



## Covenant Baptist Church

*Reformed and Refreshing*

*January 26th, 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>

# 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**

*(January 26th, 2020)*

A Mighty Fortress is our God—53

Prayer and Scripture Reading:  
Psalm 139:1-24

Grace Greater Than Our Sin—78

Before the Throne of God Above—187

Message:  
The Biblical Response to Abortion Part 2  
—Psalm 139: 12-17

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: Ancient Words— 365 (Chorus only)

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## **Upcoming cleaning volunteers:**

February 1: Fudge/Kyzer (K&R)

February 8: Allen

February 15: Crapps/McSween

## **Deacon on-call list:**

January 26: James Campbell

February 2: Daryl Kyzer

February 9: Chris Waddell

## **Church Bookstore:**

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

## Announcements—January 26th, 2020

Greek class will meet next Sunday at 6 PM.

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We have a special gift for every family and every single person in our church regarding the topic of how fearfully and wonderfully we are made. It is a DVD from Answers in Genesis. Please pick one up as you leave today.

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Our pastor is currently teaching some very important messages regarding “A Biblical Response to Abortion, Homosexuality and Women in Ministry”. These are and continue to be issues of confusion and compromise within evangelical churches. We would like to address these topics from God’s Word so that you have the ability to defend your beliefs and have a reason for the hope that is within you. Please invite others to come. Also a word to parents: be aware that the topics on abortion and homosexuality will deal with sensitive issues for small children to hear. Please use personal discretion for your children.

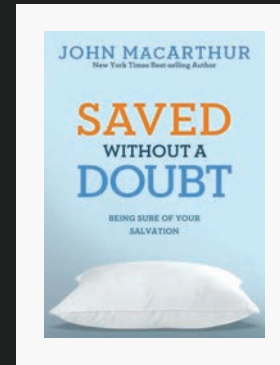
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A Biblical Counseling class will be starting February 6th at 7 PM here at the church. If you would be interested in participating, please let the pastor know. We would like to see both men and women trained in biblical counseling here at CBC.

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The Mission Team for India will be leaving on March 12 with big plans to work the fields of harvest in 2 places in south India. First we will be teaching at a pastors conference in Markapur with Pastor Charles, Bro. Andy, and Alton. Meanwhile Luke Swann, Andrew Shumpert and Spencer Allen will work in 2 villages doing ministry. All of this is to take place during the morning to mid-afternoon hours. Then in the evening hours, the whole team will go into the outlying areas to take the gospel to 2 or more villages again. It is a tedious job that requires a lot of energy and a strong desire to do God’s work. Each individual is responsible to raise their own funds for air tickets, hotel room, and meals. If you would like to help in this ministry please earmark checks or label the missions envelope either for the individual you wish to help or if you wish to help with the ministry cost, label checks or envelope India Ministry. Bibles, taxis, translators or village work would be included under this listing. The team will leave Markapur on March 20 or 21 and return to Hyderabad to travel home and the rest of the team will go for a short 2-3 day visit with our indigenous missionaries, Pastor Paul and Cathy Manoj, in Mt. Side of Bididi which is north of Bangalore. Your prayers and your support are much appreciated.

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To encourage even more families to visit, the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum are welcoming all children ten years and under for free during 2020. The Creation Museum is located in Petersburg, KY. The Ark Encounter, 45 minutes south of the Creation Museum, is in Williamstown, KY. More information can be found at ArkEncounter.com and CreationMuseum.org.

## Book of the Week: Saved Without A Doubt

*John MacArthur*



Am I really saved? Am I going to heaven? How can I know for sure? Every believer has wrestled with these questions at some point in their journey. *Saved Without A Doubt* tackles this challenging topic by examining scripture to uncover the truth of salvation, while addressing tough questions that can hinder our faith. Readers will develop a Bible-based theology of salvation and be encouraged to securely rest in their personal relationship with Christ.

<https://www.amazon.com/Saved-without-Doubt-Salvation-MacArthur/dp/1434702952>

# Patterns of Evidence: The Red Sea Miracle Part 1 & 2

IN THEATERS

Feb. 18th-Part 1 May 5th-Part II

Tim Mahoney investigates one of the greatest miracles of the Bible. Did a mighty sea split? What secrets will be revealed?

After leaving Egypt, the Bible describes the Israelites crossing a deep sea that was miraculously split with walls of water on their right and left. When the Egyptians and their chariot force pursued, the water came crashing back down to destroy the entire army. Are miracles of this kind even possible?

Skeptics contend that no evidence has ever been found for huge numbers of people crossing the wilderness or a mighty sea. Does the lack of evidence at the traditional sites mean the events didn't happen, or might we have been looking in wrong places all along?

Join Timothy Mahoney in the next chapter of the series as he retraces the steps of Moses and the Israelites, looking for answers in Patterns of Evidence: The Red Sea Miracle Part 1 & 2.

Hear ideas from all sides of the debate as you journey back to the lands of the Bible in search of answers to one of the Bible's biggest mysteries; where is the lost sea of the Exodus, and what really happened there? Can a patterns approach help to solve the problem?

<https://patternsofevidence.com/redsea/>

# Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class:

*Greek class will resume next Sunday at 6 pm, in the fellowship hall.*



2nd Sunday Fellowship Dinner:

*February 9th 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.*

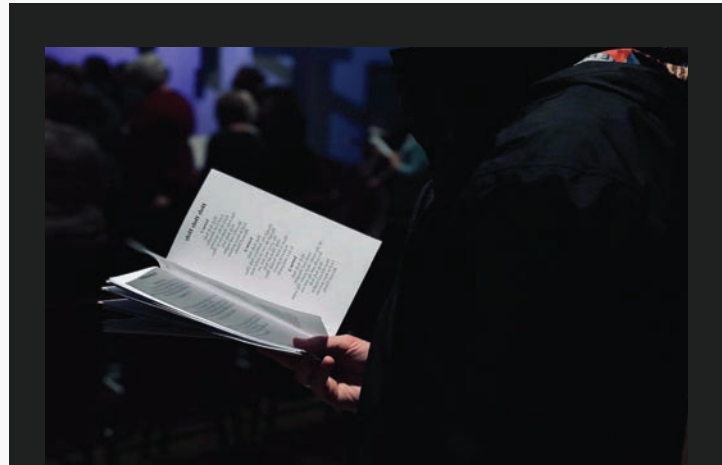
## Worshipping a Not-So-Holy God —by Tim Challies

Last week I had the opportunity to speak at the annual (bi-annual as of 2021) G3 Conference in Atlanta. As always, I thoroughly enjoyed the event and, as always, my favorite part was meeting so many of you. On the opening day of the conference I participated in a Q&A session that included John MacArthur, Paul Washer, Voddie Baucham, Steve Lawson, and Josh Buice. Those who watched the session undoubtedly saw that most of us deferred to John MacArthur for most of the answers—a position we all acknowledge he has earned. Still, there was one question we were each asked to answer and it related to worship. It was along these lines: What book has greatly impacted you and helped you in the area of worshipping God?

Since I was sitting at the end of the row, I had to answer first. I knew the question was coming, so had given it a little thought. I assumed most of the other speakers would point to books that relate specifically to worship—perhaps *Worship by the Book* edited by D.A. Carson, or maybe *Christ-Centered Worship* by Bryan Chapell, or even *Worship Matters* by Bob Kauflin (who had been leading worship that very morning). At the very least I expected most would mention something that would be filed “worship” on the shelves of a Christian bookstore.

But as I thought about the book that had proven most important to me when learning about the meaning and purpose of worship, I thought of something else: R.C. Sproul’s *The Holiness of God*. If you’ve been reading this site for any length of time, you’ve undoubtedly come across references to it and know how important it has been to me. It was one of those books that quite literally changed my life. But until I was on that panel, I hadn’t quite considered how it also changed my worship. What surprised me was that as we went down the row, several others mentioned the exact same book.

Here’s what’s interesting: *The Holiness of God* is not a book that typically gets filed under “worship” at the Christian bookstores. Look at the back cover where the publisher marks the categories they think it best fits and you’ll see *Theology/Doctrines*. At Amazon it lands in categories like *Christian Apologetics* and *Christian Spiritual Growth*, but not *Worship*. At CBD it is under *Christian Living*. Even the publisher’s description doesn’t mention worship: “Central to God’s character is the quality of holiness. Yet, even so, most people are hard-pressed to define what God’s holiness precisely is. Many preachers today avoid the topic altogether because people today don’t quite know what to do with words like ‘awe’ or ‘fear.’ R. C. Sproul, in this classic work, puts the holiness of God in its proper and central place in the Christian life. He paints an awe-inspiring vision of God that encourages Christian to become holy just as God is holy. Once you encounter the holiness of God, your life will never be the same.” So why would it have so shaped our understanding of worship?



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I think it's because one of our great failings as sinful human beings is that we are prone to make God small and safe. We invent the kind of God who makes us feel good about ourselves. As we discuss worship at this time and in this context, we are surrounded by churches who treat God as if he's a buddy, not as if he's transcendent; they treat him as if he's chill, not as if he's serious; they treat him as if he's interested in our fulfillment, not his glory; they treat him as if he's ambivalent about how he's worshiped, not as if he's been known to strike dead those who worship him wrongly. We are surrounded by churches that are content to manufacture a God who appeals to ignorant Christians or rebellious non-Christians. Their God is small and safe. Actually, when you look closely, you see that their God bears an uncanny resemblance to them.

But the brilliance and the power of Sproul's book is that it shows us a God who is holy, holy, holy. And really, there's nothing the English language offers that can adequately explain what's bound up in that three-fold repetition of "holy." There's no adjective that better expresses it. There's no comparative or superlative that better captures it. God is holy, holy, holy and he both demands and deserves to be worshiped as such. When I look at much of contemporary evangelicalism, I see churches that so obviously do not regard God as holy, not to mention holy, holy, holy. Their small worship proves they worship a small God. They have a worship problem because they first have a holiness problem.

In that way, this book about holiness transforms our worship. It shows God as he really is. And when we see God as he really is, we learn to worship God as he really deserves to be worshiped. A great and holy God simply cannot be worshiped in trite and trifling ways.

# Nigerian pastor who praised God in ransom video beheaded after refusing to deny Christ —by Samuel Smith

A pastor who made headlines earlier this month for praising God in a ransom video has been executed by Boko Haram militants in Nigeria.

International human rights activists have condemned the killing of Rev. Lawan Andimi, the chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria's chapter in the Michika Local Government Area of Adamawa State.

Andimi was declared missing on Jan. 3 following a raid by the Islamic extremist group in Michika. Video posted online appears to show Andimi being forced into a vehicle by his captors.

Days later, Andimi was seen in a video released by his captors calling on fellow Christian leaders and state government officials to secure his release.

Despite the situation, Andimi said in the video that he was not discouraged because "all conditions that one finds himself is in the hand of God."

"By the grace of God, I will be together with my wife and my children and all my colleagues," he said. "If the opportunity has not been granted, maybe it is the will of God."

On Monday, local sources disclosed to ministry partners in the United States that Andimi was murdered.

A source told the U.S.-based nongovernmental organization Save the Persecuted Christians that Andimi's family was notified about the pastor's death by the CAN office in the Adamawa state on Monday.

"They have slaughtered him in Sambisa forest," a source told Save the Persecuted Christians, according to the nonprofit's Executive Director Dede Laugesen. "They murdered him because he refused to renounce his faith. And because they couldn't raise the money for his ransom."

The local source, whose name could not be revealed for security reasons, told Save the Persecuted Christians that Andimi's captors demanded 2 million euros in exchange for his release. However, the underserved church community was only able to raise 2 million nairas (4,969.88 euros).

Nigerian investigative journalist Ahmed Salkida reported in a tweet that Andimi was beheaded Monday afternoon. Salkida wrote that he obtained a video

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of the execution and informed authorities.

CAN spokesperson Bayo Oladeji told the International Centre for Investigative Reporting that the interdenominational umbrella organization plans to release an official statement on Andimi's execution.

“It is pathetic and painful to learn that such a gentleman could be killed like a ram,” Oladeji was quoted as saying.

Andimi was not the only Christian leader reported to have been killed in Adamawa state this week.

Pastor Denis Bagauri of the Lutheran Church of Nigeria, a well-known political advocate for Christians, was reportedly killed by unknown gunmen in his home in the Nassarawo Jereng of Mayobelwa Local Government Area of Adamawa State Sunday night, according to The Daily Post.

Additionally, the Islamic State recently published a new video purporting to show a child soldier killing a Christian man in Nigeria. The child is seen declaring that “[w]e won't stop until we take revenge for all the blood that was spilled.”

That video follows another video released by the extremist faction last month purporting to show the killing of 11 Christian aid workers in Nigeria.

In January, CAN accused President Muhammadu Buhari-led federal government of not doing enough to ensure that Christians abducted by Boko Haram and Islamic State's West Africa Province are freed.

The pastors' killings come as kidnappings and violence carried about by both Boko Haram and ISWAP have increased in recent months.

“The resurgence of both factions of Boko Haram is emblematic of the increasing insecurity in the country, and Nigerian civilians are bearing the brunt of it,” Christian Solidarity Worldwide Chief Executive Mervyn Thomas said in a statement. “In view of the multiplicity of armed nonstate actors currently operating in Nigeria, CSW reiterates that rising levels of insecurity throughout the country constitute a threat to sustainable investment and development.”



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Faith McDonnell, the director of religious liberty programs at the U.S.-based think tank Institute on Religion & Democracy, responded to the news of Andimi's murder by condemning the Nigerian government's inaction.

"It is obvious that the president of Nigeria will do nothing to stop this without pressure from the West," she wrote on Facebook. "We need President Trump to appoint a Special Envoy for Nigeria and the region soon."

Although fewer Christians were killed in Nigeria in 2019, leading nonprofit persecution watchdog group Open Doors USA notes that the decline is due to a change in tactic by Boko Haram to focus more on kidnappings.

"While ISIS may be in retreat in the Middle East, it has found a new and powerful ally in Boko Haram, which is entrenched in northern Nigeria," said Stephen Enada, the director of the International Committee on Nigeria and a co-partner with Save the Persecuted Christians. "Like Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria before it, an unstable Nigeria is becoming the new breeding ground for Islamist terrorists."

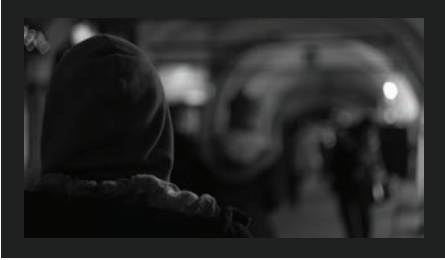
Enada explained that the ripple effect of the extremist violence in Nigeria "may never be captured in simple statistics."

"That's why action is so critical. That, and inaction against these terrorist groups only embolden them to take more extreme actions," Enada said in a statement. "Therefore, [the] appointment of special envoy to Nigeria and Lake Chad region by the president of the United States will send a signal to terrorists and their enablers that their time is up just like it was in the Middle East region."

Nigeria ranks as the 12th-worst country in the world when it comes to Christian persecution, according to Open Doors USA's 2020 World Watch List.

From:

<https://www.christianpost.com/news/nigerian-pastor-who-praised-god-in-ransom-video-beheaded-after-refusing-to-deny-christ.html>



## **Strategies for Fighting Depression Well—by Jim Newheiser**

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



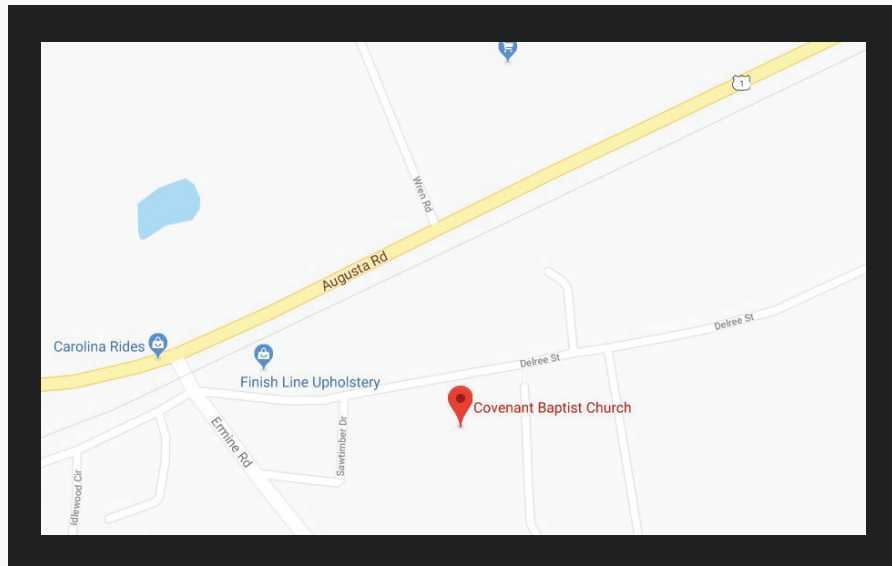
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*If you are interested in joining our church, please speak to one of our elders or deacons.  
They will be happy to give you the information you need.*