



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

April 4th, 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

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Prelude

Call to Worship: 1 Corinthians 15:1–8, 20–26

Christ the Lord is Risen Today—312

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-32

The Power of the Cross—272

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Message:

Proof of Judgement to Come
—Acts 17:29-31

Prayer and Benediction

Closing Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord Is King—116

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On-Call Deacon List:

- April 4: Smoak
- April 11: Kyzer
- April 18: Waddell

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- April 10: Kyzer (K&R)/Bean
- April 17: Allen/Steele
- April 24: Crapps/McSween

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 would like to pay off the church mortgage this year. As of December 2020, we have been in this building for 3 years. God has blessed us tremendously to currently owe only \$160,845.66. If you would like to help us pay this off so we can look forward to building more room, we would be very thankful for your generosity. We are currently praying and seeking God's will for the future direction of CBC for worship and teaching, and parking space.

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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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The final two spaces for the orphan girls were filled in the girls house in Guntur, India on March 29. Their photos will appear overhead shortly. Pray also that the financial support for the last 10 girls would be provided (\$41 per month). Additionally, Pastor Prabhu's computer laptop has seen its last days. This is our main mode of contact. If you would like to help with the cost of replacing the old one please earmark checks or envelopes 'computer'. Thank you from the elders.

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Covenant Classical Christian School in seeking teachers for 2nd and 4th grades, and also for teachers in the subjects of Literature, History, and Bible in the Upper School for the 2021-2022 school year and beyond. Experience in classical Christian education is desired; however, support and instruction for teaching in a classical Christian school will be provided to those new and continuing in CCE. Interested candidates should contact Headmaster, Patsy Hinton at phinton@covenantcs.org or 803-790-5100

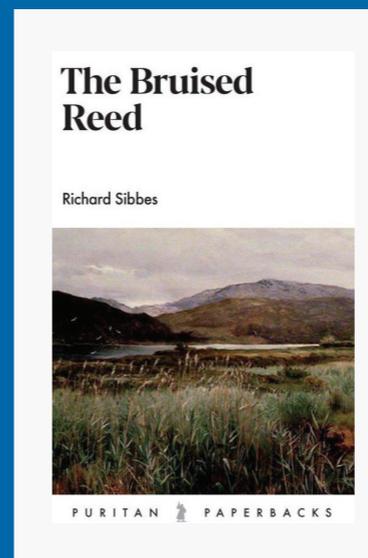
Book of the Week: The Bruised Reed by Richard Sibbes

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'.

Of all Richard Sibbes' works, The Bruised Reed has probably had the most enduring impact. It is an exposition of Matthew's application to Jesus of the description of the Servant of the Lord in Isaiah 42:3 (Matt. 12:20). Sibbes' wonderfully sensitive treatment has ministered to generations of Christians since its first publication in 1630.

Purchase at:

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



Covenant Baptist Church Events

Greek Class—*On hold*

Biblical Counseling Class—*On hold*

Second Sunday Dinner—*April 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.*

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/>



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 preemi-

nently 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.”



Voddie Baucham suffers recovery setback with new heart surgery

—by *Leonardo Blair*

Weeks after undergoing a surgical procedure to treat his heart failure at the Mayo Clinic in Florida with high hopes of making a “full recovery,” prominent Southern Baptist preacher Voddie Baucham Jr. has suffered a setback and is now set to undergo coronary bypass surgery Saturday, The Christian Post has learned.

Baucham, who currently serves as dean of theology at African Christian University in Zambia and a board member of Founders Ministries, was set to conduct a series of interviews, including one with CP, in the coming days to promote his new book, *Fault Lines: The Social Justice Movement and Evangelicalism’s Looming Catastrophe*, set for release next Tuesday.

All interviews, at least for the next week, have been canceled, a spokesperson for Baucham told CP Friday.

“While preparing to embark on a two-week book tour for the national launch of *Fault Lines*, doctors at the Mayo Clinic this week discovered another blockage in Voddie’s heart. It was determined that he must have another procedure this week-

end to deal with the blockage. Please pray for Voddie and his doctors as he undergoes this new procedure. We expect to have the next update on his condition early next week,” the spokesperson said.

Coronary bypass surgery, according to the Mayo Clinic, redirects blood around a section of a blocked or partially blocked artery in the heart. The procedure involves taking a healthy blood vessel from the leg, arm or chest and connecting it below and above the blocked arteries in the heart. This creates a new pathway and blood flow to the heart muscle improves.

While coronary bypass surgery doesn’t cure the heart disease that caused the blockages, such as atherosclerosis or coronary artery disease, it can ease symptoms, such as chest pain and shortness of breath. For some people, this procedure can improve heart function and reduce the risk of dying of heart disease.

In an update just over a week ago, Baucham, who’s also a former college football player, announced that he was slowly recuperating after having a “very successful” heart surgery and would no longer need to have a heart transplant.

“The good news is, I am no longer on that path that looks like a path to ultimately a heart transplant,” Baucham revealed in the update on his condition on March 24. “I am a month out now from my surgery and things are going well.”

A series of weather delays associated with a devastating winter storm in February complicated Baucham’s quest for treatment as he traveled from Zambia to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville.

In announcing his heart failure in February, Baucham said he felt unwell at the end of a preaching tour last winter in Zambia before realizing he had heart trouble.

“I thought I had just worked too hard (17 preaching dates in 18 days, 7 sessions the last 3 days, etc.). However, as it turns out, I was experiencing heart failure!” he said.

Also Read:

Pastor John MacArthur warns it might be “too late” for America

<https://disrn.com//news/pastor-john-macarthur-warns-it-might-be-too-late-for-america>

Other News:

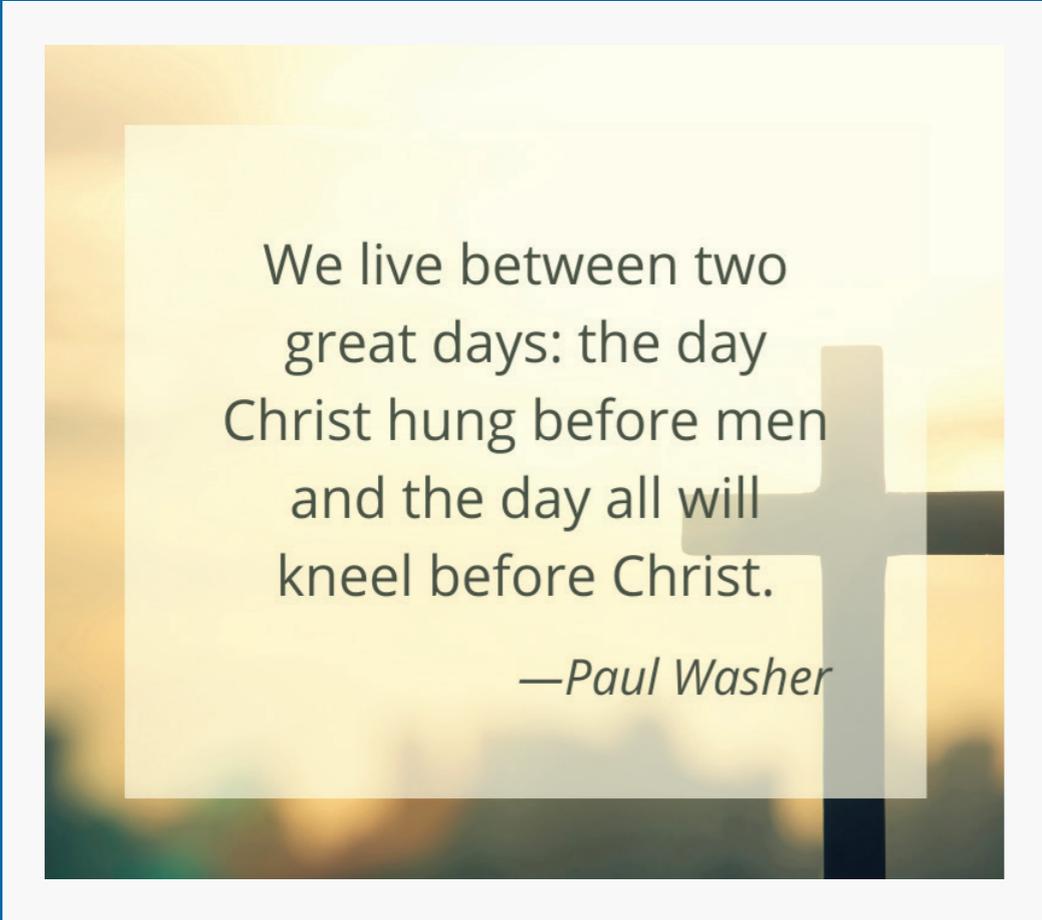
White House Signals Openness to Adding a Third Gender to Official Documents — <https://disrn.com/news/white-house-signals-openness-to-adding-third-gender-to-official-documents>

Judge blocks SC abortion ban from being enacted while court fights continue— <https://www.wistv.com/2021/03/19/judge-blocks-sc-abortion-ban-being-enacted-while-court-fights-continue/>

SCOTUS rules college that stopped Christian student from sharing faith violated First Amendment— <https://disrn.com/news/scotus-rules-college-that-stopped-christian-student-from-sharing-faith-violated-first-amendment>

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>

Quote of the Week:



We live between two
great days: the day
Christ hung before men
and the day all will
kneel before Christ.

—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/>

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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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.*