

Covenant

a contemplative christian community

(Logo is from their website)

**Southern Baptist Churches are not immune to this
heresy:**

**Covenant Baptist Church
in Garden Ridge, Texas,
has fully embraced the
Contemplative Prayer heresy.**



Covenant Baptist is now an "Emergent" Church with Worship "in the round" with lit "prayer candles arranged in the fireplace at one end. (See and compare with Doug Pagitt's "Solomon's Porch" church on "The Emergent Church" webpage)



**Contemplative "Prayer Candles" lit in the church
fireplace.**

These come from the Catholic votive candle tradition.



Contemplative Worship "in the round"



Labryinth created behind Covenant Baptist Church. Their website even offers a booklet telling you "how to pray" using this form of heresy. They advocate "breath prayers" and "centering prayer," which is pure Medieval-era heresy; and have profaned the observance of the Lord's Supper, by offering it occasionally, in the center of their Labryinth.

One Protestant minister had this to say (and it's well said):

The labyrinth is described as a place of “meditative prayer” and “contemplative prayer” - two concepts that have been largely absent from Protestantism until recent days when the teaching of Catholic mystics like Nouwen and Manning have found wide acceptance by evangelicals. Today such concepts, which might involve chanting a single word for 20 minutes or deliberately turning off one’s mind, are considered effective ways of deepening one’s walk with Christ - or at least appealing to those who have no use for the church.

It is tragic, isn’t it? When did the Bible stop being enough? Why are believers turning away from the Word, and turning instead towards mysticism and attempts to know and experience God apart from His complete revelation of Himself. And when did we lose sight of the

preaching of the gospel as they way to reach the lost? Throughout history people have rejected God and rejected our best efforts to convince them to accept Him. Changing our methods to more closely mimic the world's will do nothing to change the fact that the number of those who hate God will always outnumber those who love Him.

Avoid the labyrinth and any other method that might seek to convince you that you can know and experience God apart from His Word. Immerse yourself in the Word and God will speak to you with clarity, conviction, and power!