us free on earth as unattached, independent beings, but he also created a foundational human relationship that bound us together. The basic relationship or social structure for humanity is family. We need to point out that it's not government. Family is pre-political—God does not give government the authority to define family in any way except according to the Bible.

## Defining Family

What is a family, then? I think this is a solid definition drawn from the Bible (and adapted from Andreas Kostenberger): A family is one man and one woman united in marriage plus, primarily their children by birth or adoption; and secondarily, other persons related by blood. A family on its most basic level is a man and woman united in a marriage covenant. That forms a family.

We expect that in most cases a married couple will add children to the family. Children don't make a family—they join an existing family. We call this the immediate family, and it's the primary sense of family—mom, dad, kids. But even while the couple forms a new family, they do not completely detach from their siblings and parents and grandparents, so that bond of extended family remains as the secondary sense of the word. Again: A family is one man and one woman united in marriage plus, primarily their children by birth or adoption; and secondarily, other persons related by blood.

I will continue adding some further thoughts on family in the days ahead.

# South Carolina city scrubs references to 'Lord' on memorial honoring fallen police officers

## — by Caleb Parke

A South Carolina city literally scrubbed the word “Lord” from a memorial honoring fallen police officers after receiving complaints.

The Tega Cay Police Department put up a memorial, donated by a civic group, to honor fallen officers. It was similar to other memorials around the country, including Washington, D.C., but the city’s attorney cautioned that because it doesn’t have historical significance, it should be censored, FOX 46 reports.

All references to the Lord were removed.

On the front, the memorial has the Scripture reference Matthew 5:9 from Jesus’ famous Sermon on the Mount, which says, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

And on the back of the stone was a prayer: “Lord, I ask for courage. Courage to face and conquer my own fears, courage to take me where others will not go... Give me Lord, concern for others who trust me and compassion for those who need me. And please Lord, through it all, be at my side.”

The memorial wasn’t vandalism—as some residents initially thought—but city officials covered over three references to the “Lord,” which can still be faintly seen on the stone but no longer in bold, black lettering.

“There is just as many people upset now that it got removed over people upset it was there in the first place,” Tega Cay City Manager Charlie Funderburk told FOX 46. “There is no win here at all.”

Fox News contributor Jonathan Morris accused activist groups of forcing Americans to conceal their faith to their homes and churches, as long as it is behind closed doors. He said that is not the law of the land.

“What they are trying to do,” Morris told “Fox & Friends” Tuesday morning, “is erase the name and the voice of God in the public square and that is not good for our country.”

From:

<https://www.foxnews.com/faith-values/city-police-memorial-lord-south-carolina-scrubbed>



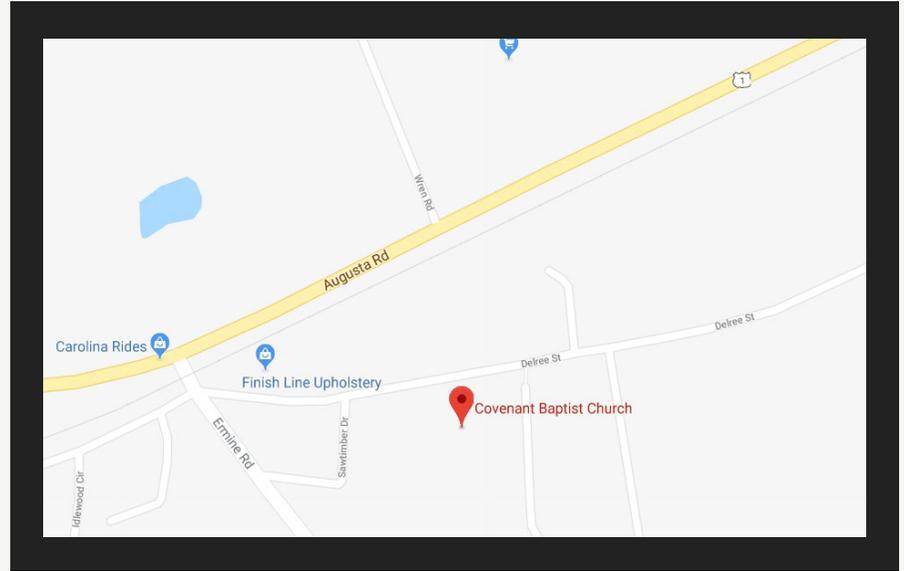
## **Covenant Baptist Church**

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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.*