



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

August 16th, 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 ~ 6:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M.
—RESUMING SEPT.2 (See p. 2 for more info)

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

Order of Worship

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All Creatures of Our God and King —11

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:3-23

I'd Rather Have Jesus—379

Speak, O Lord—368

Message:

The Purpose of the Life and Death of Christ, Part 2:
The Glory of God
—John 17:1-5

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: Oh, How He Loves You and Me—157

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On-Call Deacon List:

- August 16: Rogers
- August 23: Campbell
- August 30: Shumpert

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- August 22: Crapps/McSween
- August 29: Lucas/Waddell
- September 5: Bristol

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 will be starting our Wednesday night services on September 2 with some changes. From 6-6:45PM there will be general prayer only. All are welcome to come and pray. General needs and requests will be made at that time and prayed for. At 7 PM we will have our worship service with 2 or 3 specific prayers offered and our study in Romans resuming.

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

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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. If you have any questions please see Rebecca Egan, Carey Smoak, or Coie Watson.

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Please pray for the Rock Hill church plant and 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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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.

Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class—*On hold*

Biblical Counseling Class—*On hold*

Second Sunday Dinner—*September 13th.*
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/>

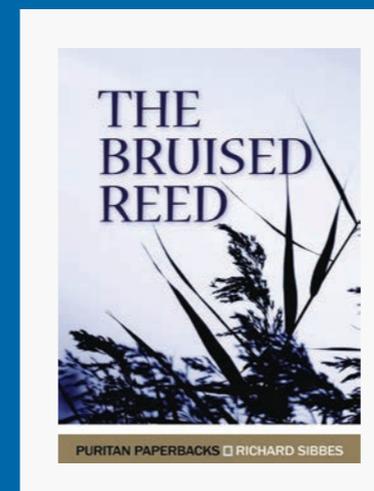
NCFIC Singles Conference—*NCFIC is offering a Singles Conference: Holiness to the Lord October 28-29. More details can be found at: <https://ncfic.org/events/216400/overview>*

Book of the Week: The Bruised Reed, by Richard Sibbes

Richard Sibbes (1577-1635), one of the most influential figures in the Puritan movement during the earlier years of the seventeenth century, was renowned for the rich quality of his ministry. The Bruised Reed shows why he was known among his contemporaries as ‘the sweet dropper’.

The Bruised Reed is now issued for the first time in a smaller format in the Puritan Paperbacks series. Some of the language and punctuation have been modernized to make the work more accessible.

<https://banneroftruth.org/us/store/christian-living/the-bruised-reed/>





Gracious, Seasoned Discourse

—by David F. Coffin, Jr.

Paul’s closing exhortation to the believers at Colossae, the culmination of a series of staccato instructions, begins with a comprehensive introduction: “Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus . . .” (Col. 3:17). With this end in view, Paul speaks to wives, husbands, children, fathers, bondservants, and masters. He then urges believers to be steadfast in discerning, thankful prayer—particularly for him, that he would have a fruitful preaching ministry.

Paul concludes the whole in Colossians 4:6: “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.” To understand his instruction, we should first ask, Is there any significance to this final placement? Paul does, on occasion, make a summary statement of the important themes in a letter at the conclusion. Could that be the case here?

Yes, I think it is. Consider Colossians 1:9–10. Paul has in view the walk of believers, in wisdom, in a manner worthy of the Lord, bearing fruit in every good work. In the central portion of the letter, Paul returns to this theme, now referring to their former walk in unbelief. That way of life was characterized not by wisdom and gracious speech but by “anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk” and

lies (3:7). Now, by God’s grace, they have been renewed, putting off the old, and putting “on the new self, which is being renewed after the image of its creator” (vv. 8–10). A significant element in this renewal is the focus of the closing exhortation.

For Paul, the image of walking refers to one’s whole manner of life. That manner of life must reflect wisdom—the God-given ability to choose the best practical means to achieve the best possible ends. In our text, the wisdom belonging to the whole of the Christian walk is emphasized as especially needful with respect to unbelievers. Paul speaks of them as “outsiders” (4:5). But note that though they are outsiders, and their views must not be embraced (2:8, 18–19), Paul’s instructions clearly imply that believers are to be in regular contact with such folk, finding in such relationships an opportunity for wholesome conversation that is not to be lost. Thus, “making the best use of the time” (4:5), they are to take full advantage of every opportunity to speak to outsiders graciously.

Although some very able expositors suppose this speech to be specifically witnessing to the gospel, such a construction improperly narrows Paul’s view. Such interpreters often note that the same word that Paul uses immediately before our text for his preaching of the gospel (*logos*) is also used to refer to the believer’s speech in verse 6. However, Paul regularly uses *logos* for common speech (more frequently, in fact, than for gospel preaching), and sometimes he uses it for wicked speech (e.g., 1 Cor. 4:19; Eph. 4:29; 5:6). Here, Paul has in view the believer’s conversation on any matter, on any occasion, whereby the gracious character of their speech might bear witness to their gracious Savior. Douglas Moo rightly concludes:

Extra-biblical parallels where we find the same cluster of words that Paul uses here . . . refer to human speech in general. . . . Paul is exhorting Christians to exhibit in all their speech (whether casual conversation or overt gospel witness) a gracious and attractive tone.

John Calvin offers three reasons for Paul’s concern. First, because “unbelievers are driven from bad to worse” through the wounding speech of thoughtless believers. Second, because unwise speech gives an apparently just occasion for unbelievers to deride the name of Christ. In such circumstances, persecution against believers may be stirred up. Finally, because unwise speech is in fact a common characteristic of unbelief, and thus when believers fall into such patterns, they “by little and little become profane.”

Gracious speech, on the other hand, witnesses to Jesus because that was preeminently His way of speaking (Luke 4:22). Believers, being renewed according to His

image, thus take on the same heavenly accent of speech “seasoned with salt” (Col. 4:6). Calvin urges that such speech is alluring to the hearer because it is plainly profitable. That is to say, it is not enough that wicked speech be avoided; worthless speech is forbidden also. The only gracious, savory speech is that which builds up.

Finally, Paul shows how gracious, savory speech is to have an other-orientation that grants dignity and significance to these outsiders—“that you may know how you ought to answer each person” (4:6). Paul calls believers to address each unbeliever according to his own unique qualities. Calvin notes that for Paul, “true prudence [is] to know how to discriminate as to individuals, in speaking to one and to another, as there may be occasion.”



Members of Congress push for U.S. to fund global abortions for ‘Black and brown’ women

—by *Cassy Fiano-Chesser*

Following repeated attempts to do away with the Hyde Amendment, some members of Congress are now taking aim at the pro-life Helms Amendment, which bans foreign assistance from paying for abortions.

According to Politico, a group of Democrats led by Illinois Representative Jan Schakowsky have introduced the first ever bill to overturn the Helms Amendment. The amendment was added to the 1961 Foreign Assistance Act after the passage of *Roe v. Wade*, and stipulates that “no foreign assistance funds may be used to pay for the performance of abortion as a method of family planning or to motivate or coerce any person to practice abortions.” This, according to abortion advocates, is racism and white supremacy in action.

Schakowsky made some jaw-dropping claims in her press release announcing the bill:

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In other words, Schakowsky believes it is “racist” not to spend U.S. taxpayer dollars to ensure that more “Black and brown” babies are aborted in other countries.

The representatives who joined Schakowsky in introducing the bill likewise slammed the Helms Amendment in the press release; Rep. Nita Lowey called it “shameful,” while Rep. Barbara Lee called it “dangerous and discriminatory.” Rep. Jackie Speier added, “These people would rather see women die from botched and unsafe procedures than provide basic health care to avoid 25 million unsafe abortions worldwide that lead to millions of injuries and at least 22,800 preventable maternal deaths. Where is the humanity, or even the logic, in this policy?”

Schakowsky’s bill is, in propagandized fashion, titled the “Abortion is Health Care Everywhere Act of 2020.” Abortion—which directly and intentionally takes the life of a human being in the womb—is not health care, and it is never medically necessary.

While these members of Congress claim that denying abortion and birth control to women in developing countries is racist—pretending abortion is something these women want and need—in reality, it is this very behavior that is dangerous and discriminatory. Publicly arguing that Black, Hispanic, and Asian women in developing countries specifically not only need abortion, but need it to be funded by wealthy developed nations is—as described by Obianuju Ekeocha, an African biomedical scientist—another form of Western ideological colonization.

Americans should not be forced to fund abortions against their will, yet Congressional abortion supporters continue to ignore the will of the people they claim to represent, and show their loyalty is, above all, to the abortion industry.

Also Read:

Abortion doctor admits sold baby parts often came from babies born alive

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/abortion-doctor-admits-sold-baby-parts-often-came-from-babies-born-alive>

Parents: Some content not appropriate for children.

Other News:

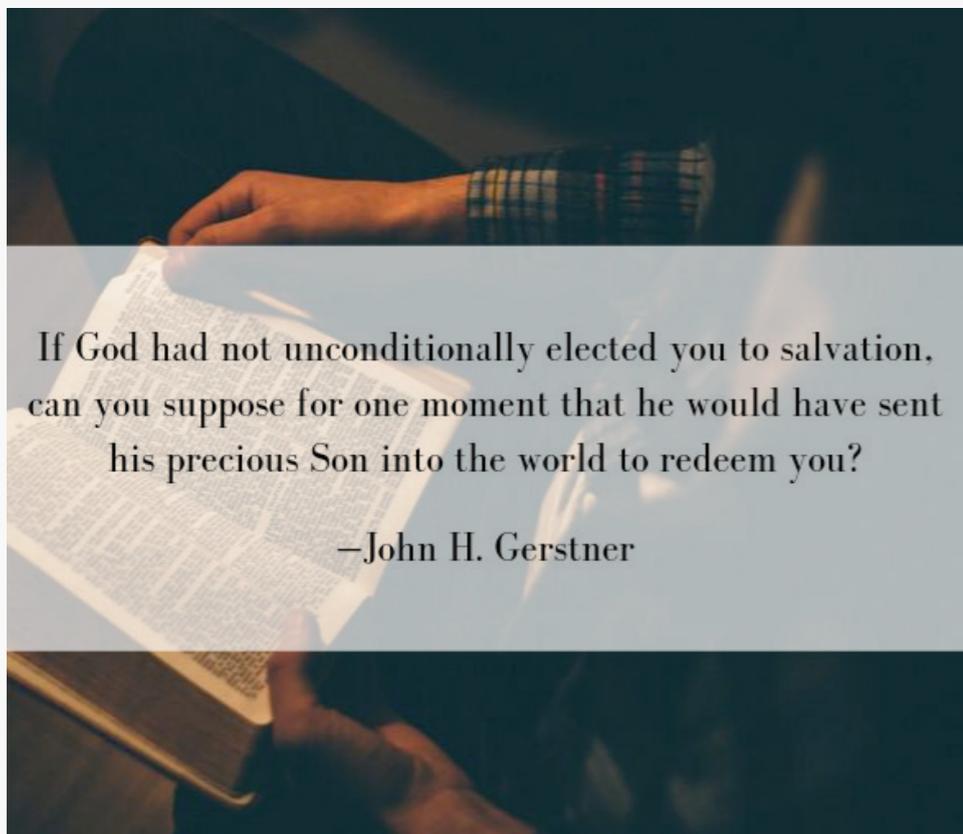
L.A. Threatens John MacArthur And His Church With Fines, Arrest For Holding Services— <https://thefederalist.com/2020/08/05/l-a-threatens-john-macarthur-and-his-church-with-fines-arrest-for-holding-services/>

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>

Quote of the Week:



If God had not unconditionally elected you to salvation, can you suppose for one moment that he would have sent his precious Son into the world to redeem you?

—John H. Gerstner

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.*