



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

September 6th, 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.
The Puritans—Alton Crapps/Sanctuary
Biblical Theology by John MacArthur
—Chris Olds/Fellowship Room

Sunday Worship ~ 10:30 A.M.

Wednesday Prayer Service ~ 6:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M.
(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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My Savior's Love—105

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:1-25

Wonderful, Merciful Savior —162

Lamb of God—265

Message:

The Purpose of the Life and Death of Christ Part 5:
The Completed Work of Christ
—John 17:1-5

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: Amazing Grace—89

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On-Call Deacon List:

- September 6: Wesley Smoak
- September 13: Daryl Kyzer
- September 20: Chris Waddell

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- September 12: Shumpert/Smoak
- September 19: Egan/Fudge
- September 26: Olds/Shealy

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 started back with our BE hour today at 9:30. “The Puritans” led by Alton Crapps in the Sanctuary. “Biblical Theology,” a study through Bible doctrine using the book produced by The Masters Seminary and John MacArthur. Chris Olds will be teaching. Also, our Wednesday night services have resumed. We have a special prayer time from 6pm to 6:45 for all to participate in the fellowship area. Requests and prayer can be made at this time for anything. The worship service starts at 7 PM. It includes 2 or 3 specific prayers led by men in our church and proceeds with hymns and a message in our study through Romans.

Our fall conference will be Oct 25-28th with Tommy Waltz from Gospel of God ministries. The topic is on evangelism.

Time to clean out those closets! We are having a churchwide swap Saturday, September 26th from 9am-1pm. Please bring your clean, gently used clothing & shoes (adult & children sizes), hand bags & accessories, toys, homeschool materials, and household goods to swap for free with our church family. You may drop off your items Monday, September 21 through Friday, September 25 from 2-4 pm. Please contact Kerri Olds at 843-819-5080 with any questions. Please come the day of to get items you could use even if you did not have anything to contribute. Last year we hauled off a large amount of unclaimed items!

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. If you ordered a book and need to pick it up or pay, you can do so with Rebecca or Coie.

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. Pastor Prabhu and his wife, Leena, will head it up. It will take about \$3230 to get it started and then about \$41 per child, per month. 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.’

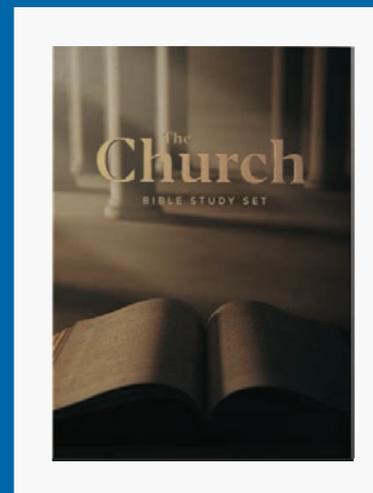
Book of the Week: The Church Bible Study Set

The documentary, book, and video lessons are designed to help you learn about the true nature of the church and how it is intended to function. The more we understand this, the more we will love the church. The more we learn how the church aids our faith and brings glory to God, the more we will thank God for the church.

FEATURING: Gregg Allison, Voddie Baucham, Josh Buice, Mark Dever, Salvador Gomez, Jeffrey Johnson, Steven Lawson, Robert Letham, Anthony Mathenia, Tom Nettles, Michael Reeves, John Snyder, Owen Strachan, Sam Waldron, Jeremy Walker, and Paul Washer.

Pre-order your set today. Estimated shipping and digital access date: October 1, 2020.

<https://shop.mediagratiae.org/products/the-church?variant=34713462112390>



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.

Planned Parenthood Gospel Outreach—

Tuesday, Sept. 8th and Saturday, Sept. 12th

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>*

Please, Stop With the 6% Story

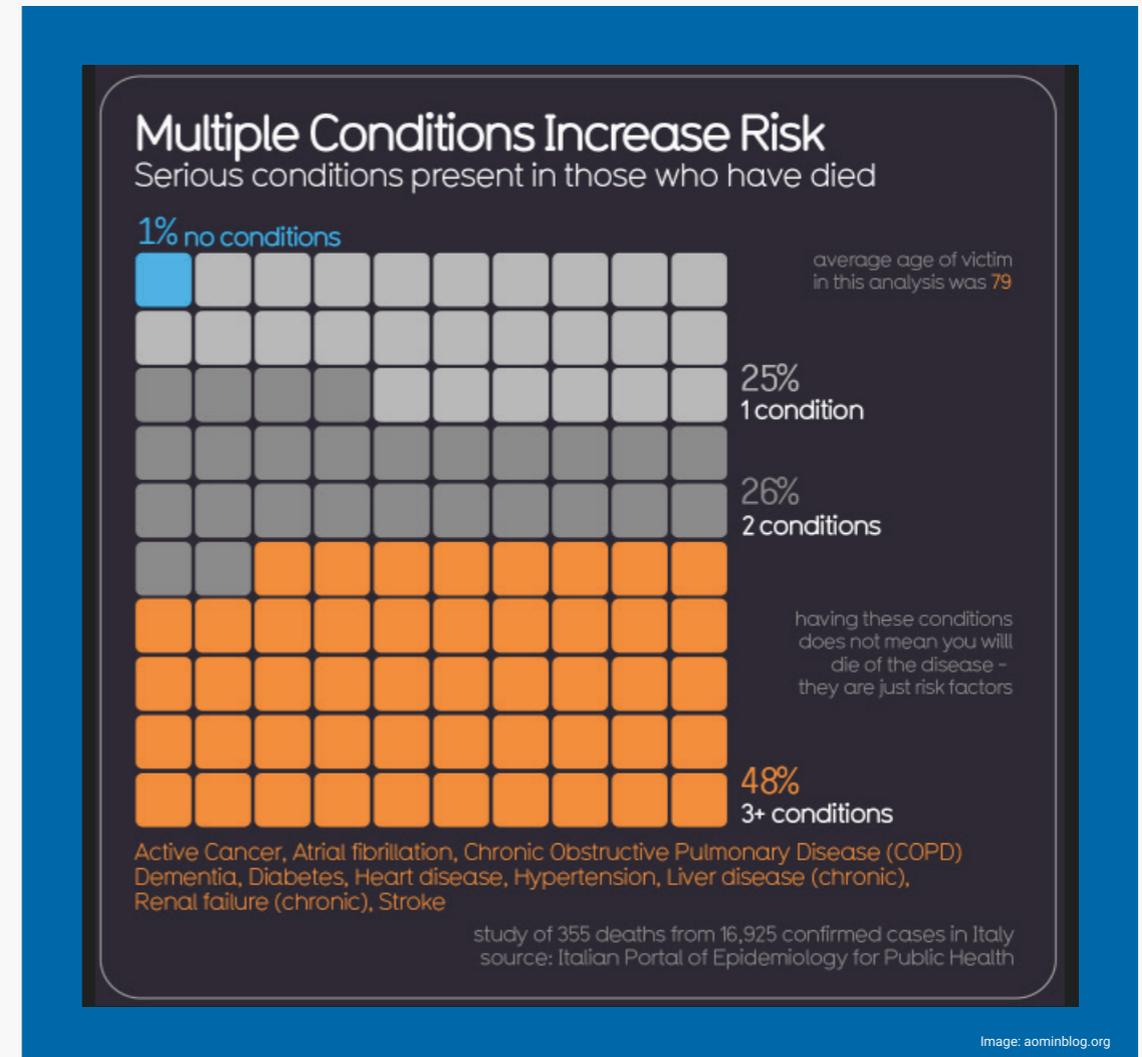
—by James White

Everyone is repeating it, posting it, running with it. I get it. But people just do not seem to understand how this works. I have been talking about this since March, honestly, I have. You can check the Dividing Line and my social media feeds. I am not a medical doctor—but I was department fellow in Anatomy and Physiology in college and was one of the top students. I can read technical papers. And I know about virology, infection vectors, and comorbidity factors. Let's set the record straight.

As soon as sufficient data began to come out of especially Italy early on a trend appeared that has been consistent pretty much all around the world. Yes, yes, I agree that covid death reporting has been a mess, and, yes, I agree that it has been monetized (hospitals get more money if someone dies with a covid diagnosis than otherwise) and politicized. We may never have accurate numbers, and the numbers we have are most likely overblown. But laying that aside, an immediate fact that came to light was this: the average age of death seemed to track fairly closely, country by country, with the average life expectancy. Covid was not sending folks to eternity any earlier than all the rest of mankind's ailments.

But along with this it was established early on that covid is an opportunistic virus. That is, it almost always requires "comorbidity factors" to take someone out. Hence, it has next to no meaningful impact below the age of 30, for example, since the vast majority of the young do not have such comorbidity factors. As we age we develop problems, and the more problems we develop the more dangerous covid becomes—just like so many other diseases that operate in the same fashion, introducing stresses and complications to the system that can cause death. The common cold can kill a person with chronic emphysema, for example. We saw early on that the numbers skyrocket for covid's fatality rate in the presence of multiple such factors. The most recent study I saw said most people required between two and three such factors for covid to become highly fatal. This has been consistent from the start. Covid adds a high stress factor to people with emphysema or high blood pressure or, especially, obesity.

So there is absolutely positively NOTHING new about the headline, "CDC says 94% of covid deaths have other complicating factors," or, to put it another way, only 6% of covid deaths were attributed solely to the virus without any other complicating factor. In fact, I tracked down a screenshot I took back in March, provided here, to prove my point. They had only 1% with no conditions at that time, all from mainly Italian sources. But the comorbidity issue has been known from the start.



But here's the point: almost all deaths have multiple factors. Sure, some diseases can take you out all by themselves, but often disease creates weaknesses and imbalances in your system that provide opportunities for other diseases to "get in on the act." Chemo-therapy for cancer can open the door for secondary infections that kill you. Lung cancer opens the door for pneumonia, etc. and etc. Very often the medicines we take for one disease make us more susceptible to another disease. So, very rarely is a death a single-cause issue.

So it is just not right to say that the CDC has said that only 6% of the deaths it has listed are "real" covid deaths. This shows a fundamental misunderstanding of how this all works. At the same time, it has been wrong, all along, for the CDC and the WHO to not properly contextualize what it was calling "covid deaths." Of this there is no doubt at all. CNN, MSNBC, etc., have had running graphics on their news programs for months with "death totals" in the United States and the world, but never with any meaningful context. Never are these numbers but in the context of what we would normally be experiencing in mortality rates in 2019 or any other time in the past. This was done, purposefully, to create panic. No question about it, and it worked, and continues to work.

But we do not fight the abuse of covid death numbers by running out and saying the CDC made it all up and only 10,000 people have died in the United States. That's just not true. Covid-19 is a potent end-of-life opportunistic infection, just like all other strains of influenza, the common cold, and other better-known diseases like tuberculosis. Yes, it is very relevant to understand that it needs help to kill someone. If the citizens of the United States were more disciplined in their diet and exercise they would be significantly less liable to CV-19's ability to infect and kill. Morbidly obese people are definitely in danger of this virus, for example. But the hyping of the numbers, the padding of the statistics, together with the willful refusal to place the numbers in a meaningful context, has led to even more deaths in other areas (postponed surgeries and medical treatments, for example, and even a spike in suicides). We have indeed been abused by our government—and by both parties—in this situation, and it is shameful. We truly had almost no one to stand up for us when the "elites" started opining about treating this one virus differently than any other we have ever identified. They have been wrong from the start, and the results are indeed horrific.

But all of that does not justify twisting the CDC's report into the narrative I am seeing many of my friends repeating. They did not say only 6% are "real" covid

deaths. They said 6% were reported without other comorbidity factors. Is that significant? Of course it is, but it has been known, and reported on, for at least five months. It is not news.



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Also See:

John MacArthur on Anxiety and God's Sovereignty

<https://www.gty.org/library/blog/B121106>



Image: Gezer Amorim from Pexels

Singing 'no riskier than talking' for virus spread

—by *Lauren Moss*

Singing does not produce substantially more respiratory particles than speaking at a similar volume, a study suggests.

But it all depends on how loud a person is, according to the initial findings which are yet to be peer reviewed.

The project, called Perform, looked at the amount of aerosols and droplets generated by performers.

The findings could have implications for live indoor performances, which resumed in England this week.

They are currently only allowed to take place under strict social distancing guidelines.

Aerosols are tiny particles which are exhaled from the body and float in the air.

There is emerging evidence that coronavirus can be spread through these particles, as well in droplets which fall onto surfaces and are then touched.

Twenty-five professional performers of different genders, ethnicities, ages and backgrounds - musical theatre, opera, gospel, jazz and pop - took part in the study that was led by scientists at the University of Bristol.

They individually completed a range of exercises, which included singing and speaking Happy Birthday at different pitches and volumes, in an operating theatre where there were no other aerosols present.

This allowed researchers to analyse the aerosols produced by specific sounds.

They found that the volume of the voice had the largest impact on the amount of aerosol produced.

For example, there was some difference - albeit not very substantial - between speaking and singing at a similar level. Whereas singing or shouting at the loudest level could generate 30 times more aerosol.

Ventilation could also have an effect on how aerosol builds up. The larger the venue and the more ventilation there is could affect how concentrated the volumes are.

Jonathan Reid, professor of physical chemistry at the University of Bristol, is one of the authors of the paper, which was supported by Public Health England.

He said: "Our research has provided a rigorous scientific basis for Covid-19 recommendations for arts venues to operate safely, for both the performers and audience, by ensuring that spaces are appropriately ventilated to reduce the risk of airborne transmission."

Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden said: "I know singing is an important passion and pastime for many people, who I'm sure will join me in welcoming the findings of this important study.

"We have worked closely with medical experts throughout this crisis to develop our understanding of Covid-19, and we have now updated our guidance in light of these findings so people can get back to performing together safely."

Dr Rupert Beale of the Francis Crick Institute, said: "This important research suggests there is no specific excess risk of transmission due to singing. Loud speech and singing both carry excess risk however. This research supports the possibility of safe performance as long as there's appropriate social distancing and ventilation."

Dr Julian Tang, honorary associate professor in respiratory sciences at the University of Leicester, said: "The risk is amplified when a group of singers are singing together, eg singing to an audience, whether in churches or concert halls or theatres. It is a nice study but not exactly representative of the real whole choir dynamic, which really needs further study to truly assess the risk of such large volume synchronised singing/vocalisations/exhalations.

"The risks should not be overly underestimated or played down because of this - we don't want choir members getting infected and potentially dying from Covid-19 whilst doing what they love."

Other News:

China: Police shutter house churches nationwide, order Christians to stop believing in God — <https://www.christianpost.com/news/china-police-shutter-churches-destroy-bible-verse-displays-tell-christians-they-cant-believe-in-god.html>

Members of Congress push for U.S. to fund global abortions for 'Black and brown' women — <https://www.liveaction.org/news/congress-us-fund-global-black-brown-abortions/>

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>

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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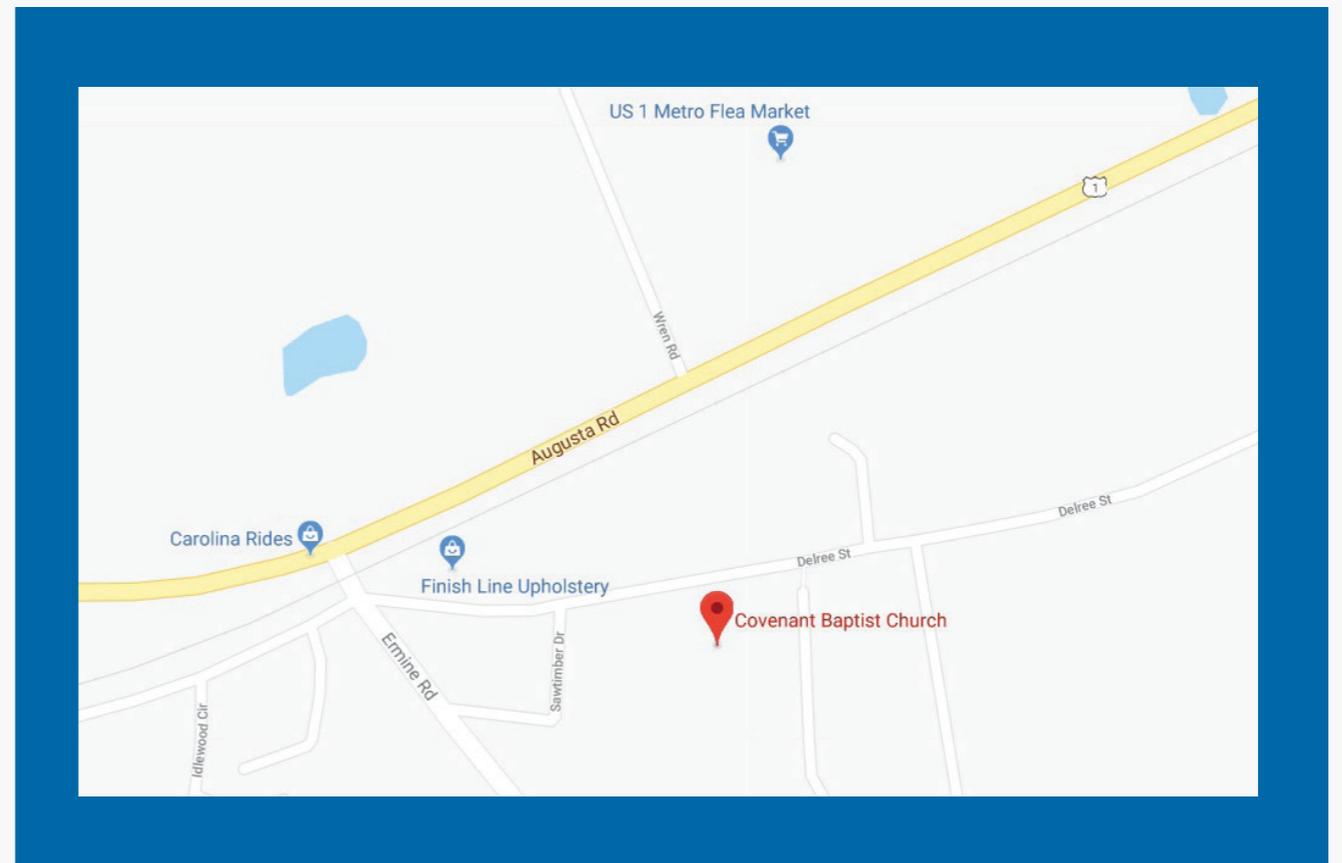
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Location:



*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.*