

*We, the members of Covenant Reformed Baptist Church, would like to take this opportunity to welcome you. This pamphlet is designed to answer some of the most commonly asked questions about our church so that you may feel at home.*

### **Our Name**

*We chose our church name to succinctly express our church identity.*

**“Covenant”** expresses that we trust in God’s promises to us in the gospel which He has confirmed to His people by a solemn oath, or covenant. We believe there is and has always been one way of salvation through faith alone in Christ alone. We believe that this one way of salvation has been progressively revealed in scripture within the framework of divine redemptive covenants with men and finds its fullest revelation in the New Covenant or New Testament.

**“Reformed”** expresses that we embrace those biblical truths and practices that were central to the Protestant Reformation, such as salvation by *grace alone* through *faith alone* in *Christ alone* for the *glory of God alone*. We also believe that the *Scripture alone* is the authoritative, inerrant, and sufficient basis for all of faith and life, and therefore we give the exposition and application of God’s Word the central place in our worship. A fuller expression of our doctrinal convictions is contained in the London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689.

**“Baptist”** expresses that we believe that baptism and church membership should only be bestowed upon those who make a credible profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

**“Church”** expresses that we are a family of Christian believers who have formally and publicly covenanted together to love and serve the Lord our God and to love and serve one another.

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Our confession of faith and our constitution best describe “those things which are most surely believed among us” and how we apply them to our church family. If you would like a copy of our confession or constitution, they may be obtained upon request.

### **Our Worship**

We firmly believe that God Himself regulates His worship through His Word.

We make special effort to protect our worship from elements and innovations for which there is no scriptural authority. We desire that our worship be God-centered rather than man-centered. We desire that it be reverent and joyful.

In our worship services we meet with God in prayer. We teach and admonish one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in our hearts to the Lord. We give our tithes and offerings to the Lord. We read the Bible. And we endeavour to keep the preaching of the Word of God central in our worship and to listen to it attentively. We seek to provide a quiet and reverent atmosphere in the main sanctuary ten minutes before worship.

### **Our Sunday School**

We provide Sunday school instruction every Lord’s Day for different ages. We have classes for adults and children. Parents may accompany their children to any class they desire or keep them in the adult class if they prefer.

We believe children are a blessing from the Lord. We have many children in our midst, and we desire that they enter into the Lord’s Day as much as possible. We ask that parents keep watch over their children when they are not in Sunday school. We provide a nursery for those 2 and under if parents would like some assistance.

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If you need any special assistance at any time, please seek out the help of a deacon or usher. We will be happy to try to accommodate your needs.

### **Our Prayer**

Normally, we meet for a midweek prayer meeting on Wednesday evening. An exception is that every third Friday of the month when we have regional combined prayer meetings and Bible studies in homes in the place of Wednesday prayer meeting. We devote the majority of the time on Wednesday evenings to the reading of letters from other Christian works and the thorough business of prayer. We also have men’s prayer breakfast and women’s prayer fellowship monthly. We believe that our prayer meetings are the pulse of our church’s life.

### **Our Ministries**

Our church is committed to evangelism and missions. We desire to see Christ glorified in the salvation of sinners and sinners made glad by his mercy. We are involved in several ministries such as nursing home visitation, benevolence, book service, lending library, ministerial training (both here and on the mission field), and sermon broadcasting (by CD and on the internet). We have a youth council composed of parents, which organizes our ministry to the youth under the oversight of our pastors. Feel free to ask for more details concerning the various ministries in which we are currently engaged.

### **Our Fellowship**

We look forward to a monthly fellowship dinner as well as special picnics and celebrations throughout the year.

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## Three Marks of a True Christian Church

### I. The true preaching of the Word of God.

Our preaching should be expository (declaring faithfully what the Bible teaches) and applicatory (pointing the truth to the conscience of the hearer).

### II. The right administration of the sacraments.

We administer believer's baptism as the glad occasion arises, and we normally seek to administer the Lord's supper on a monthly basis. In baptism, Christ declares to us our union with him in his death to sin and resurrection to newness of life, and we publicly declare our commitment to Christ. In the Lord's table, we commemorate our Lord's death until He comes. We desire to preserve the sanctity of these ordinances.

### III. The faithful exercise of discipline.

We believe that a sincere profession of Christ is a wholehearted commitment to Christian living. We have vowed to one another to walk alongside each other as we journey the narrow way toward Heaven together. Therefore, we agree to faithfully encourage, reprove, instruct and exhort one another. We also willingly uphold, defend, and submit to the government of Christ's church as taught in the Holy Scriptures.

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#### *Elders*

Pastor Jeffery Smith  
Pastor Robert Gonzales

#### *Deacons*

Dr. Joseph Bartosch  
George Mann

#### **Meeting Times**

<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>9:30 AM</i>
<i>Morning Worship</i>	<i>10:50 AM</i>
<i>Evening Worship</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>

*Wednesday Prayer Meeting*    *7:00 PM*

*(There is an exception on the third Friday of the month when we meet for regional Bible study and prayer.)*

Our book and tape service is located in the back of the sanctuary.

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