



SBAOC Weekly Update

NEWS & PRAYER REQUESTS

- The SBAOC annual meeting will be held on Saturday, October 27th, at 8:00 am in conjunction with the Reformation Weekend Conference at Trinity Baptist Church in Wamego, Kansas.
- Please pray for missionary Trevor Johnson and his wife Teresa. They are both having some health issues.

If you have any news, prayer requests, or events that you would like to have included in this update, please email the information to spurgeonassociation@gmail.com or call us at 785-456-8513.

YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES.

by Iain Duguid

The best in Psalm 23, as in life, is reserved for the end. Here, the classic metaphor of shepherd and sheep is insufficient to describe the richness of the relationship between the Lord and His people, so the metaphor shifts to that of host and guest. More precisely—since this picture is not just any ordinary party—the metaphor depicts a great king welcoming his vassal into his house as his honored guest to feast.

This royal context explains the presence of David’s enemies as observers at the feast. We wouldn’t normally invite our

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PURPOSE STATEMENT:

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“If there is no church... should you not commence one?” C. H. Spurgeon

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“He has set his ministers as watchmen. They must give the alarm. He has given them the trumpet. Let them blow till the gladly solemn sound is heard every where.”

William S. Plumer

“We must preach both didactically and controversially as the occasion demands. Probably, in a settled state of things, the rule is in favor of didactic discourses. Yet we may not decline a just defense of the truth, when we are called thereto. No small part of the ministry of our Lord and of his apostles was taken up in controverting wrong notions, and in establishing true doctrine.”

William S. Plumer

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foes to watch us eat, and we might on a different occasion regard their presence as likely to spoil our appetites. Yet in this setting, their unwilling attendance at the feast is the important proof of a decisive shift in the balance of power now that the great King has finally arrived. For too long, David’s foes mocked him and his trust in Yahweh, and David was powerless to overcome them. For years, he had been crying out, “How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? . . . How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?” (Ps. 13:1–2). It must often have seemed to David, and to the watching world, as if the Lord had indeed forgotten him and allowed his enemies to rejoice in triumph.

Appearances can be deceptive. With the arrival of the great King, justice is finally done: David is vindicated and shown to be the one whom the Lord loves and delights to honor, while his enemies are powerless and put to shame. The Lord spreads a fabulous feast for David and receives him as the guest of honor at the banquet. Faithfulness to the terms of the covenant deserves and receives an invitation to a place of honor at the king’s table, while the psalmist’s enemies are judged and found wanting. The parable that Jesus told about the sheep and the goats similarly blends the metaphors of sheep and shepherd with that of the King who hosts a banquet (see Matt. 25). There, too, the faithful sheep are invited in to receive their reward while the unfaithful goats are cast out into the darkness.

But this ultimate distinction between faithful vassal and unfaithful enemy—between those invited to join the feast and those left impotently standing in disgrace to one side—raises a question in the heart of every believer: Why would I be invited as an honored guest to such a feast reserved for faithful servants of the King? After all, our obedience is sporadic at best, and often far less than it should be. We have frequently and deliberately turned our backs on obedience and joined the rebels in eager worship of their idols. Instead of steadfast love and mercy, we deserve God’s covenant curse to pursue us all the days of our lives.

This is where the beauty of the unmerited salvation that is ours in the gospel shines forth so clearly. For Jesus Christ, the Son of the

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES & EVENTS

KNCSB Annual

Meeting—October 8-9 at First Southern Baptist Church in Pratt, KS. Messengers must preregister by Sept. 7. Website: kncsb.org/annual-meeting/

2018 Springfield Bible

Conference—October 19-21. Faith Bible Church, Springfield, IL. Theme: Thy Word is Truth (John 17:17). Speakers: Ian Hamilton, Iaian Wright, Curt Daniel. There is no charge for this conference. For more information visit the website: <http://www.faithbibleonline.net/event-items/2018-springfield-bible-conference/>.

Reformation Weekend

—October 26-28. Trinity Baptist Church, Wamego, Kansas. See pages 4 & 5 for more information.

Southern Baptist

Founders Conference

Midwest—February 26 & 27, 2019. First Baptist Church of Fenton in Fenton, MO. Theme: *Reformation in Today's Churches*. Speakers include Dr. Thomas Nettles & Dr. Owen Strachan. <https://sbfcmw.wordpress.com>

Encouraged to Endure

Conference—July 25-27, 2019. Second Baptist Church, West Frankfort, IL. Speakers: Joseph Mahlaola, Larry McCall, & John Snyder. Worship Leader: Tom Clay.

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Great King, came and lived the perfectly obedient life that we should have lived, in our place. Instead of rewarding Him with honor and glory, the Father gave the Good Shepherd over into the hands of His enemies, so that He cried out in the words of the preceding psalm: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?” (Ps. 22:1). At the cross, Jesus embodied the ultimate symbol of a man under God’s curse. His testimony there was not of abundant food and green grass but starvation and thirst, so that His tongue stuck to the roof of His mouth. His experience on the cross was not of the Lord’s comforting presence with Him in the valley of the shadow of death, restoring His life, but of forsakenness and abandonment as His life slowly ebbed away. There was no rod and staff at Calvary to comfort and protect Him from all harm; instead, He was turned over to the mocking grasp of His enemies to be tormented and tortured. Instead of dwelling in the Lord’s house, on the cross He was left abandoned in the darkness to die alone, forsaken.

Yet, His forsakenness is the foundation of our hope. We have far more reason than David did for confidently declaring, “I shall not want” and “I will fear no evil.” Our Shepherd has laid down His life for us and has been raised from the dead, putting to shame our last, greatest enemy—death itself. Now Jesus stands as the host of the great feast, the king who has gone before us to prepare a place for us in His Father’s house. Whether our present path takes us through green pastures and by still waters or snakes its way through the darkness of the valley of deep shadow, we can be confident in this: Jesus has promised to welcome us into His kingdom on the last day, there to feast at His table, along with all His saints from many nations, vindicated in the presence of all our foes. The Lord is indeed our Good Shepherd.

Dr. Iain Duguid is professor of Old Testament at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and founding pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church in Glenside, Pa. He is author of *Is Jesus in the Old Testament?*

<https://tabletalkmagazine.com/article/2018/08/you-prepare-a-table-for-me-in-the-presence-of-my-enemies/>

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

REFORMATION WEEKEND

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OCT 26-28, 2018

- The SBAOC Annual Business Meeting will be held on Saturday at 8:00 am.
- There is no registration fee to attend this conference.
- A book table will be available.
- Please see the second page of this flyer for more information.
- If you have questions please contact Tony Mattia at 785-456-3796.

SPEAKERS

- Pastor Gabriel Hughes of First Southern Baptist Church in Junction City, KS
- Pastor Kyle Stachewicz of First Baptist Church in St. Francis, KS
- Pastor Josh Easton of Cross Point Baptist Church in Caney, KS
- Rev. Stephen Atkinson of Christian Witness to Israel USA (CWI)
- Pastor Lyn Hansen of North Park Church in Columbus, NE

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Reformation Weekend—October 26-28, 2018

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

Friday 7:00 pm—Session 1 (Pastor Gabriel Hughes)

Saturday 8:00 am—SBAOC Annual Meeting
10:30 am—Session 2 (Pastor Kyle Stachewicz)
12:00 pm—Lunch (provided)
1:30 pm—Session 3 (Pastor Josh Eaton)
3:00 pm—Break
7:00 pm—Session 4 (Rev. Stephen Atkinson)

Sunday 10:30 am—Session 5 (Pastor Lyn Hansen)

RECOMMENDED LODGING:

COMFORT SUITES, 1020 Hostetler Drive, Manhattan, KS, 66502

Phone: (785) 539-9449

East Manhattan is about a 10 minute drive to Wamego.

SPEAKERS:

GABRIEL HUGHES is the pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Junction City, KS. He's also the voice and creator of the online ministry When We Understand the Text (WWUTT), featuring hundreds of short videos covering a variety of biblical topics. These videos are just 90-seconds long and free for anyone to use at their church, youth group, Bible study, or for their family. Pastor Gabe also has a Bible teaching podcast five days a week. You can find out more about the ministry at wwutt.com.

JOSH EATON has been married to Sherri since 2000. They have 7 children, 3 of which were adopted. Josh and Sherri met at Southwest Baptist University and graduated in 2001. Josh received his MDIV from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in 2005. He has served as the pastor of Cross Point Baptist Church in Caney, KS since 2006. (www.facebook.com/crosspointcaney)

KYLE STACHEWICZ serves as the preaching elder of FBC St. Francis. He has been there since June of 2018. Prior to that, he served as a Youth pastor in Kentucky for 5 years. Kyle graduated with a B.A. from Clear Creek Baptist Bible College and is an MDIV student at Southern Seminary. He and his wife April have three boys and are expecting a baby girl in January. (saintfrancisbaptist.org)

STEPHEN ATKINSON moved from Northern Ireland in June 2012 to develop and promote the work of CWI in North America. He is also a PCA Pastor at Covenant Presbytery 'Ministering Out of Bounds'. Having served as a minister for 18 years, as CWI's Ireland Secretary since 2004, and as Director of Ministry in the USA, Stephen's labors include driving (often literally!) the nationwide operations of CWI (NA), teaching in churches, connecting with pastors, and developing resources that will enable churches and Christians to reach their Jewish neighbors. (www.cwina.org)

LYN HANSEN is lead pastor at North Park Church in Columbus, NE. Lyn has been married to Sandy since 1980. Sandy is general manager of VVS, a food service business, and an active part of NPC- Columbus. Lyn and Sandy have 4 children. Lyn has been in pastoral ministry for 2 decades and was a professional in the transportation industry in his previous career. (insidenp.com)

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PRAYER MEETINGS FOR SPIRITUAL AWAKENING AND REVIVAL

- Fellowship Baptist Church in Onaga, Kansas—5:00 pm on Sundays
- Trinity Baptist Church in Wamego, Kansas—8:00 pm on Saturdays

The Spurgeon Baptist Association of Churches is an association of Southern Baptist Churches that are united to manifest the glory of God above all. We set out to do this by seeking spiritual awakening and revival by intense prayer and earnest obedience to Scripture. As an association of churches we are bound in mutual covenant to strengthen and support one another - motivated and guided by the authority and sufficiency of Scripture - by facilitating faithful preaching of the Word of God, proclaiming the gospel of the risen Lord Jesus Christ to all, making and gathering disciples, planting churches and coordinating unified missions efforts.

We are a non-geographic association seeking to include any like-minded body of believers so that together we might better fulfill the great commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our intent is to lean on His instruction and not our imaginations so that He is honored in all that we do. We welcome churches who adhere to the confessions of faith accepted by Southern Baptists throughout their history, including, but not limited to, the Second London Confession (1689) and the Baptist Faith and Message.



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