



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

September 15th, 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

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Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, pg. 23

Prayer and Scripture Reading: Proverbs 13:1-25

My Jesus, I Love Thee pg. 380

Before the Throne of God Above, pg. 187

Message: The Promise of Greater Works and
Answered Prayer, Part 2 —John 14:12-14

Closing Hymn: To God Be the Glory, pg 19

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Upcoming cleaning volunteers:

September 21: Wheat
September 28: Kyzer (D&P, K&R)
October 5: Shaffer
October 12: Crapps/McSween

Deacon on-call list:

September 15: Kenny Lucas
September 22: Trey Egan
September 29: Colonel Rogers
October 6: Burt Lanier

Announcements—September 15th, 2019

Greek class will resume tonight at 6 PM.

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We will observe the Lord's Supper on September 22, just before the sermon.

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It is the time of year that our church supports and raises money for military Bible sticks (audio bibles) to be sent to our troops. The cost for one is \$25. Please earmark your check or envelope with "Bible Stick" if you would like to give towards this. We will be taking offerings for this through today, and there will be a presentation on it this morning.

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The church bookstore is now open, and purchases can be made between and after services by seeing Annsley or Cristan Smoak. To simplify the process for the store operators and church bookkeeping, all transactions are cash only.

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We will be having a conference here at CBC, but the date has been changed to the month of February 2020. More info and exact dates will be provided as we get closer to the event.

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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.

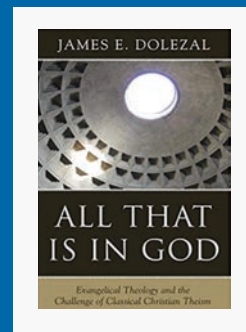
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Men: there will be a men's fellowship and breakfast at church every first Saturday of the month at 8:30. See Bob Falsetti for additional details.

Book of the Month:

All That Is In God

James E. Dolezal



Increasing numbers of conservative evangelicals are denying basic tenets of classical Christian teaching about God, with departures occurring even among those of the Calvinistic persuasion. James Dolezal's *All That Is in God* provides an exposition of the historic Christian position while engaging with these contemporary deviations. His convincing critique of the newer position he styles "theistic mutualism" is philosophically robust, systematically nuanced, and biblically based. It demonstrates the need to maintain the traditional viewpoint, particularly on divine simplicity, and spotlights the unfortunate implications for other important Christian doctrines, such as divine eternity and the Trinity, if it were to be abandoned. Arguing carefully and cogently that all that is in God is God Himself, the work is sure to stimulate debate on the issue in years to come.

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

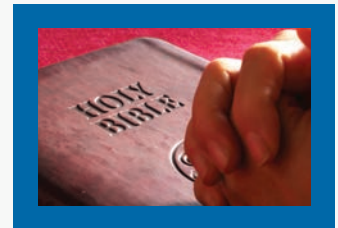


2nd Sunday Fellowship Dinner:

October 13th 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.

The Lord’s Supper:

We will observe the Lord’s Supper on September 22, just before the sermon.



Five Signs Your Church Might Be Heading Toward Progressive Christianity—by Alisa Childers

Several years ago, my husband and I began attending a local evangelical, nondenominational church. We cherished the sense of community we found among the loving and authentic people we met there, and the intelligent, “outside the box” pastor who led our flock with thought-provoking sermons. Sadly, the church started going off the rails theologically, and after about a year and a half, we made the difficult decision to leave. Today that church is a self-titled “Progressive Christian Community.”

Back then I had never heard of “progressive Christianity,” and even now it is difficult to pin down what actually qualifies someone as a progressive Christian. However, there are signs—certain phrases and ideas—that seem to be consistent in progressive circles. Here are five danger signs to watch for in your church:

1. There is a lowered view of the Bible

One of the main differences between progressive Christianity and historic Christianity is its view of the Bible. Historically, Christians have viewed the Bible as the Word of God and authoritative for our lives. Progressive Christianity generally abandons these terms, emphasizing personal belief over Biblical mandate.

Comments you might hear:

“The Bible is a human book.”

“I disagree with the Apostle Paul on that issue.”

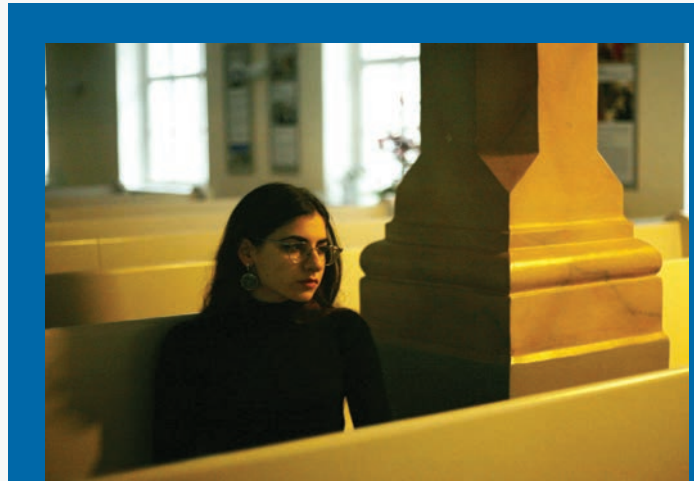
“The Bible condones immorality, so we are obligated to reject what it says in certain places.”

2. Feelings over facts

In progressive churches, personal experiences, feelings and opinions tend to be valued above objective truth. As the Bible ceases to be viewed as God’s definitive Word, what a person feels to be true becomes the ultimate authority for faith and practice.

Comments you might hear:

“That Bible verse doesn’t resonate with me.”



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“I thought homosexuality was a sin until I met and befriended some gay people.”

“I just can’t believe Jesus would send good people to hell.”

3. Essential Christian doctrines are open for reinterpretation

Progressive Christians are often open to redefining and reinterpreting the Bible on hot-button moral issues like homosexuality and abortion, and also cardinal doctrines such as the virgin conception and the bodily resurrection of Jesus. In a New York Times interview, Union Theological Seminary President Serene Jones was asked about these doctrines. After redefining (and essentially denying) them, she compared this new way of thinking with the Protestant Reformation. Rather than seeking to return to a more historic and orthodox faith, she recommends that we “envision and build” something new. In progressive Christianity, the only sacred cow is “no sacred cows.”

Comments you might hear:

“The resurrection of Jesus doesn’t have to be factual to speak truth.”

“The church’s historic position on sexuality is archaic and needs to be updated within a modern framework.”

“The idea of a literal hell is offensive to non-Christians and needs to be reinterpreted.”

4. Historic terms redefined

There are some progressive Christians who say they affirm doctrines like Biblical inspiration, inerrancy and authority, but they have to do linguistic gymnastics to make those words mean what they want them to mean. I remember asking a pastor, “Do you believe the Bible is divinely inspired?” He answered confidently, “Yes, of course!”

However, I mistakenly assumed that when using the word inspired, we both meant the same thing. He clarified months later what he meant—that the Bible is inspired in the same way and on the same level as many other Christian books, songs and sermons. This, of course, is not how Christians have historically understood the doctrine of divine inspiration.

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Another word that tends to get a progressive makeover is love. When plucked out of its Biblical context, it becomes a catch-all term for everything pleasant, affirming and non-confrontative.

Comments you might hear:

“God wouldn’t punish sinners—He is love.”

“Sure, the Bible is authoritative—but we’ve misunderstood it for the first 2,000 years of church history.”

“It’s not our job to talk to anyone about sin—it’s our job to just love them.”

5. The heart of the Gospel message shifts from sin and redemption to social justice

The Bible commands us to take care of the unfortunate and defend those who are oppressed. However, the core message of Christianity—the Gospel—is that Jesus died for our sins, was buried and resurrected, and thereby reconciled us to God. This is the message that will truly bring freedom to the oppressed.

Many progressive Christians today find the concept of God willing His Son to die on the cross to be embarrassing or even appalling. Sometimes referred to as “cosmic child abuse,” the idea of blood atonement is de-emphasized or denied altogether, with social justice and good works enthroned in its place.

Comments you might hear:

“Sin doesn’t separate us from God—we are made in His image, and He called us good.”

“God didn’t actually require a sacrifice for our sins—the first Christians picked up on the pagan practice of animal sacrifice and told the Jesus story in similar terms.”

“We don’t really need to preach the Gospel—we just need to show love by bringing justice to the oppressed.”

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Conclusion

The signs are not always obvious—sometimes they are subtle and mixed with a lot of truth. Progressive Christianity can be persuasive and enticing, but carried out to its logical end, it is an assault on the foundational framework of Christianity.

We shouldn't be surprised to find some of these ideas infiltrating our churches. Jesus warned us, "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves" (Matthew 7:15). So if you spot any of these five danger signs in your place of worship, it might be time to pray about finding fellowship in a more Biblically faithful church community. ©2017 Alisa Childers

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“Has Benny Hinn Repented? An Answer and a Plea” with Justin Peters


Benny Hinn on Sept. 3, 2019 confessed that the Prosperity Gospel is wrong and he was in error for teaching it. Many have rejoiced in this apparent repentance. But is it? This video will conclusively prove that he has not yet truly repented but pleads for him to do so.

Watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eol2SMMj3zU>

A Reminder...

The evidence of true conversion is not sinless perfection or a level of sanctification that is reserved for only the most mature believers. The evidence of conversion is that we respond to our sin with contrition and cling to Christ and His perfect work on Calvary as our only hope.

-Paul Washer





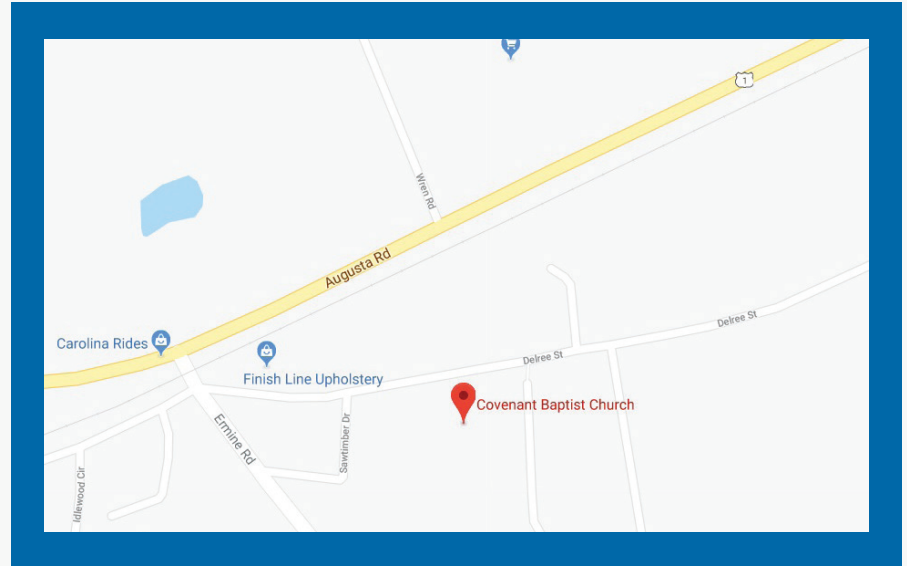
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*If you are interested in joining our church, please speak to one of our elders or deacons.
They will be happy to give you the information you need.*