



## Covenant Baptist Church

*Reformed and Refreshing*

*April 25th, 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

*(April 25th, 2021)*

Prelude

Call to Worship: Psalm 94:12–14

A Mighty Fortress—53

Scripture Reading: James 2:1–13

Oh the Deep, Deep Love—154

All I Have is Christ—389

Message:

From Gabbatha to Golgatha  
From Judgment to Crucifixion  
John 19:12-18

Prayer and Benediction

There is a Redeemer — 201

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### On-Call Deacon List:

- April 25: Lucas
- May 1: Egan
- May 8: Rogers

### Church Cleaning Schedule:

- May 1: Thomas/Waddell
- May 8: Bristol
- March 15: Shumpert/Smoak

### Church Bookstore:

Purchases (cash only) can be made by seeing Annsley or Cristan Smoak, or following the instructions left near the bookstore entrance.

## Announcements

**Important Event:** Please mark your calendar, invite everyone and plan to attend. Thanks to the courageous work of State Representative Jonathon Hill, Covenant Baptist and Grace Covenant Church of Rock Hill are able to have the opportunity to participate in sponsoring the Abolish Abortion Rally

Where: SC State House, Columbia, SC

When: May 4th, 10am-12pm

Speakers: Jeff Durbin of End Abortion Now, State Representative Jonathon Hill, and Mark Corral of Grace Covenant Church of Rock Hill, SC. Additionally, for our Wednesday evening service May 5th at 7pm, Pastor Jeff Durbin will be speaking on the topic of abortion. Please invite all you know to both of these important events.

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Bobby MacDonald will be hosting an afternoon of fishing for young and old, so if you've never caught a fish before, now is your chance! The event will be in Calhoun Count, near St. Matthews, at a wonderful pond full of fish. It will start around 3 PM and will take place either May 7 or 14 (please let Bobby know which date works best for you, and the final date will be announced based on that). There will be a simple cookout with hot dogs, drinks, and chips. Remember, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for life." Jesus said, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." So we plan to teach you how to catch men and fish. Come and join us!

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Thanks to the generosity of the many of you, our mortgage has gone from \$160,845.66 to \$127,826.47. If we haven't had and opportunity to give yet and you would like to help us pay this off so we can look forward to building more room, we would be very thankful. 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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Covenant Classical Christian School is 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](mailto:phinton@covenantcs.org) or 803-790-5100

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**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.*

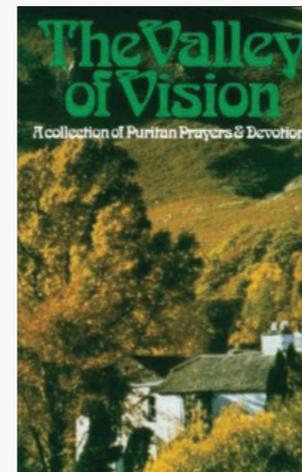
### Book of the Week: The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions —by Arthur Bennett (ed.)

The strength of Puritan character and life lay in prayer and meditation. In this practice the spirit of prayer was regarded as of first importance and the best form of prayer, for living prayer is the characteristic of genuine spirituality. Yet prayer is also vocal and may therefore on occasions be written. Consequently in the Puritan tradition there are many written prayers and meditations which constitute an important corpus of inspiring devotional literature.

Too often ex tempore prayer lacks variety, order and definiteness. The reason for this lies partly in a neglect of due preparation. It is here that the care and scriptural thoroughness which others found necessary in their approach to God may be of help. This book has been prepared not to 'supply' prayers but to prompt and encourage the Christian as he treads the path on which others have gone before.

Purchase at:

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/the-valley-of-vision-a-collection-of-puritan-prayers-and-devotions-paperback-bennett-ed.html>





## Are We Called to Literally Eat Christ's Flesh and Drink His Blood?

—Cameron Buettel

All over the world, on any given day of the week, Jesus Christ's body is repeatedly sacrificed. According to the Roman Catholic Church, that's what happens every time they celebrate the Mass—their version of Communion, or the Lord's Table.

In *The Faith of Millions*—a book certified by the Roman Catholic Church to be “free of doctrinal and moral error”—Catholic priest John O'Brien explains what happens during the Mass:

*When the priest pronounces the tremendous words of consecration, he reaches up into the heavens, brings Christ down from His throne, and places Him upon our altar to be offered up again as the Victim for the sins of man. It is a power greater than that of monarchs and emperors: it is greater than that of saints and angels, greater than that of Seraphim and Cherubim. Indeed it is greater even than the power of the Virgin Mary. While the Blessed Virgin was the human agency by which Christ became incarnate a single time, the priest brings Christ down from heaven, and renders Him present on our altar as the eternal Victim for the sins of man—not once but a thousand times! The priest speaks and lo! Christ, the eternal and omnipotent God, bows His head in humble obedience to the priest's command.*

The supposed ability to wield such supernatural power over almighty God is one of the priesthood's most blasphemous acts. As O'Brien describes it, the priestly office is a position of immense, even ultimate power, as the priest yanks Christ out of His eternal kingdom and hurls Him once again onto the sacrificial altar.

The repeated sacrificial process is called transubstantiation, wherein the bread and wine transform into the literal body and blood of Christ. It may sound cannibalistic and creepy, but they argue that it's what the Bible actually teaches:

*So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.” (John 6:53–56)*

But is that really what Jesus meant by those graphic words? Was He truly prescribing the repeated and violent sacrifice of His physical body? Is that what Christ intended when He instituted Communion?

The simple answer is, No.

Linking Christ's discourse in John 6 with the Lord's Table is a significant leap. The events described in John 6 took place during His ministry in Galilee—it would be roughly a year before He and His disciples would meet in the Upper Room.

And even then, there are significant flaws with the Catholic interpretation. Apologist James McCarthy makes a salient point regarding Jesus' physical body and the institution of the Lord's Table. He notes that when Jesus referred to the bread, saying “This is my body” (Matthew 26:26), He was physically present with the disciples. McCarthy rightly observes: “Surely they would not have thought that Jesus' body was both at the table and on the table.”

In his commentary on John's gospel, John MacArthur compellingly refutes any connection between Jesus' words in John 6:53–56 and the celebration of the Lord's Table:

*It should be noted that the Roman Catholic Church appeals to this passage as a proof of the doctrine of transubstantiation—the false teaching that the body and blood of Christ are literally present in the bread and wine of the Mass. Catholic theologian Ludwig Ott writes,*

*“The body and the blood of Christ together with His soul and His divinity and therefore the whole Christ are truly present in the Eucharist” (Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma [St. Louis: B. Herder, 1954], 382). It is a false foundation for a false doctrine, however, to suggest that Jesus was referring to the Eucharist (Communion or the Lord’s Table) here, since He used the word sarx (flesh). A different word, sōma (“body”), appears in the passages referring to Communion (Matthew 26:26; Mark 14:22; Luke 22:19; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:24, 27). Two additional considerations reinforce the fact that this passage does not refer to Communion: First, the Lord’s Table had not yet been instituted; therefore, the Jews would not have understood what Jesus was talking about if He were speaking of Communion. Second, Jesus said that anyone who partakes of His flesh has eternal life. If that was a reference to the Lord’s Table, it would mean that eternal life could be gained through taking Communion. That is clearly foreign to Scripture, however, which teaches that Communion is for those who are already believers (1 Corinthians 11:27–32) and that salvation is by faith alone (Ephesians 2:8–9).*

And the disconnect between Scripture and the Catholic Mass runs far deeper than the nature of the elements. The author of Hebrews repeatedly states that Christ’s atoning sacrifice was a “once for all” event never to be repeated:

*By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet. For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. (Hebrews 10:10–14)*

There is simply no way to harmonize the idea of Christ being repeatedly sacrificed when the New Testament clearly spells out the singularity and sufficiency of Christ’s perfect atoning sacrifice.

What’s clear is that no amount of contorting Scripture will create any endorsement of the Roman Catholic Mass. From every angle, it is biblically indefensible.

But that doesn’t give us an answer for what Jesus actually meant in John 6:53–56 regarding eating His flesh and drinking His blood. As with most interpretive challenges in Scripture, clarity is found in the surrounding context. And in this case, Christ’s statement makes a lot more sense when you read the whole chapter.

John 6 begins with Christ’s feeding of the five thousand (John 6:1–14). That miracle immediately won Him enormous popularity in a place where food was hard to come by. Jesus, knowing His kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36), had to go into isolation to avoid the masses from installing Him as king in Herod’s place (John 6:15). Instead of capitalizing on His popularity and ability to draw a large crowd, Jesus saw it as a hindrance to His larger mission.

But a free lunch is nothing to be sneezed at, especially among the poor, so the crowds continued to pursue Christ with hopes of more bounty. Jesus was acutely aware of their superficial faith and told them, “You seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life” (John 6:26–27).

A lengthy dialogue then followed where Jesus continually urged the crowds to move beyond their temporal hunger and seek eternal sustenance. But His audience relentlessly pled with Him to prove His messiahship through a sign that involved food—hinting at the manna God provided the Israelites when they were wandering in the wilderness (John 6:31).

Jesus contrasted that perishable “bread out of heaven” (John 6:31–32) with Himself, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst” (John 6:35). In His immense patience with their unbelief, the Lord repeated that same point in an increasingly explicit manner:

*I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh. (John 6:48–51)*

Jesus’ audience remained oblivious to what He was really talking about. That’s why He chose such provocative language as His discourse drew to a close. Dr. James White facetiously refers to Christ’s severe terminology and ghastly imagery in John 6:53–56 as “the beginning of the church shrinkage movement.” And with good reason; after Jesus spoke those words many of His disciples abandoned Him (John 6:66).

Their departure was by design. The Lord was determined to drive away followers who were nothing more than shallow hangers-on. Instead of capitalizing on His popularity, He saw it as a hindrance to His mission.

His message was clear: Temporal bread would only sustain them temporarily. They needed to eat eternal bread—flesh and blood—to live eternally. John MacArthur explains the significance of Christ’s metaphor in his sermon, I Am the Bread of Life:

*If you want eternal life, eating is necessary. . . . You can’t just come and admire. You have to eat, which is to believe fully. But eating is in response to hunger. So, the people who eat are the people who are what? Hungry! What is hunger? It’s the aching of the heart of one who knows he’s empty. That’s the work of the Holy Spirit to make the heart hungry. That’s where the Father starts to draw. The hungry heart sees the bread. . . .*

*Eating is personal. It’s not a group event. You can all go out to dinner, but the food has to go in your mouth. Lots of people can do lots of things for you. They can come over and change the curtains, fix the room. People can do a lot of things to help you. You have to eat. You can’t do that by proxy. Eating is necessary. Eating is in response to hunger. Eating is personal and eating is transformational. If you don’t eat physically, you will die. If you eat, the food you take in transforms you, and that’s what Christ does.*

The simple truth is our physical food cannot change our eternal destiny—not even the gruesome rituals of the Catholic Mass. Eating the body and blood of Christ was a necessary way for Him to express to an audience fixated on their physical hunger the need for all people to find salvation—to satisfy their spiritual hunger—through Him.

## Also Read:

### **SBC Pastor Apologizes For Having a Creationist Defend a Biblical Sexual Ethic and Worldview**

<https://reformationcharlotte.org/2021/04/19/sbc-pastor-apologizes-for-having-a-creationist-defend-a-biblical-sexual-ethic-and-worldview/>



## NYC School Pushes Students To Stop Saying 'Mom,' 'Dad,' 'Parents,' Referring To People By Gender

—by Ryan Saavedra

A school in New York City that charges \$57,000 a year has published a guide sent to students and parents that encourages them to alter their language to conform to gender identity ideology, including pushing students to stop referring to their parents as “mom” and “dad.”

Grace Church School published a 12-page memo that encourages people to stop using certain terms that it considers to be outdated and to replace those terms with “inclusive” terminology.

The memo states the following:

Instead of saying, “boys and girls,” “guys,” “ladies,” and “gentleman,” say, “people,” “folks,” “friends,” “readers,” “mathematicians...”

Instead of saying, “sweetheart/honey/similar pet names” say, “child’s name or ‘child/friend in the blue shirt.’”

Instead of “assuming gender based on stereotypes,” people should “respectfully ask how they identify if familiar establishing a culture of sharing affirming pronouns in class.”

Instead of saying, “mom and dad,” say, “grown-ups,” “folks,” “or family.”

Instead of saying, “parents,” say, “grown-ups,” “folks,” “family,” “and guardians.”

Instead of saying, “husband,” “wife,” “boyfriend,” “girlfriend,” say, “spouse/partner/significant other.”

Instead of saying, “a boy can’t marry a boy,” or “a girl can’t marry a girl,” say, “People can love and commit to whomever they please, it’s their choice who they marry.”

“If someone articulates sexual orientation is a choice rather than an identity,” respond by saying, “who we love/are attracted to is part of who we are.”

Instead of saying, “diverse/minority,” say, “person of color, marginalized identity/population.”

Instead of asking, “what religion are you?” ask “are any religious/faith traditions important to you?”

Instead of asking “What did you get for (any holiday)?” ask, “Do you celebrate holidays?”

Instead of saying, “Merry Christmas!/Happy Holidays!” say, “Have a great break!”

After the guidelines drew attention and backlash online, George Davidson, the head of Grace Church School, pushed back against the notion that anyone was required to use the more inclusive language. “We’re not telling people not to call their parents mom and dad. That’s the silliest thing anybody ever came up with. And its not even a word police. It is rather a guide to inclusive language, if you want to use it,” said Davidson.

## Other News:

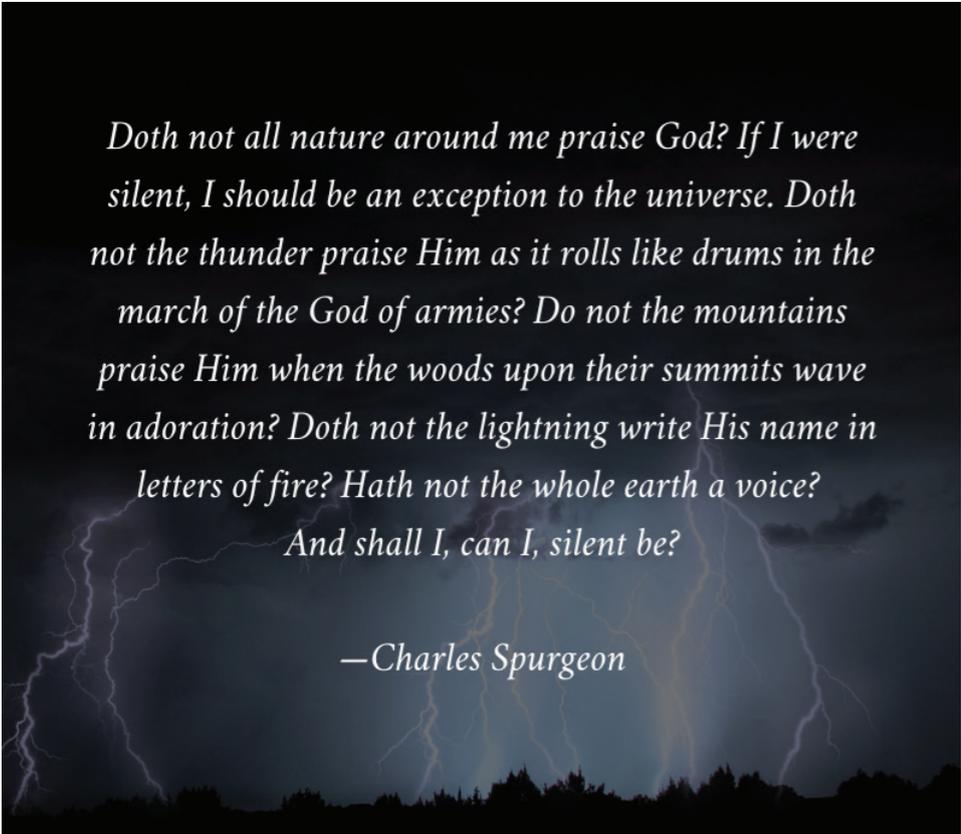
**SCARY Pentagon Scientist Says They Have Created A Microchip That Needs to Be Implanted Under Your Skin Which Senses COVID-19 in Your Body**— <https://thedcpatriot.com/scary-pentagon-scientist-says-they-have-created-a-microchip-that-needs-to-be-implanted-under-your-skin-which-senses-covid-19-in-your-body/>

**‘Victory for Children’: Arkansas Becomes 1st State to Ban Transgender Surgery, Hormones on Kids**— <https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/michael-foust/victory-for-children-ark-becomes-1st-state-to-ban-transgender-surgery-and-hormones-on-kids.html>

**Voddie Baucham suffers recovery setback with new heart surgery**— <https://www.christianpost.com/news/voddie-baucham-suffers-recovery-setback-with-new-heart-surgery.html>

**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>

## Quote of the Week:



*Doth not all nature around me praise God? If I were silent, I should be an exception to the universe. Doth not the thunder praise Him as it rolls like drums in the march of the God of armies? Do not the mountains praise Him when the woods upon their summits wave in adoration? Doth not the lightning write His name in letters of fire? Hath not the whole earth a voice?*

*And shall I, can I, silent be?*

*—Charles Spurgeon*

## 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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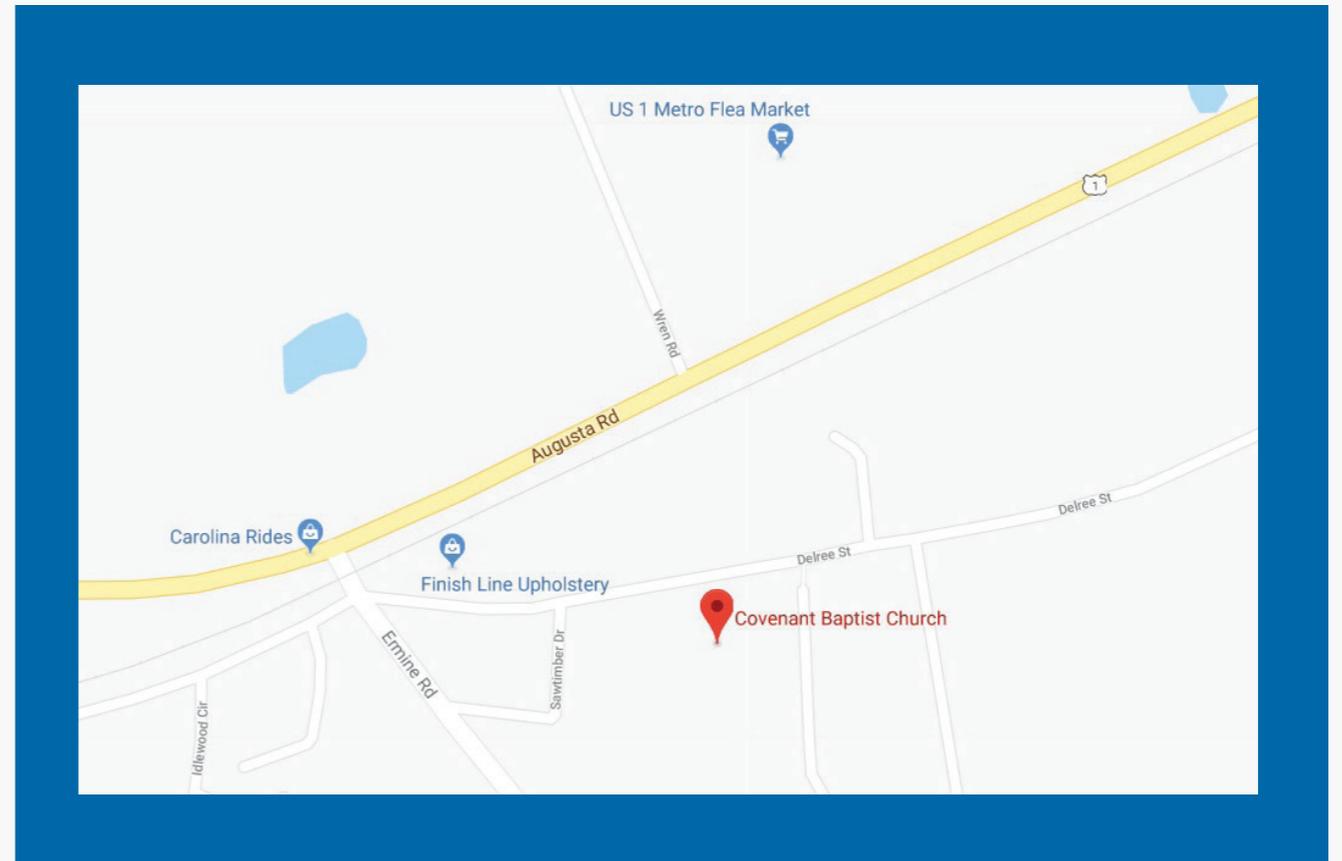
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## Location:



*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.*