



## Covenant Baptist Church

*Reformed and Refreshing*

*March 14th, 2021*

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 (The Genesis Academy)  
~ 9:30 A.M.

Sunday Worship ~ 10:30 A.M.

Wednesday Prayer Service ~ 6:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M.

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

## Order of Worship

*(March 14th, 2021)*

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 85:7-13

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy—391

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:17-29

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed—282

Not In Me—405

Message:

The Deity of Christ Seen In the Evil of Men  
—John 18:12-27

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: O Church, Arise—353

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### On-Call Deacon List:

- March 14: Egan
- March 21: Rogers
- March 28: Shumpert

### Church Cleaning Schedule:

- March 20: Shumpert/Smoak
- March 27: Egan/Fudge
- April 3: 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

Our Wednesday service includes a prayer time in the “Other Room” at 6pm. Following that, at 7pm, we have our evening worship with prayer and the study of the Book of Romans. We would love to have you come and be with us in this mid-week worship.

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If you would like to help in the nursery, please see Marie Lucas and sign up on the nursery worker sheet in the foyer. This is only for babies who are still using diapers. Here are some important details with more to follow. This is strictly a volunteer ministry, both for the workers and the parents. As parents, if you desire to keep your baby with you during worship, we fully support and encourage you to do so. But, if you desire the use of a nursery, we want to make that available to you. If you meet the qualifications below, that does not mean you are expected to serve in the nursery. This is volunteer only. Below are absolute requirements that must be met to serve in this area. 1. You must be a member of CBC. 2. You must have a background check conducted. 3. You must be a woman or young lady. Men are not allowed to serve in nursery. 4. There will be 2 attendees in the nursery at all times.

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Regarding the India orphanage, we have supporters for all the boys in their house, but need support of \$41 per month for about 12 girls. Please pray about this and if the Lord leads, you can sign up on the blue pad on the hallway table. Thank you all for your help.

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If you have not yet received your 2020 contribution statement, please contact Theresa Todd at [treasurer@covenant-baptist.org](mailto:treasurer@covenant-baptist.org).

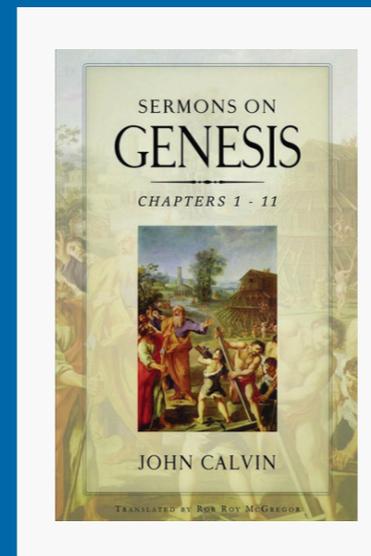
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Thank you to all who contributed to the benevolent needs in recent weeks. God has blessed those who were in need through your faithful generosity.

## Book of the Week: Sermons on Genesis (Chs. 1-11) by John Calvin

Preaching as Calvin undertook to do it extends far beyond the confines of a carefully written manuscript. It is not bound by the niceties of style, sentence structure, and the like. It is marked by an immeasurably greater degree of intensity, by an obvious determination to instruct and persuade, by an astounding capacity to confront hearers both with the truth of divine revelation and with the implications of that truth for faith and obedience. There are distinct advantages, therefore, in having before us these sermons on Genesis precisely as they were delivered. They let us see and hear a man aflame with love for the Lord and His Word, a preacher who spent himself utterly in the work of summoning his people to repentance, faith and holiness.

Purchase at:

<https://banneroftruth.org/us/store/sermons-and-expositions/sermons-on-genesis/>



## Covenant Baptist Church Events

**Greek Class**—*On hold*

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

**Second Sunday Dinner**—*March 14th. 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/>*

**2021 National Conference | Ligonier Ministries, March 18-20**—*(Orlando, FL)*

*More at: <https://www.ligonier.org/events/2021-national-conference/>*



## Our Mighty Fortress

—by Jeremiah Johnson

*Intolerance for biblical Christianity is seemingly on the rise. This shouldn't surprise us—the Lord promised that His people would be persecuted. But it should sharpen our resolve to remain faithful and pure before a watching and increasingly hostile world. This series, first published in July 2015, is a timely reminder to that end. —ed.*

*And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.*

Martin Luther wrote those stirring words during the height of the Reformation, as he and his friends faced fierce physical persecution—and even death—for their faith. For almost five hundred years, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” has been a rallying cry for the church, buoying heavy hearts in the midst of Satan’s attacks.

And while we don’t often encounter the same level of persecution Luther did, his words remain a powerful encouragement to this day. They’re a helpful reminder of the Lord’s sovereignty, especially in the face of institutionalized immorality and the aggressive perversion of God’s design.

We shouldn’t be surprised when a government full of unrepentant sinners insti-

tutes sinful laws and policies. We shouldn’t be shocked when immorality is celebrated and purity is ridiculed. And we shouldn’t be scared when the church is vilified as the enemy of progress, science, or society at large.

In fact, no persecution, in any form, should surprise us. Christ Himself warned His followers that they would face fierce opposition: “If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you” (John 15:18). The apostle John echoed that warning in 1 John 3:13: “Do not be surprised, brethren, if the world hates you.”

In fact the surprise is not that Western society has turned against the church in America, but that it ever tolerated the influence of the church in the first place.

This is where we remind ourselves of the great comfort and freedom we know in serving a sovereign God. While the appetite for His Word and tolerance for His people may wax and wane in society, the light of His truth cannot be extinguished. He is still on His throne, and nothing that happens to us is outside of His plans or His control.

The true danger for the church, then, is not any external threat that the culture presents to us. They can mock us, fine us, outlaw us, and even kill us—God’s truth will march on.

Instead, the true danger facing the church is the internal threat that comes from loving and following the world. In terms of halting the progress of the gospel and tarnishing its testimony, persecution has nothing on compromise and corruption. For too long the church has sought to pacify, mimic, and attract the world, hewing as closely as possible to its interests, trends, and appetites, and inevitably ending in spiritual shipwreck.

But when those trends are overtly sinful and the appetites only for immorality, how does the seeker-friendly church manufacture and maintain its relevance? Sadly, it seems those who prize the cultural relevance of the church are content to continue their pattern of compromise.

Twenty years ago, in his commentary on the book of Titus, John MacArthur described how the church was giving in to the corrupting influence of another worldly movement, and the danger it represented.

*As with many worldly influences, the feminist movement has made great inroads in the church, including the evangelical church. In the name of women's rights, the Word of God is dishonored as being sexist, chauvinistic, and unfairly limiting. Some feminists maintain that standards set forth in these and similar passages were culturally oriented to New Testament times or were simply Paul's personal beliefs. In either case, they are considered irrelevant and non-binding for Christians today.*

*The God-ordained institutions of marriage and family, which are the primary foundation of a healthy society, are attacked as archaic and outrageous or, at best, unnecessary. Tragically, many unthinking, poorly taught Christians are seduced by feminist rhetoric into believing that traditional roles of women—in the family, in society, and in the church—are outdated and oppressive. The phrase “women's liberation” has an attractive, democratic ring, which, on the surface, seems reasonable and justified.*

Those arguments might sound familiar—they're some of Satan's oldest lies, simply updated to fit a new immoral cause. The homosexual movement has merely picked up where previous attacks on God's Word had left off. And you can be sure that another movement will soon come along to deepen and extend those same attacks.

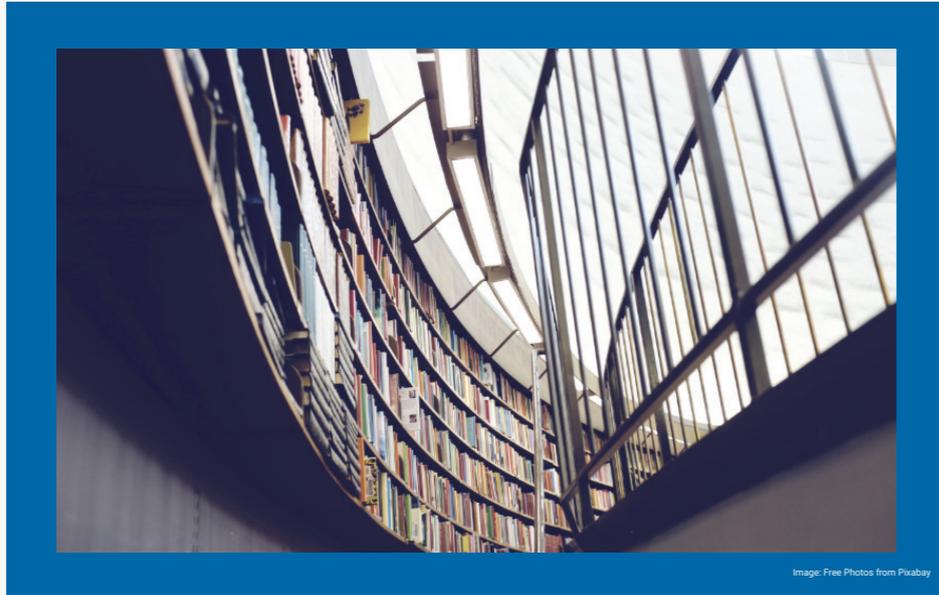
Faced with intense and growing pressure from outside and inside the church, what are believers to do? How do we remain salt and light in a world that has no interest in either? And how do we protect our testimony from a savorless, dim church bent on compromise and capitulation?

In the book of Titus, Paul gives clear instructions to believers on how they should live lives set apart from the world for the sake of adorning the gospel. In the coming days we'll consider his practical teaching, and how purity is the best response to persecution.

## Also Read:

### Why Luther?, by Gene Edward Veith

<https://tabletalkmagazine.com/posts/why-luther/>



## SCOTUS rules college that stopped Christian student from sharing faith violated First Amendment

—by Jordyn Pair

The Supreme Court ruled 8-1 on Monday that a Georgia college that had barred a Christian student from sharing his faith on campus had violated the First Amendment in doing so.

The court sided with Chike Uzuegbunam, a former student at Georgia Gwinnett College, who had been told in 2016 he would need to use one of two “speech zones” on campus if he wanted to share his Christian faith. Although he complied, within minutes of beginning to speak in the reserved zone, campus police told him to cease speaking.

The school originally argued that Uzuegbunam had violated a campus speech code prohibiting offensive speech, but ultimately changed its code after the Alliance Defending Freedom sued on behalf of the student. It then argued that the case was moot as a result.

*“It is undisputed that Uzuegbunam experienced a completed violation of his constitutional rights when respondents enforced their speech policies against him,”* wrote Justice Clarence Thomas in the opinion of the court.

Uzuegbunam can now seek damages in relation to the case.

Justice John Roberts issued the single dissent.

*“Today’s decision risks a major expansion of the judicial role,”* Roberts wrote. *“Until now, we have said that federal courts can review the legality of policies and actions only as a necessary incident to resolving real disputes.”*

## Other News:

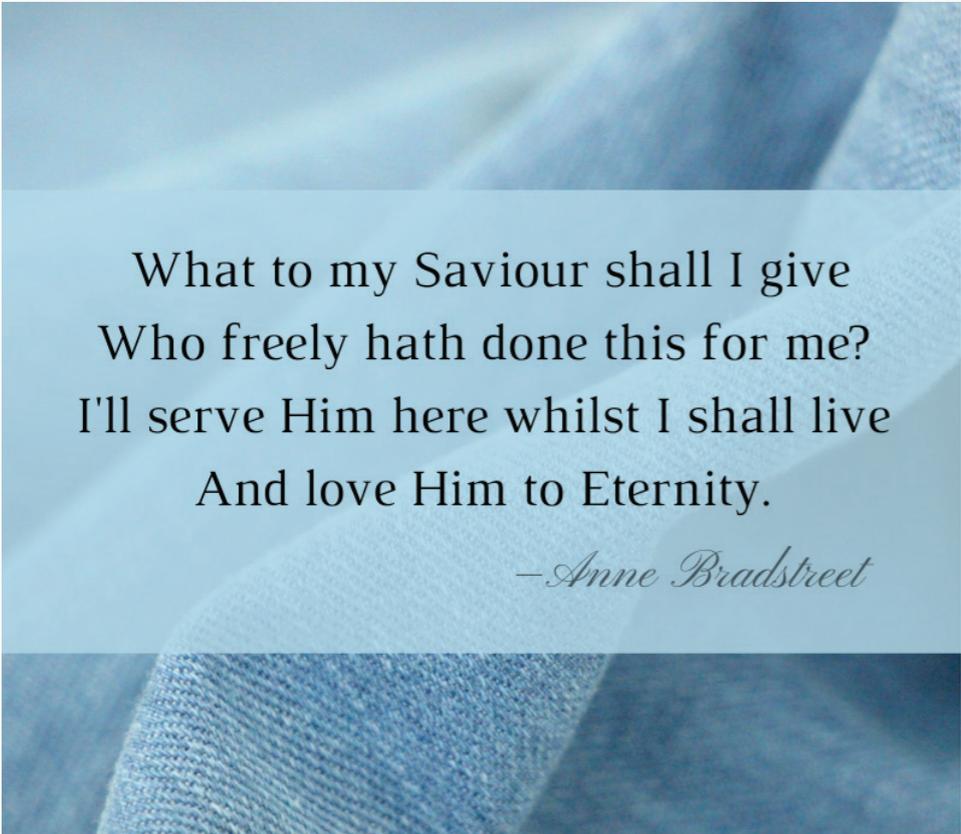
**Retailers Will Be Fined \$1,000 for Having Separate Boys, Girls Sections under New California Bill**— <https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/milton-quintanilla/retailers-will-be-fined-1000-for-having-separate-boys-girls-sections-under-new-california-bill.html>

**Southern Baptists move to expel LGBT-promoting church from their denomination this week** —<https://disrn.com//news/southern-baptists-move-to-expel-lgbt-promoting-church-from-their-denomination-this-week>

**YouTube Bans Pro-Life Website, LifeSite News, Deletes All Pro-Life Content**— <https://reformationcharlotte.org/2021/02/11/youtube-bans-pro-life-website-lifesite-news-deletes-all-pro-life-content/>

**White House: “Biden-Harris administration is committed to codifying Roe v. Wade”**— <https://disrn.com//news/white-house-biden-harris-administration-is-committed-to-codifying-roe-v-wade>

## Quote of the Week:



What to my Saviour shall I give  
Who freely hath done this for me?  
I'll serve Him here whilst I shall live  
And love Him to Eternity.

—Anne Bradstreet

## 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/>

**Counseling Self-Injuring Teens**  
<https://biblicalcounseling.com/resource-library/conference-messages/counseling-self-injuring-teens/>

**Enduring Dark Providences**  
<https://biblicalcounseling.com/resource-library/articles/enduring-dark-providences/>

### 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 live-stream the class. Just go to the website at <https://covenantbaptistsc.org> and click the live-stream button on home page at 7pm Thursdays.

Biblical counseling class on hold while teacher recovers from surgery.



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*West Columbia, SC 29170*

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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.*