



Covenant Baptist Church

Reformed and Refreshing

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>

Order of Worship • 04/02/23:

Call to Worship: Isaiah 53:2-5 (NKJV) | Pastor Charles Swann

Worship Through Music: led by Training for Elder Sandy Allen

Hymn: At the Cross 284

Scripture Reading: Luke 19:28-45 | Training for Elder Andy Shumpert

Hymn: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted 303

Hymn: Hallelujah, What a Savior 296

Message: How the Church Can Become Enemy of God—James 4:1-6 (NKJV)
Pastor Charles Swann

Hymn: What Grace Is Mine 376

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Cleaning Volunteers:

- April 8: Smith/Lawson
- April 15: Allen (J&W)/Steele
- April 22: Allen (S&H)/Thomas

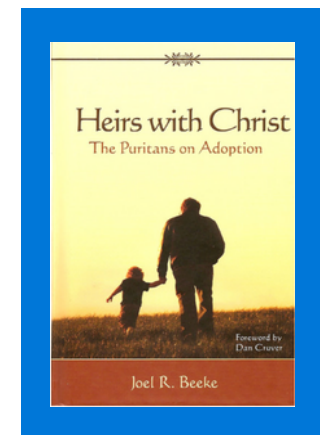
On-Call Deacon List:

- April 2: Bob Falsetti
- April 9: Wesley Smoak
- April 16: Dennis Fudge

Book of the Week:

Heirs With Christ (Beeke)

<https://www.heritagebooks.org/products/heirs-with-christ-the-puritans-on-adoption-beeke.html>



Announcements:

We are having a Good Friday Service on April 7 at 7 PM. Fellowship with dessert (only) to follow. There are sign-up sheets in the foyer and kitchen if you plan to bring a dessert.

This week, we will not have our normal Wednesday service but will instead have a prayer service at 7pm. The church will be open and you are invited to come and pray.

Parents, please be mindful of others as you are training your children to sit through the service quietly. If your child is fussing or talking, please step out with them to the foyer, overflow room, or nursery rooms in the back where the sermon is being played over speakers and TV so you do not miss anything. We gladly welcome children being part of the worship service, but encourage you to train them for this task. If you need some help in this area, please see one of the elders and they can direct you to families willing to share some advice that has worked in training their own children.

A BE class for ladies will begin May 21, and last about 15 weeks. It is an overview of Martha Peace's book "The Excellent Wife" and will be led by a few ladies in our church. If you are interested in attending, please sign up using the sheets in the foyer or kitchen so we can best plan which room to use. See Veeka Bean or Renee Kyzer with questions.

We are hosting a Ladies' Tea on Saturday, May 6 at 10 AM with guest speaker Yvonne\ Hanson (ACBC-certified counselor & author of "Mommy, Tend Your Heart" and "Rare: A Young Woman Who Fears the Lord"). We need volunteers to decorate tables (1 per person in the style you choose), and/or to help with tea/brunch-style foods. Formal invitations are being distributed by young ladies. Please see Kerri Olds or Coie Watson if you did not receive yours, or if you can volunteer.

A new BE class has started, explaining and memorizing the Baptist Catechism. The teaching will be geared towards 6-12 year olds, but it is open to any age. Children attending MUST have at least one parent in the class with them. This is meant to be a tool to help families jumpstart their own teaching through the week, and also to teach and encourage any who attend. There are CDs for sale in the bookstore (\$5) which have all of the catechism questions set to music to aid memorization. See Matt Watson with any questions.

Our church is now part of the G3 Church Network, and as benefit, any member of CBC can get 50% off tickets for G3 conference events.

While we are in process of getting more space for fellowship meals, if you desire to use the current fellowship space to eat lunch and have fellowship with other families, please take advantage of the tables and chairs in the fellowship building. We only ask that you clean up the area you use.



Consider the Glory of God

—by *Sinclair Ferguson*

John Newton (1725–1807) is best known today for his great hymns (including “Amazing Grace” and “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”). But in his own day, he was perhaps more highly prized as a letter writer—“the great director of souls through the post,” as someone described him. Such was the value of his correspondence that he published several volumes of his letters (including one of his letters to his wife, which called forth the comment by one reviewer, his friend Richard Cecil, that wives would be in raptures reading such love letters while “we [husbands] may suffer loss of esteem for not writing them such gallant letters”).

In several of his letters, he comments on the subject of controversy. He had a distaste for it. (It would be an unhappy thing to have a “taste” for it, would it not?) He also had a sense of being unfitted for it. He remarked that it was “not only unpleasing to my taste, but really above my reach.” But lack of experience is not necessarily an obstacle to one’s ability to give biblical counsel.

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/consider-the-glory-of-god>

G3 Weekly—April 1, 2023

—*by Ben Zeisloft*

Welcome to G3 Weekly—a summary of this week’s top news stories on Christianity and the public square.

This week, three children and three adults were martyred in a shooting at a Christian school in Tennessee. Multiple individuals were charged and one was arrested for attacks on pregnancy resource centers last year. Meanwhile, the Presbyterian Church in America will consider officially exhorting government officials to ban so-called gender transition surgeries for minors.

<https://g3min.org/g3-weekly-april-1-2023/>

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/>

Other Resources:

Scripture Songs Memorization Tool:
<https://tinyurl.com/cbcs scripture playlist>
Text biblesongs to 55498 to be notified of new song releases.

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-selfinjuring-teens/>

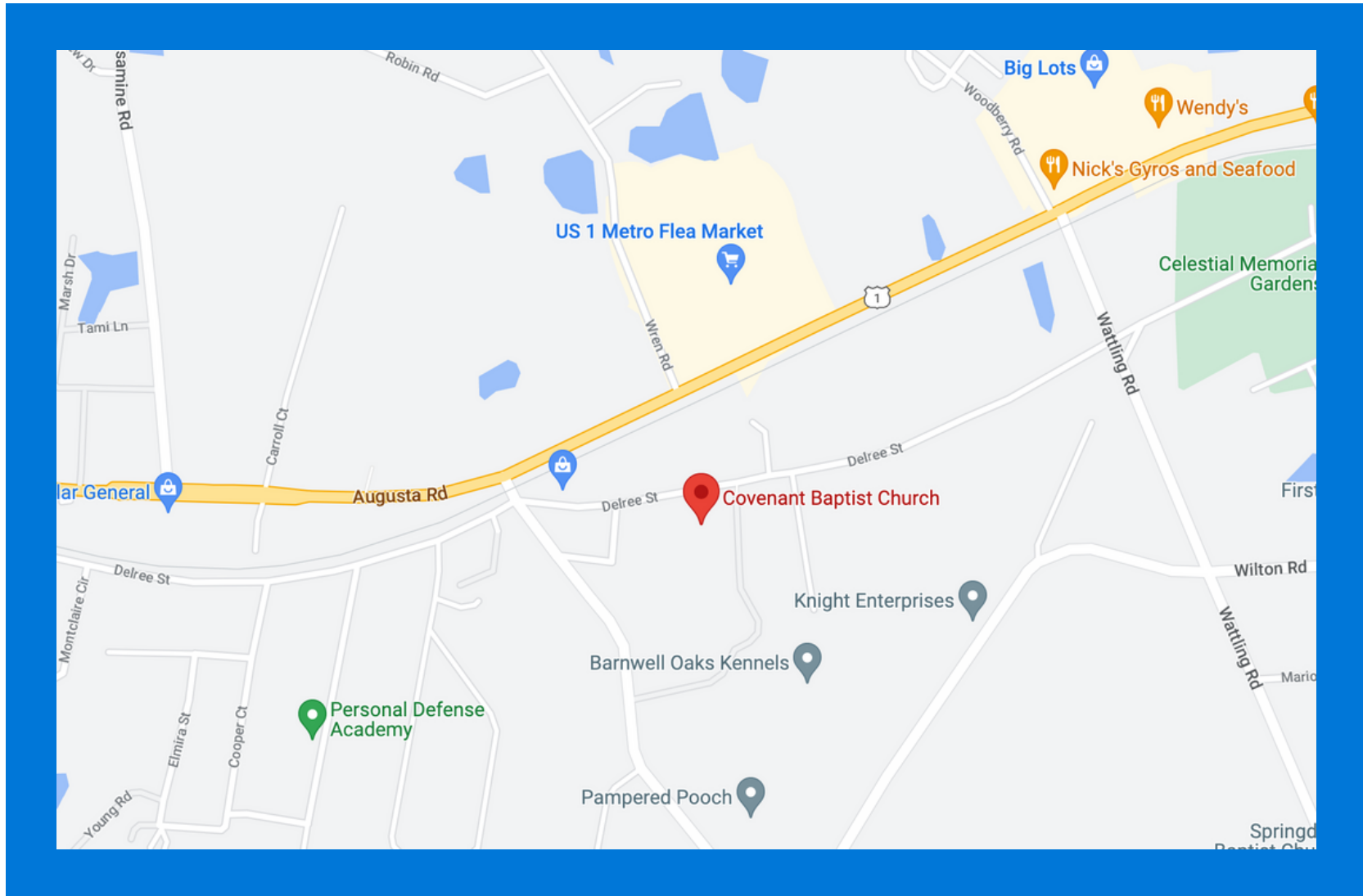
Enduring Dark Providences
<https://biblicalcounseling.com/resource-library/articles/enduring-dark-providences/>

Church Bookstore:
Purchases (cash only) can be made by seeing Andrew Shumpert, or following the instructions left near the bookstore entrance.

Quote of the Week:

Faith is like an empty, open hand stretched out towards God, with nothing to offer and everything to receive

—John Calvin



Location:

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