



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

August 9th, 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

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Be Thou My Vision —176

Scripture Reading: Psalm 111:1-10

Praise Him, Praise Him—94

The Power of the Cross—272

Message:

The Purpose of the Life and Death of Christ:
The Glory of God
—John 17:1-5

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: There Is a Redeemer—201

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On-Call Deacon List:

- August 9: Egan
- August 16: Rogers
- August 23: Campbell

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- August 15: Allen
- August 22: Crapps/McSween
- August 29: Lucas/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

Ladies (of all ages), a study is starting here at the church on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10-11 AM, beginning in September and lasting through January. 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 today. 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.

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The Lord’s Supper will be observed the next Lord’s Day August 16th. There will be tables set up in the Foyer of the church with the bread and juice. Please pick these up as you come into the church. We will observe the Lord’s Supper first in our order of worship. Please remember that the Lord’s Supper is for believers in Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you have not confessed and repented of sin in your life as a Christian, please do not partake of the Lord’s Supper. Children should be supervised by their parents with regard to where they are their salvation and walk with Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:23-32)

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We are planning on having our Conference from “Gospel of God Ministries” on evangelism in the fall. Date to be announced soon. Please be in prayer for this.

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Our mortgage balance is \$273,530.85 and we are planning on paying a large sum on the principle soon. If you would like to help pay on the principle with a special gift, please indicate on your check or envelope.

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The church elders, after studying and praying over the matter for several years, have decided to open an orphanage in Guntur, India. It will be near the church that we, thru the Mission Team, started 2 years ago named after our own church here, Covenant Baptist Church. Pastor Prabhu and his wife, Leena, will head it up. It will take about \$3230 to get it started. This will include rent for the house, food to stock the kitchen, electricity, 10 bunk beds with mattresses, boys clothing, and a kitchen stove. For a more detailed list or if you have any questions, please see Elder Alton Crapps. Remember this: thru this effort we can get these children off the streets and into a house where they can learn about Jesus and be fed meals from a table instead of from a trash pile. (Matthew 19:14) If you would like to participate in this church project, just earmark checks or envelopes ‘India Orphanage.’ We are still praying about a name for it. There will be at least 2 other churches, both already helping with the Mission Team work, that plan to help with this orphanage also. Please pray with us. It will come to only \$41 per child per month to take these children off the street, out of the trash dumps, and put them in a home, a bed, and into church. We plan to start with these 20 boys, and with God’s blessings and His will, we hope to get another house for a separate 20 girls off the street. Again, please pray as we seek God’s will and His strength.

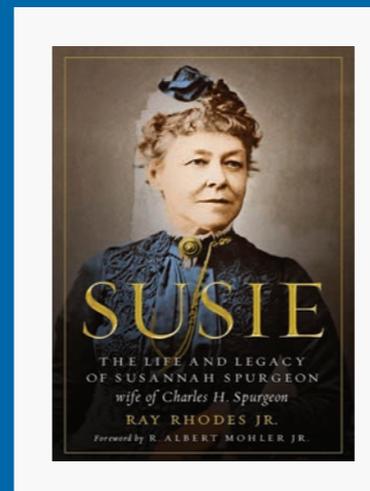
Book of the Week: Susie: The Life and Legacy of Susannah Spurgeon by Ray Rhodes

While many Christians recognize the name of Charles H. Spurgeon, the beloved preacher and writer, few are familiar with the life and legacy of his wife, Susie. Yet Susannah Spurgeon was an accomplished and devout woman of God who had a tremendous ministry in her own right, as well as in support of her husband. Even while dealing with serious health issues, she administered a book fund for poor pastors, edited and published her husband’s sermons and other writings, led a pastor’s aid ministry, wrote five books, made her home a hub of hospitality, and was instrumental in planting a church. And as her own writing attests, she was also a warm, charming, and fascinating woman.

...Susie is an inspiring and encouraging account of a truly remarkable woman of faith that will delight Spurgeon devotees and fans of Christian biographies alike.

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/susie-the-life-and-legacy-of-susannah-spurgeon-rhodes.html>

Also available in church bookstore.



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>*



Four Temptations on Social Media

—by Trillia Newbell

We live in an age when screens compete for our attention from the minute we wake up. Updates abound, feeds fill up with news, and information is always at the tips of our fingers.

Since joining the array of voices on the Internet, I have watched controversy after controversy unfold over opinions, news stories, and rumors, some of which have resulted in full-on character assaults. This isn't something happening out there in the world; it's also happening within Christian spheres. We, however, have an opportunity to be light in a world marred by confusion and division. Yes, we too are divided, but we know the end of the story and can begin to work toward that end—toward unity and peace.

So, how do we share our opinions, convictions, passions, and differing opinions and still maintain brotherly love and affection? We start by naming the problems and then praying for gospel solutions. Here are four problems in our struggle with Internet controversy in the Christian life.

Our Passions Wage War

We often quarrel because we want something we don't have. Perhaps we want others to view us as right and wise. Or we want to change others' opinions . . . so we fight. Or we want someone to take action . . . so we threaten. James addresses this tendency with a rhetorical question: "What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?" (James 4:1). Passions can cause us to react, and—as is common on social media—passionate reactions far removed from the matter under discussion often lead to sin.

Controversies Involve Real People

Because online discussion doesn't involve our physical presence, it is easy to forget the human aspect of the Internet. In other words, we forget there is a person behind that blog entry, article, or social media post. That person is made in the image of God, regardless of his standing before God. As Christians, we have a responsibility to love that person (Luke 6:27–36). That doesn't mean we have to agree with him, but the way we respond will reveal whether we uphold his God-given dignity.

What makes this difficult is that we often don't want to love the individual on the other side of the Internet discussion. Remember, our passions are waging war. But God's Word is clear: we are called to love. Did Jesus really say, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matt. 5:44)? That blogger you disagree with, the one who holds an opinion that is dramatically different from yours and who mentioned you by name in a disparaging way—yes, even that person is to be loved.

Do you view the person behind the screen as a person made in the image of God? Is it easier to share in a tone that is rash, harsh, or unkind because the other person is far off? Love isn't an option for the Christian—it's a command (Matt. 22:39). And this is true even when the other person is interacting with us digitally.

Many Words

Studies have shown that people can speak an average of twenty thousand words per day. That's a lot of words. But with the advent of social media, the number of words we take in and send out are likely only increasing.

When many of these words give rise to warring passions around volatile topics, they can lead us to sin. As Solomon noted, “When words are many, transgression is not lacking.”

Fortunately, he continues, “Whoever restrains his lips is prudent” (Prov. 10:19). We must be prudent and aware that when we share our many words on the Internet, there’s a possibility that sin is present. This should help us pause and move us to measure and ask questions about our words: Is our opinion needed? Is what we are sharing helpful? Does our post/tweet/update build up or tear down? Busybodies

The final thing I’ll address is the way social media tempts us to be busybodies and gossips. The Internet makes this incredibly easy. I’m constantly aware of things I would not be aware of if it weren’t for Facebook or Twitter. As Christians, we must ask questions about what we are reading—namely, does it pertain to us and the mission to which God has called us? If not, we are idlers, gossips, and busybodies when we engage with such topics and controversies (1 Tim. 5:13). Don’t let the controversy of the day distract you from the great mission of the church—to share the gospel and make disciples of all nations.

A Fresh Start

Perhaps you realize that you’ve failed miserably in your online interaction. Please know that you’re not alone, for most of us engaged with social media have made the mistakes above. I know I have.

The good news for you and me is that Jesus forgives and purifies (1 John 1:9). Yesterday’s mistake doesn’t have to be today’s. The grace available to us through our Lord applies to our online sin just as much as it does to our offline sin. We can repent and be forgiven, and—whether face-to-face with others or interacting on social media—we can live for the glory of the Lord.

Editor’s Note: This post was first published on January 26, 2018.



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L.A. Threatens John MacArthur And His Church With Fines, Arrest For Holding Services

—by Elle Reynolds

The city of Los Angeles has issued a cease-and-desist letter to Grace Community Church and its pastor, John MacArthur, for continuing indoor worship services, threatening a daily \$1000 fine or MacArthur’s arrest, according to a press release the church’s legal counsel released on Wednesday.

“The state has absolutely no power to impose the restrictions it is demanding,” said Jenna Ellis, one of the attorneys representing the church. “This is not about health and safety, it is about targeting churches.”

On July 13, California Gov. Gavin Newsom ordered churches in 30 counties including Los Angeles County, where MacArthur’s church is located, to stop all indoor services indefinitely. In response, MacArthur and his church continued meeting and issued a public statement declaring their freedom to worship.

“It has never been the prerogative of civil government to order, modify, forbid, or mandate worship,” said MacArthur and the church’s elder board in their statement. “Freedom of worship is a command of God, not a privilege granted by the state.”

Now, the city of Los Angeles is punishing the church for its decision to continue gathering. In addition to fines and threats of arrest, Mayor Eric Garcetti has shown

himself willing to use other tactics to keep residents from breaking shutdown orders. Back in April, he warned that he'd given the Department of Water and Power permission to shut off utilities for nonessential businesses that were operating in defiance of restrictions.

On its legal defense team, Grace Community Church is represented by Thomas More Society lawyer Charles LiMandri, as well as Jenna Ellis, who also serves as private legal counsel to President Trump and senior legal advisor to the Trump 2020 campaign.

“It is unconstitutional for Governor Newsom and the State of California to discriminate against churches by treating them less favorably than other organizations and activities that are not protected by the First Amendment,” LiMandri said.

Also Read: Not Forsaking the Assembling
of Ourselves Together,
by Phil Johnson

<http://teampyro.blogspot.com/2020/08/not-forsaking-assembling-of-ourselves.html>

Other News:

Biden, at Muslim voters summit, says 'I wish we taught more in our schools about the Islamic faith'— <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/biden-muslim-voters-summit-taught-schools-islamic-faith>

Telemedicine Abortion Gets Green Light From Federal Court— <https://reason.com/2020/07/14/telemedicine-abortion-gets-green-light-from-federal-court/>

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>

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/>

Crafting Temptation and Repentance Plans to Help Addicts—by Keith Palmer
<https://biblicalcounseling.com/crafting-temptation-and-repentance-plans-to-help-addicts/>

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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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.*