



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

August 4, 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 (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

(August 4th, 2019)

Crown Him With Many Crowns, pg. 129

Prayer and Scripture Reading: Proverbs 9:1-18

How Deep the Father's Love for Us, pg. 80

Behold Our God, pg. 126

Message: The Exclusive Assurance of Heaven—
John 14:1-6

Closing Hymn: The Gospel Song (screen)

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Upcoming cleaning volunteers:

August 10: Crapps/McSween

August 17: Lucas/Bean

August 24: Bristol

August 31: Shumpert/Smook

Deacon on-call list:

August 4: Colonel Rogers

August 11: Burt Lanier

August 18: James Campbell

August 25: Matt Watson

Announcements—July 28, 2019

Greek class will resume the 1st Sunday in September at 6 PM.

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There will be a free swap for clothing, shoes, toys, books, and educational materials here at the church Saturday, September 7 from 9-12. If you have items to get rid of, please plan to have them at the church Wednesday, Sept 4 so that Kerri Olds and Coie can sort by size and category before that Saturday. Otherwise, you can bring them the morning of. You do NOT have to donate items in order to take part in receiving items. This is just a way to help out fellow believers and clean out our closets! Leftover items not claimed by you will be donated. For more info, see Kerri or Coie.

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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

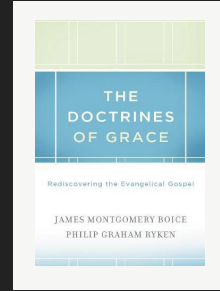
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Ladies: you are welcome to join a monthly meeting up of ladies at Ruby Tuesday on Augusta Road every first Tuesday of the month at 11:30. See Diane Falsetti for additional details.

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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 takes 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 the first Sunday of September.



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.



God Created Family To Carry Out His Will – by Tim Challies

In the last article on family I wanted to show that God created family and therefore it his to define. Now, I need to address the “why” question: Why did God create the family? I will answer this in two ways through two articles. The first provides this answer: God created family to carry out his will.

Before we get there, I want to acknowledge that family is a difficult issue for many people. Almost all of us have certain scars related to family matters. Some had very difficult family situations as children. Some who want to be married and start a family haven’t been able to find a spouse. Some couples who long for children cannot have them. I know those are very difficult issues that can make it very difficult to discuss family. For our purposes, we need to see that God’s general intention for humanity is marrying and having children, even while we acknowledge that God’s specific plan for individuals may be to not marry or to not have children. And in these situations we just need to trust that God knows what is best—that his specific plans are good, even if they may not always seem good.

Genesis 1:28 shows us God’s general intention for humanity as it pertains to family: “And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’” As God created humanity, he assigned a huge two-part mission: one, be fruitful and multiply; and two, subdue the earth and exercise dominion over it. Both of these commands rely upon family.

Procreation

The first part of our mission is to procreate—to be fruitful and multiply. Human beings are the crown of God’s creation so it’s not surprising that God wanted there to be more human beings. And while he could have continued to form people in the way he formed Eve from Adam—pulling out ribs and building people around them—he chose to do it differently. He chose to use the sexual relationship as the means of procreation and to embed the sexual relationship within the context of marriage and family. New flesh would be formed out of the one-flesh union.

Of course humanity soon plunged into sin and this disrupted God’s perfect will in many ways. But nothing has interrupted his perfect intention. And it’s this: Every child is meant to enter this world into a family made up of a man and woman bound by marriage. This kind of family provides the setting, the stability, and the sense of belonging in which a child can best thrive.



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Family is meant to provide the primary network of love and care that will welcome people into this world, nurture them to adulthood, and love them for a lifetime.

This becomes even more important after sin came into the world, since family now provides the primary context in which people weaken and die. Family is a network of love and support that extends from birth to death. God loves people so gave people the foundational relationship that would serve them best. And it's family.

Dominion

So, the first part of our mission is to procreate and it requires family. The second part is to subdue the earth and to exercise dominion over it. Humanity was to bring order to the whole earth—to push out the walls of the Garden of Eden until it covered the entire globe. And just as one lone human being can't be fruitful and multiply, one lone human being can't exercise dominion over the whole earth.

How does family play into this? Carrying out this task as populations exploded to thousands and millions and billions would require social structures. It would take organization on a local, regional, and global scale. People would have to divide up responsibilities. People would have to be led and to follow leaders. And all of this structure would build upon the family structure.

The family was always meant to be the core social unit in the world and everyone is meant to be part of one. All other structures build upon family. It is the chief building block of any society or civilization. The Ten Commandments never say, "Honor your king and your queen" or "Honor your prime minister and your premier." They don't need to because they say, "Honor your father and mother." The first structure of authority and organization is not government, but family. The others simply build upon it.

Again, the fall into sin disrupted God's good plan in many ways, but family still retains its rightful place as our core social structure. Government and church and any other institution should only ever support the family—never replace or redefine it.

Conclusion

What have we seen so far? First, God created family. Second, God created family to carry out his will—to fill the earth with people and to bring it under his dominion. In the next article I want to add a second reason God created family.

Democrat House unanimously OKs 'gay reparations' bill giving tax refunds to same-sex couples—by Calvin Freiburger

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 25, 2019 (LifeSiteNews) – The Democrat-controlled U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday approved legislation enabling “married” same-sex couples to seek millions in tax refunds for unions that were not previously recognized under federal tax law.

The PRIDE (Promoting Respect for Individuals’ Dignity and Equality) Act removes sex-specific terms such as “husband” and “wife” from the federal tax code, and allows couples “married” while the Defense of Marriage Act (which protected states and the federal government from having to recognize same-sex “marriages” from states that chose to recognize them) to claim tax refunds for which they were ineligible.

The U.S. Supreme Court struck down DOMA in 2013. The Washington Blade reported that the Joint Committee on Taxation put the estimated amount the feds could have to pay out if the bill becomes law at \$67 million.

The PRIDE Act passed the House on Wednesday by voice vote, meaning lawmakers were not required to put a vote on the record. Notably, no Republican resisted. The Hill noted that New York GOP Rep. Tom Reed expressed a technical concern about the legislation but supported its core purpose to “make sure our tax code is reflective of the law of the land as it has been declared by the Supreme Court.”

“In passing the PRIDE Act, Democrats are honoring our diversity and providing long-overdue justice to countless same-sex couples across the country who have been denied critical tax refunds because of who they are and who they love,” Democrat House Speaker Nancy Pelosi declared, CNN reported. She called on the Republican-controlled Senate to “quickly pass and reaffirm” the bill and its message.

Massachusetts senator and 2020 presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren is spearheading the bill’s Senate counterpart. It’s not yet known whether Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell will allow it to come up for a vote, or whether President Donald Trump, who is conservative on some LGBT issues but supports same-sex “marriage” and homosexual “pride,” would sign it into law.

Democrat House unanimously OKs ‘gay reparations’ bill giving tax refunds to same-sex couples—by Calvin Freiburger (continued)

“What Ms. Warren doesn’t mention to people is the IRS already allows everyone to amend the last three years of returns,” Tammy Bruce, a Fox News contributor and gay conservative, wrote last month. “Instead, she wants couples to be able to amend their tax returns for the entire time they were married in one of the 10 states allowing gay marriage prior to federal recognition. ... But why stop there? What about all the gays and lesbians who never had a chance to marry at all because of the Clinton administration’s Defense of Marriage Act?”

“That has to be asked because this has nothing to do with tax fairness and everything to do with reinforcing the politics of resentment and victimhood,” Bruce argued. “For the Democratic Party machine, however, there can never be success, there always has to be a new appended wrong or violation, some new campaign to convince you that victimhood will never end, and you must always resent, well, everyone.”

From:

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/democrat-house-unanimously-oks-gay-reparations-bill-giving-tax-refunds-to-same-sex-couples>



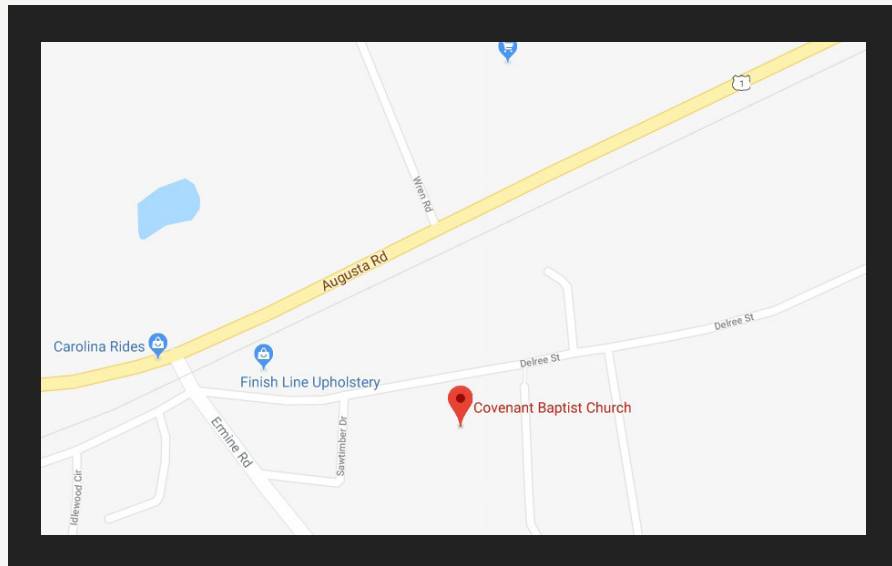
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*If you are interested in joining our church, please speak to one of our elders or deacons.
They will be happy to give you the information you need.*