



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

October 11th, 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 and Systematic Theology)
~ 9:30 A.M.

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

(October 11th, 2020)

Call to Worship: Psalm 146:1-10

O God, Our Help In Ages Past—55

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 4:1-13

Nothing But The Blood —302

He Will Hold Me Fast—388

Message:

The Prayer of Christ For Believers Pt. 2:
The Purpose of Security in Christ—John 17:11-16

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: Doxology —440

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On-Call Deacon List:

- October 11: Rogers
- October 18: Campbell
- October 25: Shumpert

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- October 17: Allen
- October 24: Crapps/McSween
- November 7: 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

Our Fall Conference will be Oct 25-28th with Tommy Waltz from Gospel of God ministries. The topic is on evangelism. There are flyers on the foyer tables.

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The Lord's Supper has been moved to November 1st. The bread and juice will be in the foyer as you come in. Please make sure you pick yours up before worship.

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

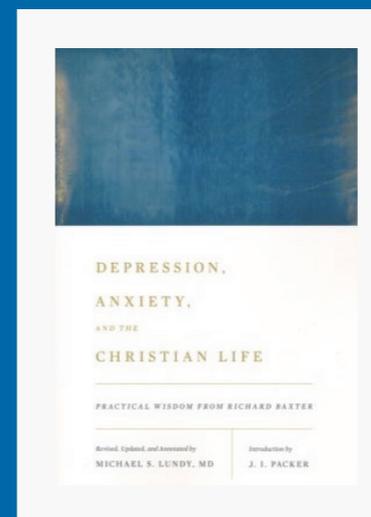
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The church elders, after studying and praying over the matter for several years, have decided to open an orphanage in Guntur, India. It will be near the church that we, thru the Mission Team, started 2 years ago named after our own church here. Pastor 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. If you would like to participate in this church project, just earmark checks or envelopes 'India Orphanage.'

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On Wednesday evening, at 6pm we have a special time of prayer for any need. We gather in the fellowship area and all are invited to come and participate. At 7pm we have our worship service with two focused prayers, the singing of hymns and our study through the book of Romans. We would love to have you come to worship together in this midweek service.

Book of the Week: Depression, Anxiety, and the Christian Life, by Richard Baxter

Depression—whether circumstantial and fleeting or persistent and long term—impacts most people at some point in their lives. Puritan pastor Richard Baxter spent most of his ministry caring for depressed and discouraged souls, and his timeless counsel still speaks to us today. In this book, psychiatrist Michael S. Lundy and theologian J. I. Packer present Baxter's writings in order to comfort, instruct, and strengthen all who struggle with depression.

<https://www.amazon.com/Depression-Anxiety-Christian-Life-Practical/dp/1433542064>



Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class—*On hold*

Biblical Counseling Class—*On hold*

Second Sunday Dinner—*October 11th. 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, Oct 13th and Friday, Oct 16th*

Fall Conference with Gospel of God Ministries—*October 25-28, 2020*

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>*



There Are No Pro-Life Evangelicals for Biden

—by Gabriel Hughes

At the end of the weekend, Joe Biden, the Democrat nominee for President, participated in a town hall in which he was asked, “What are your plans to protect women’s reproductive rights in the U.S.?” Biden replied, “To pass legislation making Roe the law of the land.”

As President, Biden would do everything in his power to make abortion-on-demand federal law, preventing even the states from making the murder of unborn children illegal. Furthermore, Biden has said he would overturn the Hyde Amendment, forcing Americans to fund abortions using your tax dollars. This has been the Democrat party position since 2016.

Biden’s comment came days after a statement was published entitled *We Are Pro-Life Evangelicals for Biden*, one of the most oxymoronic headlines I have read. Abortion is the greatest human rights crisis ever—the number 1 killer of human beings over all other causes of death combined. How can anyone call themselves pro-life and vote for the party of priests who sacrifice thousands of children to the pagan god Molech every day?

Deuteronomy 18:10 says, “There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering.” That’s exactly what abortion is—sacrificing

a baby on the altar of the sexual revolution. The Lord said in Leviticus 20:4-5 that if anyone closes their eyes to the one who sacrifices children and won’t do anything about it, “I will set my face against that man and against his clan and will cut them off from among their people, him and all who follow him in whoring after Molech.”

Yet this statement, also an article for *The Christian Post*, wants to persuade “pro-life evangelicals to vote for Joe Biden.” This is not merely a story about a bunch of guys who say, “Go Biden—but we’re still Christians!” Their objective is specifically to get Christians to vote for the party which upholds as a foundational value the murder of unborn children, something Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has even called “sacred ground.”

Who are these supposed pro-life evangelines? Says the article, “The signers include John Huffman, board chair emeritus of *Christianity Today*; Richard Foster, best-selling author of *Celebration of Discipline*; Jerushah Duford, Billy Graham’s granddaughter; Brenda Salter McNeil, author, speaker, and long-time I VCF leader; John Perkins, founder of the *Christian Community Development Association*; the two authors of this piece [Ronald Sider and Richard Mouw], and a number of former presidents of evangelical universities.”

Take a wild guess as to what those names have in common. I’ll give you a hint: it’s not being conservative. Richard Foster is pro-LGBTQ; so is Jerushah Duford, who has mocked her uncle Franklin Graham for not hiring homosexuals at Samaritan’s Purse. Brenda Salter McNeil is egalitarian and enthusiastically pro-LGBTQ, even praising what Black Lives Matter does for the “LGBTQ community.” Ron Sider and Richard Mouw say they are not for gay “marriage,” but they are for gay “rights” (giving special privileges for Sodom, I guess).

In short, most of these signers are liberals and not biblically orthodox Christians (when you browse their theology, the results are just as bad). They are ridiculously confused at best and desperately lost at worse.

Unborn children are human beings made in the image of God. When God said, “You shall not murder” (Exodus 20:13), He also meant children in the womb. Exodus 21:22-23 says, “When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out... if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life.” Justice for the murder of an unborn child is the same as justice for the murder of an adult. The Bible says the life of an unborn child has just as much value as yours and mine.

Writing on this passage in Exodus, John Calvin said, “The unborn, though enclosed in the womb of his mother, is already a human being, and it is an almost monstrous crime to rob it of life which it has not yet begun to enjoy. If it seems more horrible to kill a man in his own house than in a field, because a man’s house is his most secure place of refuge, it ought surely to be deemed more atrocious to destroy the unborn in the womb before it has come to light.”

In the second century, Tertullian wrote, “For us, murder is once for all forbidden; so even the child in the womb, while yet the mother’s blood is still being drawn on to form the human being, it is not lawful for us to destroy. To forbid birth is only quicker murder. It makes no difference whether one take away the life once born or destroy it as it comes to birth. He is a man who is to be a man, the fruit is always present in the seed.”

Have these “pro-life evangelicals for Biden” forgotten what abortion is? Abortion is the barbaric murder of children, ripping them apart limb from limb with forceps. Some are burned alive via chemical abortion. Others are decapitated or their spinal cords snipped with scissors. Do they need to see the images again to be reminded what the slaughter of these children looks like?

Once you’ve seen the pictures of children mutilated by abortion, in the words of abolitionist William Wilberforce, “You may choose to look the other way, but you can never say again that you did not know.”

These so-called pro-lifers voting for Biden are choosing to look other way, and trying to excuse themselves by saying, “We believe that a biblically shaped commitment to the sanctity of human life compels us to a consistent ethic of life that affirms the sanctity of human life from beginning to end.”

How is voting for Joe Biden a “consistent” pro-life ethic? Consistent by what standard?

The signers attempt to explain by saying, “Poverty, lack of health coverage, racism, and climate change are also pro-life issues.”

Okay, then where’s the charity and health coverage for an unborn child whose mother is sitting in an abortion clinic? The most racist, most white supremacist organization in the country is Planned Parenthood, and Joe Biden wants to fund it

with your tax dollars. Climate change is as much a pro-life issue as unicorns goring leprechauns.

The Democratic party hates family, they hate marriage, they hate children, they hate that God has made male and female, and they hate God Himself. The Democrats are the largest collective body advancing the LGBTQ+Pedophiles agenda against your freedom to practice your Christian faith. They hate that you want to do your job or run your business or live your life according to your Christian ethics and not their godless dogma. The Democrat party wants your vote, Christian, but they hate you.

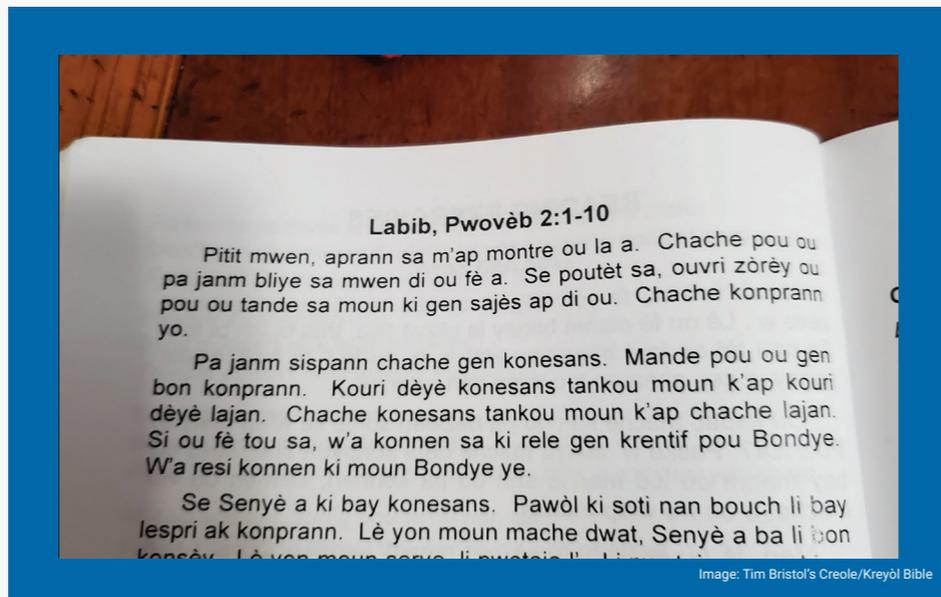
How can a Christian vote Democrat and not betray the faith? How can anyone vote Democrat and think they can be pro-life? I hope these “pro-life evangelicals for Biden” hear the conviction of the Holy Spirit of God and repent. Do not be led astray by their lies. God is making a mockery of them in that immediately after they published their statement, Biden came out and declared that he will make the right to an abortion a federal law.

Abortion is murder. It is the killing of nearly 3,000 unborn children per day in the U.S., almost 1,000,000 per year, and over 65,000,000 lives lost since the gavel fell on Roe v. Wade in 1973. It is a monstrous evil, and we dare not turn our eyes and our hearts away from this holocaust.

God hates abortion. Psalm 5:6 says, “The Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man,” and Proverbs 6:17 says that He hates “hands that shed innocent blood.” God will judge the abortionist and the one who aborts, if they do not repent.

But Jesus Christ died on the cross and shed His blood even for the sin of murdering a child. Whoever confesses their sin before God and believes in Jesus, He will forgive you of your sin and cleanse you from all unrighteousness. If you have had an abortion, or you got a woman pregnant who had an abortion (you are complicit as well), I urge you to turn to Christ. Do it now before the judgment of God falls on you. Share this good news of God’s grace and mercy with others. It will save someone’s life.

In the words of Jesus, now go and sin no more (John 5:14, 8:11). Or to give this a more specific application, now go and do not vote for a Democrat.



Entire Bible translated into 700 languages; 5.7 billion people now have access to Scripture

—by Leah MarieAnn Klett

The Bible has been translated in its entirety into more than 700 different languages, meaning that over 5.7 billion people now have both the Old and New Testaments in their native tongue.

According to Wycliffe Bible Translations, the milestone was reached in recent weeks. The 700 total involves complete Bibles with all 66 books translated.

James Poole, executive director of Wycliffe Bible Translators, said the milestone “represents the tremendous work that Bible translators are doing across the world.”

“Every time we hear of the Bible being translated into another language, we know that means that for the first time the people in that language group can fully access the complete picture of God’s story,” Poole said. “It’s good to take a step back and realize what this 700th Bible means: 5.7 billion people who speak 700 languages now have the Bible in the language that speaks to them best. That is a remarkable figure and continues to grow.” Wycliffe said it’s “impossible” to know which one was the 700th because there were “several launches of physical Bibles” and “several being made available online and via apps, all at about the same time.”

The group listed three recent Bible translations that could have been the 700th translation: The Huichol (Wixáritari) Bible was launched in Mexico, the Ellomwe Bible launched in Malawi; or the Igede Bible, which is used by a Nigerian ethnic group.

“It’s amazing that there is so much Bible translation going on that we can’t pinpoint the 700th Bible. We live in exciting times, when the vision that all people will be able to read or hear God’s word in their language is becoming a reality,” Poole said.

The American Bible Society also celebrated the news, pointing out that Bible translation has rapidly increased in the past few decades due to “advances in translation technology” and an “unprecedented level of partnership among Bible translation agencies.”

Over the last four years alone, the ABS has funded translations in 328 languages, most of them completed by local translators working the group’s fellowship of United Bible Societies.

“We are grateful to God, our ministry partners, and the financial partners whose generosity makes this Kingdom work possible,” ABS CEO Robert Briggs said.

Still, the group noted that the work is far from over, as more than half of the world’s 7,000 languages do not have access to any form of Scripture, and 1.5 billion people still are unable to read the full Bible in their own language.

ABS said its goal is to translate Scripture into 100% of the world’s living languages by 2033.

Modern technology has allowed the Bible — the bestselling book in the world — to reach millions in new and innovative ways. The number of languages with the full Bible has nearly doubled in the past 30 years, from 351 in 1990 to 700 in 2020, according to statistics .

In September, the first-ever complete Bible became available in American Sign Language, allowing the world’s 70 million people who are deaf to access Scripture for free.

According to the State of the Bible 2020 report released earlier this year by the Barna Group and ABS, most Bible readers (65%) prefer a printed version. However, millennials are about as likely to read the Bible digitally (52%) as they are in print (48%). Americans who live in a household that owns a Bible (77% of the population) are as likely to use a Bible app as those without a Bible in the house (56% vs. 55%).

Other News:

American Atheists outraged at Betsy DeVos' new rule defending religious liberty at colleges— <https://www.theblaze.com/news/atheists-devos-religious-liberty-college>

At least 13 people have been arrested for West Coast arson crimes. Here are the details.— <https://www.theblaze.com/news/at-least-13-people-arrested-arson-wildfires>

Minneapolis City Council members complain about city's crime wave after proposing to defund police department— <https://disrn.com/news/minneapolis-city-council-members-complain-about-citys-crime-wave-after-voting-to-defund-police-department>

Singing 'no riskier than talking' for virus spread— <https://www.bbc.com/news/health-53853961>

Quote of the Week:

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL EXAMINATION:

Does our style of life or manner of living reflect a growing conformity to what God has revealed to us in the Scriptures about His nature & will? Is there a detectable or real distinction between our manner of living and that of an unbeliever?

—Paul Washer



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.*