



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

April 12th, 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>

Service Times:

Bible Education Hour (Puritans)
~ 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.)*

Order of Worship

(April 12th, 2020)

Service cancelled; live-stream at 9:30 am

<https://covenantbaptistsc.org/live-stream/>

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Church Bookstore:

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

Announcements

We are aware of the situation with the coronavirus and are asking that everyone take the necessary precautions (i.e. wash hands, use hand sanitizer, etc.) and monitor the church website and the texting service for announcements regarding our services. Things can change overnight as we have seen, so there may be a time when we cancel all services. If you have any questions, you can ask any of the elders or deacons. If anyone needs help knowing how to livestream the service, please see one of the elders or deacons. Also, if you need to stay home for health reasons and need anything brought to you, please let us know. We would be glad to serve you in this way.

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A special time of prayer in the overflow room/fellowship area will begin soon, taking place on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM. In an effort to have more prayer and to improve our Wednesday evening service, we are adding a time and place for men and women to pray for general needs. This is modeled after the men and women gathered together for prayer in the upper room in Acts 1. During the Wednesday evening service at 7 PM, we will have 2 or 3 men lead in a more directed prayer for specific topics or needs. Start date to be announced soon.

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The Mission Team for India has postponed their trip to June due to the spread and uncertainty of the coronavirus. Meanwhile, they are still preparing for the upcoming trip. The team will consist of Alton Crapps, Pastor Swann, Luke Swann, Spencer Allen, Andy Shumpert, and Andrew Shumpert. 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. Funds are also needed to provide Telegu bibles. Your prayers and your support are much appreciated.

Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class, April 12—*No Greek class tonight.*

Evangelism Conference, April 5-8:—
CANCELED

Fellowship Meal, April 12—*CANCELED*

Other Events:

Truth: Answers for Women, March 27-28 2020—*(Williamstown, KY)*

DELAYED UNTIL 2021

More at: <https://answersingenesis.org/outreach/event/answers-for-women-2020/>

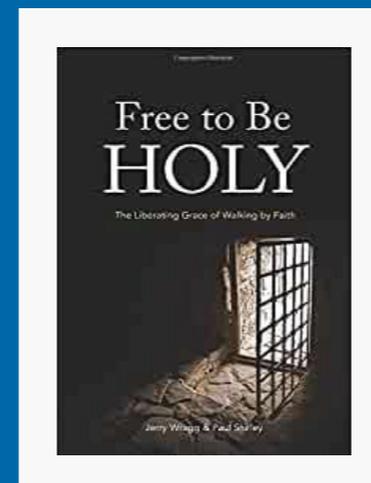
NCFIC Singles Conference—*NCFIC is offering a Singles Conference: Holiness to the Lord October 28-29. More details can be found at: <https://ncfic.org/events/216400/overview>*

Book of the Week: Free to Be Holy, by Jerry Wragg and Paul Shirley

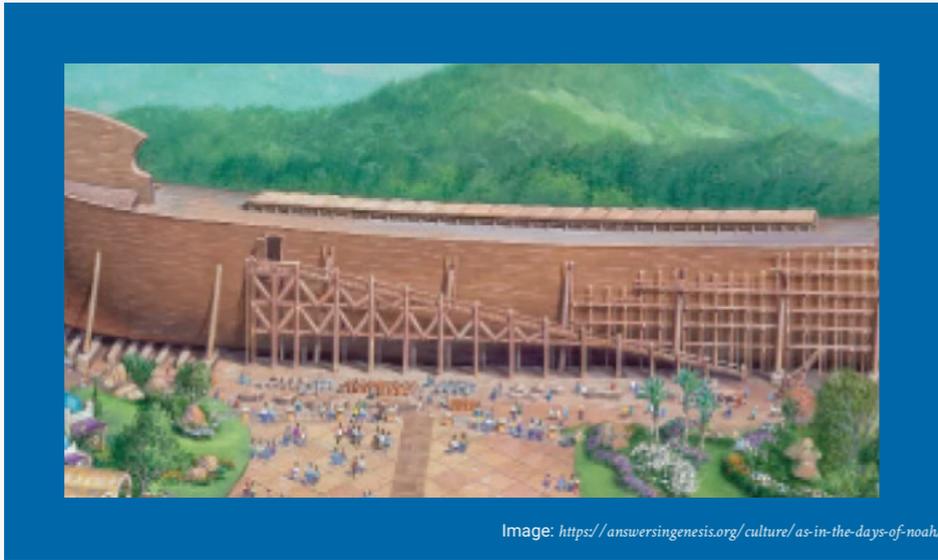
Reformed theology has made a welcome return to the church. With its resurgent emphasis on justification, unfortunately, has come confusion over the biblical pattern of sanctification. Rather than turning to the plain biblical language of faith, humility, and obedience, many are turning inward and measuring genuine love and obedience by their emotional experiences...

Because of grace, we are under obligation to the Word of God and how have resurrection power flowing through our spiritual veins, strengthening every discipline of grace and growing fruit that remains forever. Through faith-filled submission of our will to the Word of God, we “work out [our] salvation” knowing “it is God who is at work in [us], both to will and to work for his good pleasure” (Phil 2:13).

(From back cover)



<https://www.amazon.com/Free-Be-Holy-Liberating-Walking/dp/0578447266>



As in the Days of Noah

—by Ken Ham

Does our wicked generation have any precedent in biblical history? Comparisons with Noah's day are hard to deny. Judgment is coming—of that we can be sure. How should a believer react?

“But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be” (Matthew 24:37).”

Regardless of how one interprets Matthew 24, there's no doubt that Christ referred to the rebellion and judgment in Noah's day, which He compared to mankind's subsequent rebellion and impending judgment. It's a sober warning for any generation to consider.

In the New Testament we read how Noah responded to the evil of his day: “By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith” (Hebrews 11:7).

Noah's faithfulness in building the Ark and his trust in God give us an example of great faith, showing how his obedience to God actually condemned the rest of

the world that had rebelled against their Creator. Noah built the Ark as God commanded, and then by faith he and his family went through the door of the Ark so they could be saved from the watery judgment.

This can be seen as a picture of salvation—just as Noah and his family went through the door, so too we need to go through a “door” to be saved. Jesus said, “I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture” (John 10:9).

As we look at our Western culture today, I believe in many ways what we see reminds us of the days of Noah. “Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (Genesis 6:5).

Think about what we observe today in our Western culture:

- Wickedness is increasing as people become more and more self-centered and walk away from the things of God.
- Evil is spreading in hearts as more and more people abandon the originally created purpose and meaning of marriage and support the abomination of homosexual behavior.
- Millions of human beings are slaughtered in their mothers' wombs—and it is legal. In America alone, since 1973, around 56 million children have been killed by abortion—making Germany's Holocaust pale in comparison.
- People increasingly worship nature rather than the God who created the world. For instance, in Colorado, USA, after an elk was shot early in 2013, people gathered together for a vigil for the elk—even holding hands and singing “Amazing Grace” in a eulogy for it. Yet on the same day in the USA, nearly 4,000 children were murdered in their mothers' wombs—and those at the elk vigil seemed to ignore this.
- We see increasing aggressiveness from the atheists as they mock Christians and try to demonize and marginalize those who adhere to the Christian faith.
- People in churches, including many church leaders, are compromising God's Word in many ways and watering down the teaching of its authority.
- The Bible, prayer, creation, and the Creator God are almost totally eliminated from the government education systems.

More and more legislation protects the teaching of the anti-God religion of evolution/millions of years in schools.

The list goes on and on—truly we are in a time of great wickedness. Thankfully God is longsuffering, as we read in 2 Peter: ““The Lord . . . is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance”” (2 Peter 3:9). But He is not going to stay silent forever. As in the days of Noah, the time will come when God closes the door of salvation and brings judgment to deal with mankind’s rebellion.

Judgment Already

In some ways, God is already judging our Western culture. For instance, Romans 1:24–26 makes it obvious that a sign God is turning a culture over to judgment is open homosexual behavior. We live in a time when the homosexual agenda has become epidemic across our Western nations. God is withdrawing the restraining influence of the Holy Spirit on these rebellious cultures, including the USA.

Romans 1 also tells us that in a culture that is rebelling against God we will see those who actively ““suppress the truth in unrighteousness”” (Romans 1:18) and ““changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things . . . ; who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever”” (Romans 1:23–25).

In fact, Romans 1 increasingly can be seen as a description of our world—a world that is becoming more like Noah’s generation every day.

Our Response

And just as God had Noah build an Ark that warned people of coming judgment and the grace of God in providing an Ark of salvation, we need to warn people of coming judgment (the final judgment by fire) and let them know that God has provided an “Ark” of salvation. (The Lord Jesus Christ is our “Ark” of salvation—He is the “door” through which we go to be saved.)

None of us knows when the return of Christ will be. After all, we are told in God’s Word in the context of this Second Coming and final judgment, ““But, beloved, do

not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us”” (2 Peter 3:8–9).

So there is no time to delay. We need to take advantage of every opportunity to warn people now.

Helpful Coronavirus Articles:

The pastor has requested that these free National Geographic articles be put in the bulletin for the use of the church.

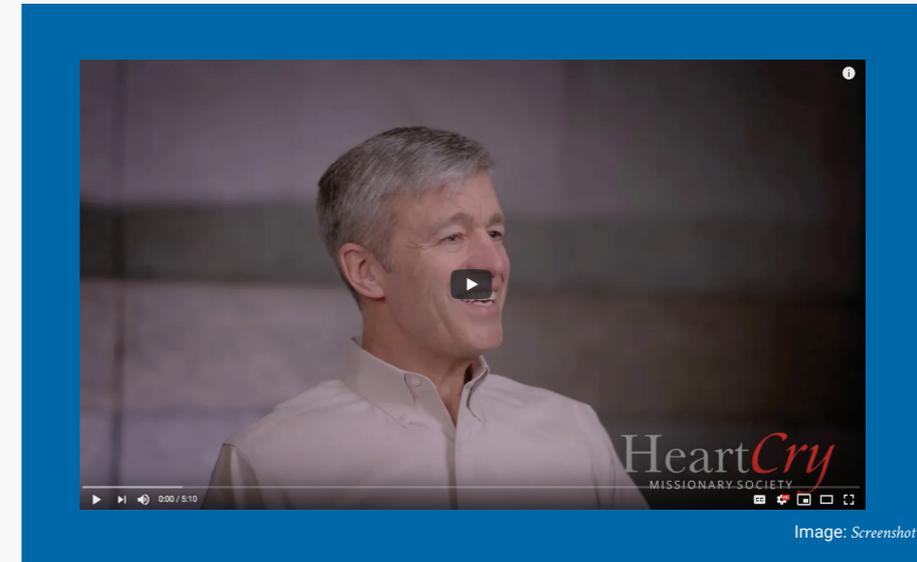
What scientists do and don't know about treating coronavirus: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/2020/03/as-coronavirus-surges-how-hospitals-are-treating-covid-disease/>

How some cities 'flattened the curve' during the 1918 flu pandemic: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/2020/03/how-cities-flattened-curve-1918-spanish-flu-pandemic-coronavirus>

How coronavirus mutations can track its spread—and disprove conspiracies: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/2020/03/how-coronavirus-mutations-can-track-its-spread-and-disprove-conspiracies>

The coronavirus spares most kids. These theories may help explain why: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/2020/03/coronavirus-sparers-most-kids-these-theories-may-help-explain-why>

Coronavirus 101: What you need to know: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/2020/03/covid-overview-coronavirus>



Extra!

Paul Washer: HeartCry's New Missionary Documentaries

Paul Washer details HeartCry's new YouTube channel and the first series of videos to be released: missionary documentaries.

DOCUMENTARY SCHEDULE

Peru | February 24

Nepal | March 17

Finland | May 14

Zambia | June 19

Italy | August 26

Germany (Part 1) | October 31

Germany (Part 2) | November 9

Germany (Part 3) | November 13

HeartCry is a missionary society with one great and overriding passion: that God's Name be great among the nations (Malachi 1:11) and that the Lamb receive the full reward for His suffering (Revelation 7:9-10).

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From: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3-cAwIDDOY>

Other News:

PBS Kids' Clifford the Big Red Dog Introduces LGBT Characters—

<https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/michael-foust/pbs-kids-clifford-the-big-red-dog-introduces-lgbt-characters.html>

Court to hear case of 6-year-old traumatized by teacher insisting

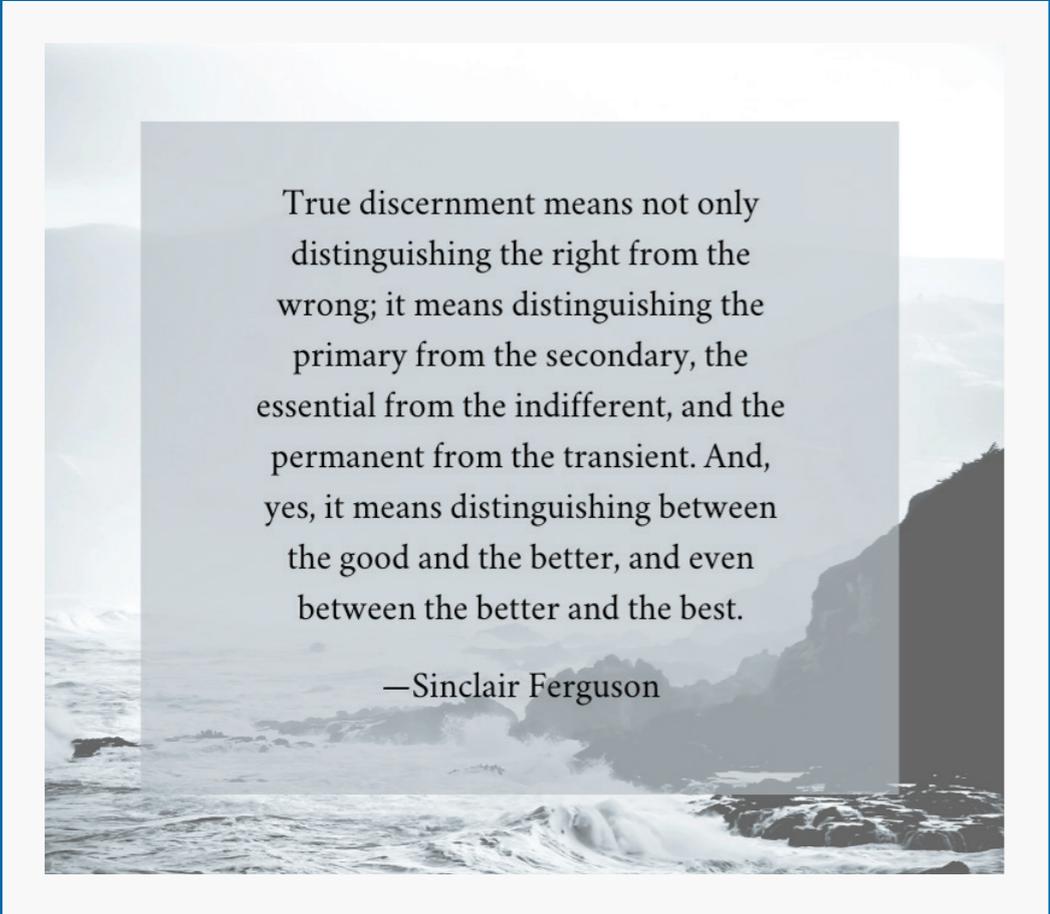
'girls aren't real' — <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/court-to-hear-case-of-6-year-old-traumatized-by-teacher-insisting-girls-arent-real>

Egypt 2020 Conference— <https://heartcrymissionary.com/mission-updates/egypt-2020-conference/>

Speaker Nancy Pelosi Caught Trying to Include Abortion Funding

in Bill to Combat Coronavirus— <https://www.lifenews.com/2020/03/12/speaker-nancy-pelosi-caught-trying-to-include-abortion-funding-in-bill-to-combat-coronavirus>

Quote of the Week:



True discernment means not only distinguishing the right from the wrong; it means distinguishing the primary from the secondary, the essential from the indifferent, and the permanent from the transient. And, yes, it means distinguishing between the good and the better, and even between the better and the best.

—Sinclair Ferguson

Biblical Counseling Resources

Strategies for Fighting Depression Well—by Jim Newheiser

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

Identity Language in Counseling—by Martha Peace

<https://biblicalcounseling.com/identity-language-in-counseling/>

Covenant Baptist Biblical Counseling Class:

A Biblical Counseling class started February 13th at 7 PM here at the church. If you would be interested in participating, please let the pastor know. We are going to livestream the class. Just go to the website at <https://covenantbaptistsc.org> and click the livestream button on home page at 7pm Thursdays.

Biblical counseling class on hold while teacher recovers from surgery. See page 2 for more info.



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Location:



*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.*