



## Covenant Baptist Church

*Reformed and Refreshing*

*July 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>*

## Service Times:

Bible Education Hour (Puritans)  
~ 9:30 A.M.—ON HOLD

Sunday Worship ~ 10:30 A.M.

Wednesday Prayer Service ~ 7:00 P.M.—ON HOLD

*(We are not interested in traditional worship  
or contemporary worship. We are only  
interested in true worship.)*

## Order of Worship

*(July 26th, 2020)*

God of Grace and God of Glory—92

Come, Thou Almighty King—326

Scripture Reading: Psalm 46:1-11

Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross—273

Message:

Hope for Discouraged Hearts

— John 16:16-22

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: He Will Hold Me Fast—388

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### On-Call Deacon List:

- July 26: Waddell
- August 2: Lucas
- August 9: Egan

### Church Cleaning Schedule:

- August 1: Wheat
- August 8: Kyzer (K&R), Bean
- August 15: Allen

### Church Bookstore:

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

## Announcements

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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Free books: One of each for every family and/or single person. We are thankful to provide free of charge “Slave: The Hidden Truth about our Identity in Christ” John MacArthur and “Root and Fruit, Harmonizing Paul and James on Justification” Joel Beeke and Steve Lawson.

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Please pray for the Rockhill church plant. They are meeting for the first time officially today at 4:30pm. Also pray for Mark Corral, who is the elder in training for this plant. If you would like more info, contact any of the elders or elders in training at Covenant.

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Make sure you are receiving “The Word for Today” via text or YouTube channel. This is an in-depth look at one verse at a time, considering the original Greek language and other passages in the Bible. Contact any elder for info.

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In the future, the Lord’s Supper will be conducted in a different way that what we have practiced. We will have more information soon.

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Alton will be holding services at Pine Grove Baptist Church on August 2nd at 6 PM. Pastor Bud Moss invites all of the CBC family to attend also. 235 Pine Grove Rd, Leesville, SC

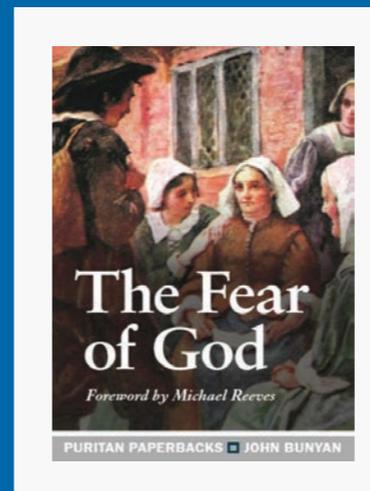
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Ladies (of all ages), there will be a study starting here at the church on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 10 AM, beginning in September. The book we are going through is called “Becoming a Titus 2 Woman” by Martha Peace. There is a sign-up sheet on the kitchen counter. Please also indicate if you would like to purchase the book through the CBC bookstore by August 2. We will be placing a bulk order to save on shipping, and the cost per book will be \$9. You are also welcome to join the study without purchasing the book, but we will be reading ahead and discussing the chapters when we meet. If you have any questions please see Rebecca Egan, Carey Smoak, or Coie Watson.

## Book of the Week: The Fear of God, by John Bunyan

Published the year after his Pilgrim’s Progress, in 1679, Bunyan’s Treatise on the Fear of God takes a widely misunderstood and neglected theme, wipes off the grime of confusion, and lets it sparkle. And sparkle really is the word: where most assume that the fear of God must be the gloomy theological equivalent of eating up your greens, Bunyan shows what a delightful and helpful subject it is.

— *From the Foreword by Michael Reeves*

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/the-correspondence-of-john-owen-1616-1683-owen.html>



## Covenant Baptist Church Events

**Greek Class**—*On hold*

**Biblical Counseling Class**—*On hold*

**Second Sunday Dinner**—*August 9th. Please plan to bring a dish to share and stay for the fellowship. 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.*

## 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>*



## This happened after I offended a Hindu

—by Ray Comfort

One of our elderly neighbors had brought over some lemons. She often did that. I'd witnessed to her very likeable Hindu husband, and he was very open. So, I decided to witness to his wife as we paused for a moment and talked in our driveway. I said, "Hajit, do you think there's an afterlife? What happens when people die?" Suddenly, she looked fearful and began to walk away backwards. It was a disaster, and it broke my heart. I felt as though I had offended a gentle and very sweet elderly woman.

Still, they took my books when I gave them fresh eggs. It was a little discouraging though, because one time I noticed that the books were on the same shelf in their home right where they had put them months before.

One day as I rode my bike, I greeted her and saw the same fear in her eyes. But then I saw something strange. In that one glance, it was as though she was saying, "Please...help me!" The Bible says that every human being is haunted by the fear of death "all their lifetime" (see Hebrews 2:14-15). I was convinced that that day she was crying for help in the face of the impending Grim Reaper, something the Scriptures call "the king of terrors."

So, I immediately wrote a booklet with her in mind, called, "How to be Free from the Fear of Death." It expounded a simple but extremely profound principle. Here it is:

*If you were standing on the edge of a plane, 10,000 feet up, and you had to jump without a parachute, would that be fearful? Of course it would. It would be breathtakingly terrifying. But if I gave you a parachute that you knew for certain would open, would that change things? Of course it would. Radically! Now, instead of hitting the ground at 120 mph on your face, you are going to land at 15 mph on your feet, and because of this you are no longer fearful, because you trust the parachute. The amount of fear you have will be determined by the amount of faith you have in the parachute. If you have 100% faith, that would mean that you have no fear. Your faith actually controls your fear.*

*And so our faith in the Savior dissipates our fear. We can control it. The King of Terrors has been dethroned. I came into this world with nothing, but I will leave with my hand in the hand of Jesus.*

I couldn't wait for the booklet to be printed, and the moment they arrived I grabbed a couple of copies along with some fresh eggs, and left them on their doorstep. That same day Hajit came across to our house and didn't just stand on the doorstep this time. She wanted to come in. She had some gifts, and joyfully told me that she had read the booklet! I'm not exaggerating when I say that when she spoke, she had a sparkle in her eyes.

You may have seen a short video that went viral of a bus driver wiping sweat from his brow, as he spoke of people getting onto his bus and coughing openly. He was angry because of their carelessness. Two days later that dear bus driver was tragically dead of coronavirus.

I'm sure that video added to our fears. People are justifiably scared. And perhaps for the first time in their busy lives, millions are seriously thinking about their own death.

*I believe that this booklet is written for such a time as this.* Even before this pandemic, it began to go off our shelves like no other publication we've ever produced.

At the same time, those of us who care about the lost have a dilemma. How do we get people to take a booklet when we can't even approach them? You do what I did. You leave it on your neighbor's doorstep.

One of the most delightful videos I have ever seen was recently sent to me by a friend. It was only about 30 seconds long, and it showed him and his wonderful family running through a Southern California neighborhood at 7 am, leaving coronavirus tracts on doorsteps. They gave out 200 that morning. It was so encouraging to see.

However, we discontinued the tract that they were giving out. This is because we believe “How to be Free from the Fear of Death” is so much better, because it addresses the felt-need of literally millions. It scratches exactly where they itch.

And one significant benefit of it being a booklet (as opposed to a single lightweight tract, such as the Million Dollar Bill tract) is that it is 20 pages and has weight. That means it won't be blown away by the wind if you leave it on a doorstep or tuck it into a screen door.

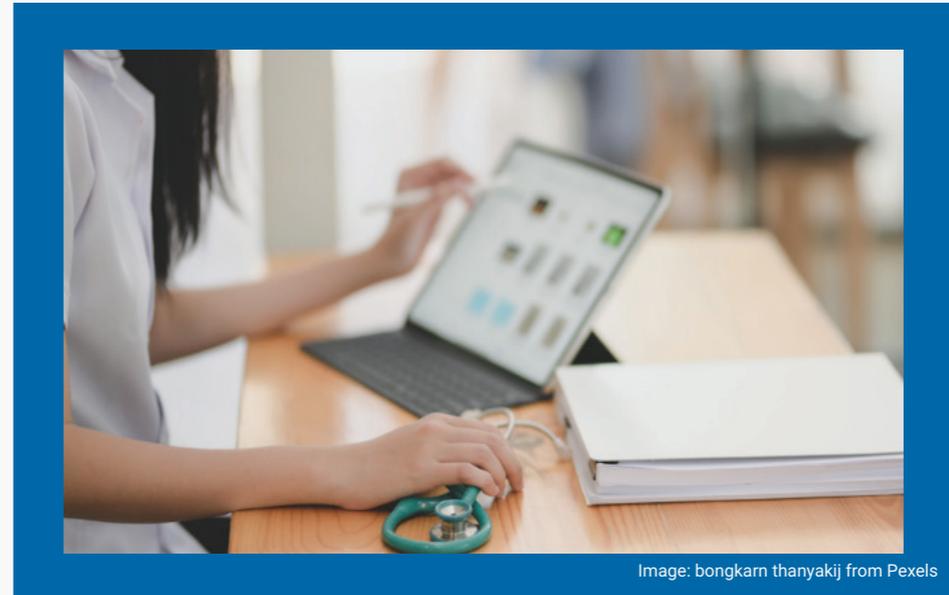
May you prayerfully consider getting this booklet and leaving it on doorsteps in your neighborhood. The fields are truly ripe.

You can read and purchase this booklet on our website ([store.livingwaters.com/how-to-be-free-from-the-fear-of-death.html](http://store.livingwaters.com/how-to-be-free-from-the-fear-of-death.html)).

Also read: [My thoughts about Congregational Worship, Social Distancing, Submission to Caesar, and Obedience to God](http://teampyro.blogspot.com/2020/07/my-thoughts-about-congregational.html), by Phil Johnson

<http://teampyro.blogspot.com/2020/07/my-thoughts-about-congregational.html>

From: <https://www.christianpost.com/voices/this-happened-after-i-offended-a-hindu.html>



## Telemedicine Abortion Gets Green Light From Federal Court

—by Elizabeth Nolan Brown

Judge frees abortion pill from doctor visits (for now). A federal court ruled Monday that women seeking abortion pills during the COVID-19 pandemic should not have to visit a doctor in order to obtain them.

Under current rules set by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), non-surgical abortion— i.e., the kind that's induced by pharmaceuticals, not physicians—still requires patients to visit a hospital, doctor's office, or medical clinic to be prescribed the abortion drugs, even though a patient will go through the process at home.

“A medical or medication abortion uses two drugs to terminate a pregnancy,” explains a new report, “Prescription Denied: Accessing the Abortion Pill,” from Newsy. The first of these pills, mifepristone, “blocks a hormone to induce the abortion. The second drug, misoprostol, completes it by expelling the pregnancy. But mifepristone, which for medication abortion goes by the brand name Mifeprex, is among the most restricted drugs in the U.S. which makes it challenging to get. ... the Food and Drug Administration imposes tighter restrictions on Mifeprex than on opioids such as fentanyl.”

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), the National Women's Health Network (NWHN), and other groups have been pushing the FDA to revise its rules so that abortion patients can see doctors via telemedical appointments and then receive their pills in the mail.

"If the laws and regulations that determine the terms of abortion access in the United States were based on science—not politics—medication abortion would be widely available in the United States without medically unnecessary restrictions on distribution," states an open letter signed by a range of physicians and health and advocacy groups.

On Monday, U.S. District Judge Theodore Chuang seemed to be in agreement with these advocates and doctors, writing in his decision that "in-person requirements" for abortion pills present a "substantial obstacle" to patients and are likely unconstitutional.

The judge issued a preliminary injunction blocking enforcement of the FDA's rules on mifepristone for abortions until at least 30 days after the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declares an end to our current public health emergency.

"We look forward to a day when federal reproductive health care policy is grounded in science, not animus, and this medically baseless requirement is lifted once and for all," said Julia Kaye, a staff attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union's (ACLU) Reproductive Freedom Project, in a statement.

The lawsuit challenging the FDA's rules on abortion drugs was filed by the ACLU on behalf of the AGOC and other groups. ("In addition to the case decided today, the ACLU has another case challenging a broader range of FDA restrictions on medication abortion care that was filed prior to the COVID-19 pandemic," the organization noted in a press release yesterday. "More information on that challenge can be found here.")

The Monday ruling "represents a victory for patients, who should not have to face the additional burden of increased COVID-19 exposure as a condition of receiving their prescribed mifepristone," said ACOG President Eva Chalas in a statement. "It also represents a victory for the dedicated clinicians who are working to provide needed care without unnecessary exposure of patients, their families and the members of the healthcare team, to the novel coronavirus."

You can read the full decision here (<https://www.scribd.com/document/469113529/2020-07-13-memorandum-dckt-90-0-1>).

"The states of Indiana, Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma had asked to intervene in the lawsuit," arguing "that the case could impact how they enforce their own state laws that relate to or reference the FDA's regulation of mifepristone," notes the Associated Press. But "Chuang rejected their request last month. The judge said the federal case would not eliminate any state's ability to continue to regulate abortion medication 'above and beyond' the FDA's requirements."

In other abortion-related rulings released yesterday, a federal court has declared Georgia's "heartbeat law" unconstitutional. The law, passed last year, banned abortion at the point that any fetal cardiac activity could be detected, which occurs just a few weeks into pregnancy.

## Other News:

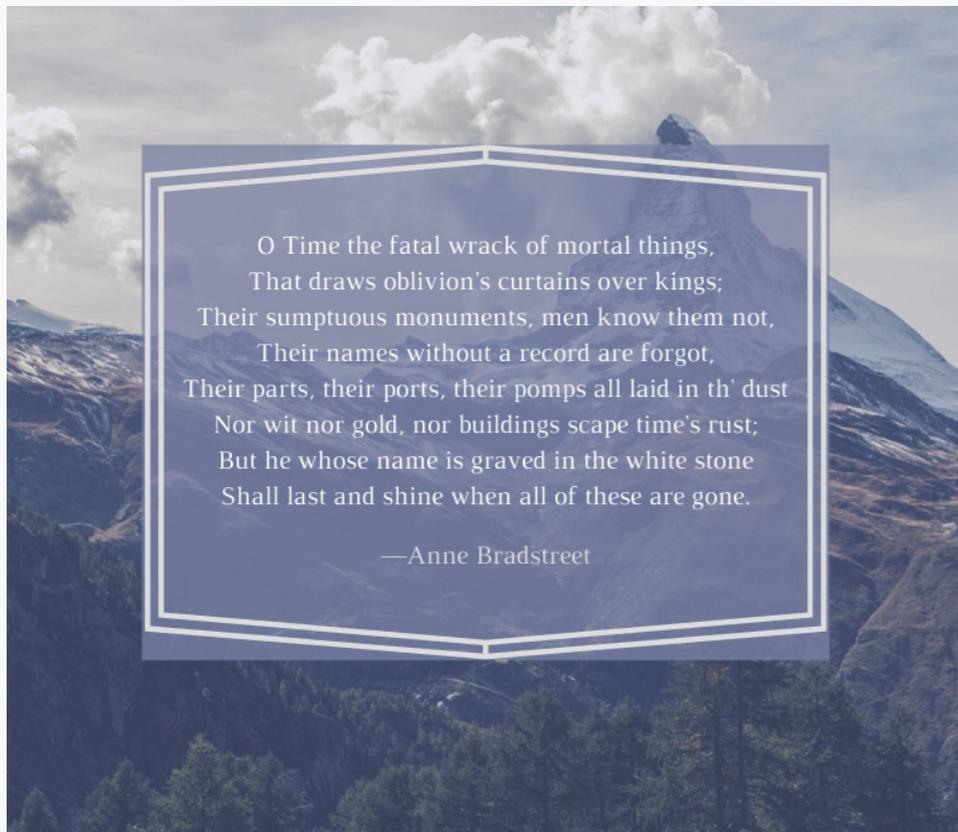
**All COVID-19 vaccines to be made with aborted human fetal cells—**  
<https://www.naturalnews.com/2020-06-25-all-covid-19-vaccines-aborted-human-fetal-cells.html>

**House Dem claims religious liberty is a 'bogus term,' 'pretext for discrimination'—**  
<https://www.foxnews.com/media/maloney-religious-liberty-bogus>

**'Horror Show': Watchdog Reveals FDA Paid for 'Fresh Human Fetal Parts' for 'Humanized Mice' Experiments—**  
<https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/2020/june/horror-show-watchdog-reveals-fda-paid-for-fresh-human-fetal-parts-for-humanized-mice-experiments>

**List of 269 companies supporting Antifa, Black Lives Matter, the lines have been drawn—**  
<https://www.naturalnews.com/2020-06-25-269-companies-supporting-antifa-black-lives-matter.html>

## Quote of the Week:



## 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/>

**The Pursuit of Peace—by Sam Stephens**  
<https://biblicalcounseling.com/the-pursuit-of-peace/>

**Defeating Despair—by Tim Pasma**  
<https://biblicalcounseling.com/defeating-despair/>

**Gracious Words Amid Sword Thrusts—by Jim Koerber**  
<https://biblicalcounseling.com/gracious-words-amid-sword-thrusts/>

**You Can Please God—by Kyle Gangel**  
<https://biblicalcounseling.com/you-can-please-god/>

### 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.**



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*West Columbia, SC 29170*

*<https://covenantbaptistsc.org>*

## 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.*