



## Covenant Baptist Church

*Reformed and Refreshing*

*October 18th, 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 18th, 2020)*

Call to Worship

I Sing the Mighty Power of God—26

Scripture Reading: Psalm 37: 16-40

My Jesus, I Love Thee —380

Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor—406

Message:

The Solution to Laodicea's Problem  
—Revelation 3:14-18

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand —423

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### On-Call Deacon List:

- October 18: Campbell
- October 25: Shumpert
- November 1: Smoak

### Church Cleaning Schedule:

- October 24: Crapps/McSween
- November 7: Lucas/Waddell
- November 14: 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

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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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.

## Covenant Baptist Church Events

**Greek Class**—*On hold*

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

**Second Sunday Dinner**—*November 8th. 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 20th and Saturday, Oct 24th*

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

## Other Events:

**Truth: Answers for Women, March 27-28 2020**—*(Williamstown, KY)*

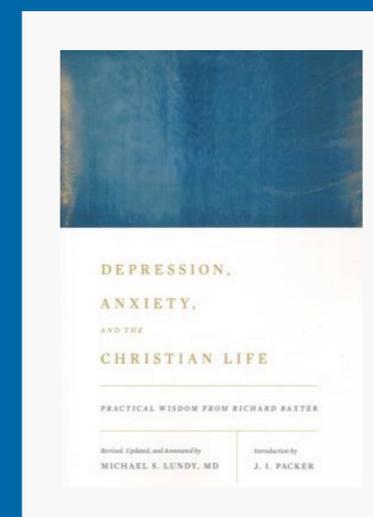
*DELAYED UNTIL 2021*

*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>*

## 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>



## Preparing to Be a Godly Grandparent

—by Scott Chadwick

Thank God for godly grandparents whom he has blessed to see their children's children! These men and women have raised their own children and now have the privilege to influence the next generation as well. This older generation enjoys an exceptionally valuable position to encourage their grandchildren to trust God and to seek to please him with their lives.

From the beginning of time God commanded his people to “be fruitful and multiply” (Genesis 1:28). The psalmist David commends the duty of parents and grandparents when he said, “One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts” (Psalm 145:4). By obeying God while in a sin-cursed world, these older men and women have developed proven character and have refined wisdom to share with others. Consider the influence Noah had from his grandfather Methuselah and the earlier generations going back to Adam, during which “time people began to call upon the name of the Lord” (Genesis 4:26). May the Lord raise up many older men and women to bear witness to his gracious work.

### The Gospel Can Change a Family Tree

Toward the end of his life, the aged Apostle Paul left his trusted coworker Titus—

his “true child in a common faith”—on the island of Crete (Titus 1:4–5). This island was notorious for its treachery, evil, indolence, and excess, as well as its ungodliness and worldly passions (verses 12–13 and 2:12). In other words, ancient Crete was just like our modern world: full of sinners in need of a Savior!

The gospel of Jesus Christ changes lives, and the Cretan society had the potential to break free from its renowned wickedness and become a shining light of righteousness. God does his work in part through the example, service, and teaching of Christians (2 Timothy 2:21–25). Men, women, boys, and girls of all ages can participate in the life-giving and life-changing ministry of the Word of God.

Older men and older women oftentimes become grandfathers and grandmothers. Paul gave specific instructions to this older generation regarding their specific roles in the home, church, and society:

*Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good . . . (Titus 2:2–3)*

Oh, that our homes, churches, and communities would be full of such older men and older women! Whether or not they have children or grandchildren of their own, these godly individuals serve as a fixed point of reference for the younger generations amid a godless world.

### What are Older Men to Be?

The society of the first-century world recognized seven stages of life, from infancy to elderly.<sup>1</sup> After the child-rearing years of adulthood and prior to becoming elderly, these individuals would be identified as older men and older women. What are these godly older men to be?

#### 1. Sober-Minded

Older men are to judge matters with a clear head and with self-control. Contrary to the excesses of the worldly culture, older men should exercise restraint and moderation in all things. This would include temperance in relation to food and drink as well as other habits of consumption and practice.

## 2. Dignified

Men of grandfatherly age should behave properly, with venerable decorum. Others will respect them for the sage counsel and noble character. Older men speak sensibly and nobly, acting in a serious yet joyful manner. Others will seek to emulate their reasonable perspectives and conduct.

## 3. Self-Controlled

The ability to control oneself ought to characterize all believers in Christ. Older men especially should manage themselves with sensibility, maturity, and restraint. Prudence and reason govern their lives and they capably discern what is proper according to the need of the moment.

## 4. Sound in Faith, Love, and Steadfastness

Older men demonstrate a healthy alignment of faith, love, and steadfastness. The completeness and wholesomeness of their lives reflects their relationships with God, with other people, and with circumstances.

—Toward God, these men exhibit faith—implicit trust in our heavenly Father in good times and bad times with regard to his character, words, and works.

—Toward other people, these men show love—selflessly serving others for their own good often at great sacrifice to themselves and with affection and compassion.

—Toward difficult circumstances, these men exhibit steadfastness—an endurance that bears up in hope under suffering and hard times.

These three cardinal Christian virtues of faith, steadfastness (or hope), and love should shine through all believers and especially older men.

### What Are Older Women to Be?

In the same manner as older men, older women should exhibit godly characteristics and conduct. God-honoring women—some of whom are also blessed to be mothers and grandmothers—exert tremendous influence for good.

## 1. Reverent in behavior

The observable behavior of an older woman radiates from her inner disposition. While a woman might become preoccupied with adorning her outer body, she should take greater care in “adorning . . . the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious” (1 Peter 3:4; cf. 1 Timothy 5:5, 10).

## 2. Not Slanderers

The conversation of older women must be wholesome, gracious, and life-giving. They must speak true words intended to build up others, not to tear them down. Older women must not foolishly or wickedly reveal other people’s secrets (Proverbs 11:13). They should also avoid listening to those who would speak injuriously against others (20:19). When in doubt, older women should follow this counsel: “When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent” (10:19).

## 3. Not Slaves to Wine

Older men and women as well as elders, deacons, and truly all Christians are not to become drunk from wine. Lingering over wine through a lifestyle of leisure and gluttony should be avoided, as well as the intoxication and lack of self-control which attends this self-indulgence.

## 4. Teachers of Good

Older women must teach excellent content, pleasant to consider and desirable to put into practice. Their formal and informal teaching comes from personal experience rooted in the Word of God. The primary students of older women are younger women, whom they teach especially regarding character, industry, and responsibilities to their husbands and children if they have them (Titus 2:4–5; cf. 1 Timothy 5:14).

### The Transforming Power of the Word of God

How do ordinary men and women become examples of godliness? Paul indicates a key component of this transformation in this command to Titus: “But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine” (Titus 2:1). Scripture provides the au

thoritative basis for our beliefs or creeds as well as our character and conduct. All of these godly traits and duties naturally flow from hearts preoccupied with and submissive to the “sound doctrine” of God’s word.

Is there any parent or grandparent who could claim to have perfectly displayed these things? Only God is perfect and he redeems people from the messes we create. Ever since the devastating sin of our father Adam in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:1–21), we have had to put our hope in God our Savior for ourselves and our loved ones. No one will boast in God’s presence (1 Corinthians 1:29), but all must be clothed in the righteousness that comes by faith in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17–21). The older generation knows better than to have confidence in themselves and can instead model humility, penitence, confession, and reconciliation with those they have wronged. We must show grace toward one another and put our hope in God alone.

All Christians can grow through the steady diet of Scripture coupled with obedience (James 1:22–25). Such truth over time prepares God’s people to fulfill the good works he has prepared for them to do, including godly grandparenting. We must do our best before God and leave the results to him. May God grant our older men, women, grandfathers, and grandmothers to bless their families, churches, and communities with the magnificent grace of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Also Read:  
Women and False Teachers  
by Michelle Lesley**

<https://michellelesley.com/2020/09/25/women-and-false-teachers-why-men-dont-get-it-and-why-its-imperative-that-they-do-2/>

From: <https://answersingenesis.org/grandparents/prepaing-to-be-a-godly-grandparent/>



Image: Skitterphoto from Pexels

## Texas man who took down church shooter cleared of all charges by grand jury

—by Joel Abbott

A grand jury decided Monday to take no action against Jack Wilson, the man who heroically stopped a church shooter in Texas in late 2019.

Wilson shot and killed the assailant after the man opened fire at a Sunday service at West Freeway Church of Christ in Fort Worth, Texas. The shooter killed two congregants with his shotgun before Wilson stopped him with a single shot from his pistol, killing him. There were nearly 260 people in the service at that time.

Wilson was awarded the Governor’s Medal of Courage by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott in January, the highest honor given to civilians.

Texas prosecutor Tim Rodgers praised Wilson’s brave action after the grand jury’s decision was announced.

“He did it responsibly and, as a result, he was justified under the law in his actions,” said Rodgers. “Based upon the grand jury’s decision, the law enforcement investigation and our review of the case are complete. We believe the grand jury made the right decision.”

Wilson is a former gun range owner and is currently running for Hood County Commissioner.

From: <https://disrn.com//news/texas-man-who-took-down-church-shooter-cleared-of-any-charges-by-grand-jury>

## Other News:

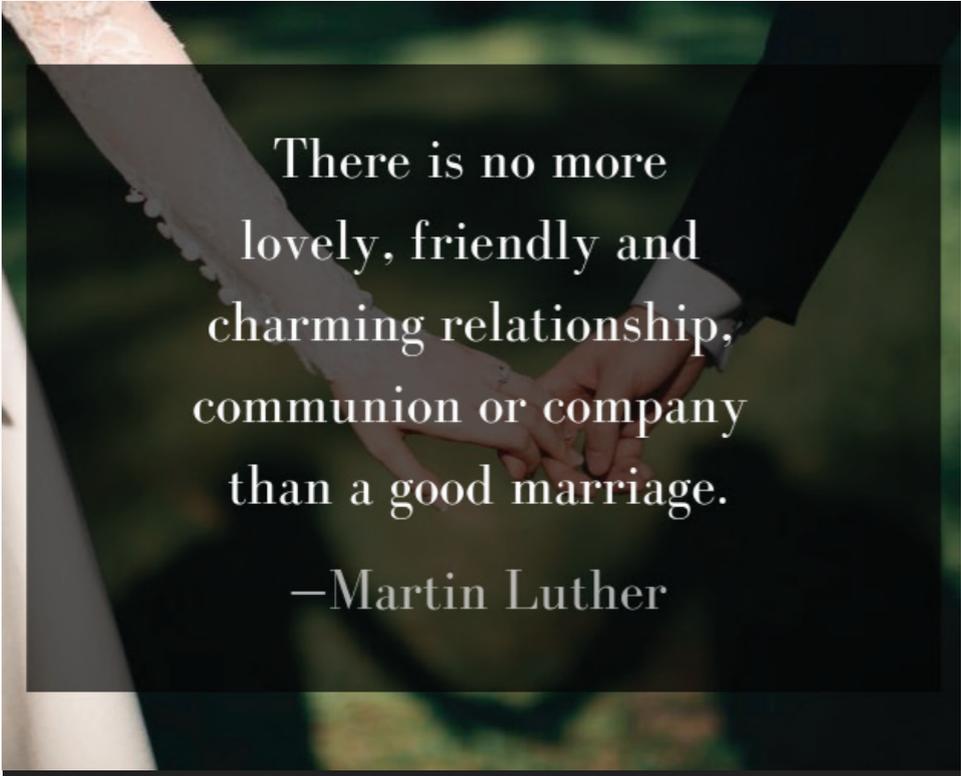
**Entire Bible translated into 700 languages; 5.7 billion people now have access to Scripture**— <https://www.christianpost.com/news/entire-bible-translated-into-700-languages.html>

**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>

## Quote of the Week:



There is no more lovely, friendly and charming relationship, communion or company than a good marriage.

—Martin Luther

## 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.*