



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

December 8th 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 *(December 8th, 2019)*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty—2

Prayer and Scripture Reading:
Matthew 2:1-12

All I Have Is Christ—389

Speak, O Lord—368

Message: Unique Benefits of the Cross|
—John 14:28-31

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: This Is My Father's World—31

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Upcoming cleaning volunteers:

December 14: Fudge/Meyers
December 21: Crapps/McSween
December 28: Bristol

Deacon on-call list:

December 8: James Campbell
December 15: Matt Watson
December 22: 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—December 8th, 2019

Greek class tonight at 6 PM.

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There will be no Wednesday evening service on December 25.

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The Lord's Table observance has been rescheduled to December 22nd. Please pray and prepare your heart for this important time of worship.

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Our 2nd Sunday dinner will be held today. This will also be the church Christmas dinner. Please plan to stay for the fellowship.

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On December 15, immediately after the service, we will celebrate baptism. Please plan to stay for this important part of our service.

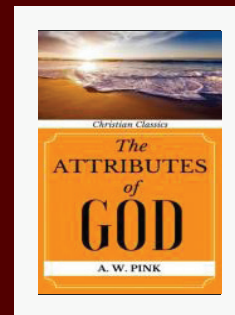
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Moms and kids (any age!): there will be a cookie exchange and gingerbread decorating activity on Friday, Dec 13 at 10:30 AM here at the church. If you would like to participate, please RSVP to Kerri Olds. You will need to bring cookies for the exchange, and your own gingerbread house. If you want to have pizza for lunch, plan to contribute \$5 and let Kerri know so she can order accordingly.

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This year we again plan to help with the Kenya orphan ministry by providing the funds needed to purchase clothes and uniforms for Christmas. We will accept donations through December 8. The uniforms are much-needed items for the children. If you would like to give toward this project, just earmark your check or envelope "Kenya Orphans Christmas". **Also, the Kenya Orphan Fund has just dropped below \$500 and it is our habit to let the congregation know when this has happened.**

Boys:	Girls:	Boys and Girls:
- Sweater: \$19.45	- Jacket: Large-\$19.35,	- Underwear: \$4.84
- Uniform (shirt + trousers): \$30.96	Small-\$17.41	- Shoes: Large-\$27.09
- Socks: \$1.74	- Sweater: \$17.41	Small/medium-\$17.41
	- Uniform: \$27.09	
	- Socks: \$2.42	

Book of the Week: The Attributes of God

A. W. Pink



WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HAVING AN ACCURATE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD? An unknown God can neither be trusted, served, nor worshiped. If your great aim in life to know God better and to worship Him in spirit and in truth, this masterful compilation on the attributes and excellencies of God that will open your eyes, challenge your mind, and convict your heart.

https://www.amazon.com/Attributes-God-W-Pink/dp/1548825107/ref=sr_1_3?keywords=Arthur+Pink&qid=1575740869&sr=8-3

Reserve Your Seat | G3 2020 Less than 2 Months...

“Worship Matters!

“We are only two months away from the 2020 G3! Take time to register for your seat and save the date for a big weekend focused on spiritual renewal and growth through God’s Word.

“As we make our plans for the upcoming G3 Conference, we are excited! Not only will we have three days of fellowship, ministry connections, and free resources available to us—but of most importance will be our opportunity to focus for three days on the theme of worship and to engage in the worship of God.

“Make your plans now to be in Atlanta for this extremely important conference for the local church.”

Read more at: g3conference.com

Reserve your seat at:
<https://g3conference.com/events/>

Worship is our innermost being responding with praise for all that God is, through our attitudes, actions, thoughts, and words, based on the truth of God as He has revealed Himself.

—John MacArthur



Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class:

No Greek class tonight.

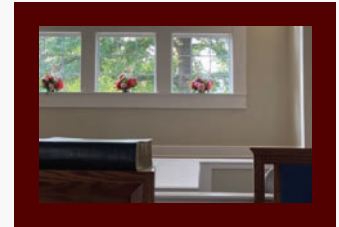


2nd Sunday Fellowship/Christmas Dinner:

Today is our second Sunday fellowship meal. This will also be the church Christmas dinner. Please plan to join us after the service for food and fellowship!

Baptism on the 15th:

On December 15, immediately after the service, we will celebrate baptism. Please plan to stay for this important part of our service.



Even Caesar Confirmed the Resurrection —by Henry B. Smith, Jr.

After Christ's Resurrection, Claudius Caesar issued a decree for people to stop stealing bodies from Judah's sepulchers. Without realizing it, he was confirming Christ's Resurrection!

The Nazareth Inscription is a powerful piece of extrabiblical evidence that Christ's Resurrection was already being proclaimed shortly after He was raised. It is a marble tablet, 24 inches (61 cm) by 15 inches (38 cm), written in the Greek language. Since the discovery was published in 1930, no scholar has produced evidence to disprove its authenticity. It's an abridged decree by Emperor Claudius (AD 41–54), pronouncing the death penalty in Israel for anyone caught robbing bodies from tombs. (Normally, grave robbers stole valuables, not bodies!) It refers specifically to "sepulcher sealing tombs," a special type used in Israel.

This "Decree of Caesar" is known as an imperial rescript, having the force of law. Rescripts frequently dealt with unusual legal, religious, or political issues arising in a specific region. The text fits both the style and structure of other rescripts of Claudius.

Matthew records one of the first responses to reports of Jesus' Resurrection. The Jewish authorities invented a lie that the disciples had stolen the body (Matthew 28:13). Their goal was to spread an alternative story explaining why the body was missing and the tomb was empty. The Nazareth Inscription is very likely the Roman response to that very same problem.

In his dialogue with a nonbelieving Jew, Justin Martyr (AD 100–165) also refers to these early attempts to explain away the empty tomb of Jesus: "Yet you not only have not repented, after you learned that He rose from the dead, but, as I said before you have sent chosen and ordained men throughout all the world to proclaim that a godless and lawless heresy had sprung from one Jesus, a Galilean deceiver, whom we crucified, but his disciples stole him by night from the tomb, where he was laid when unfastened from the cross, and now deceive men by asserting that he has risen from the dead and ascended to heaven."



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The Nazareth Inscription forces skeptics to deal more deeply with the two major competing views of events: believing in the Resurrection of Christ or believing that His disciples stole His body from the tomb to perpetrate a great religious fraud. The account of Christ's Resurrection was first circulated by the Apostles themselves, according to Scripture, and it was not a later invention by Christians of the post-apostolic period. The inscription is excellent evidence confirming this truth, and it brings to mind Paul's statement, "If Christ is not risen . . . your faith is also empty" (1 Corinthians 15:14).

From:
<https://answersingenesis.org/archaeology/even-caesar-confirmed-resurrection/>

World's largest higher education union says anyone can identify as black, regardless of skin color —by Jordyn Pair

The world's largest higher education union has announced that anyone should be able to identify as black “regardless of the colour of their skin or background.”

The British Universities and College Union made the statement during a report about whether men should be able to identify as women, despite their biology.

“Our rules commit us to ending all forms of discrimination, bigotry and stereotyping. UCU has a long history of enabling members to self-identify whether that is being black, disabled, LGBT+ or women,” UCU said in its statement.

UCU member and Sussex University professor Kathleen Stock called the union's statement “anti-intellectual propaganda.”

A Reminder...



The minister of Christ [is to] pursue [his] studies...not to gratify the pleasures of the imagination, or to acquire the reputation of a profound scholar, but for his assistance in obtaining a clearer knowledge of Christ himself, and in making Him known to others.

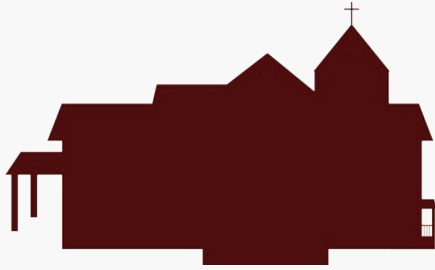
—Rev. Samuel McClintock, at the ordination of Rev. Isaac Smith of Gilmanton, Nov. 30, 1774

From:
<https://disrn.com/news/worlds-largest-education-union-says-anyone-can-identify-as-black-regardless-of-skin-background>



Strategies for Fighting Depression Well—by Jim Newheiser

<https://biblicalcounseling.com/fighting-depression-well/>



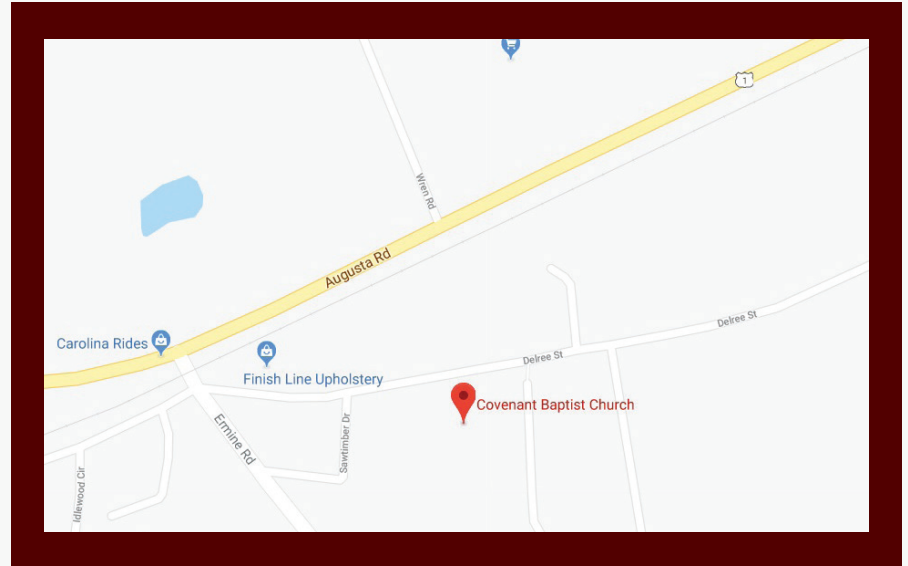
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*If you are interested in joining our church, please speak to one of our elders or deacons.
They will be happy to give you the information you need.*