

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.

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 ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP OVERFLOWS.

by William MacKenzie

Attack by the blow fly is a real concern to a shepherd. It is a cause of weakness and death in affected animals. The fly lays its eggs on the sheep, and within twenty-four hours, the larvae penetrate the skin and multiply, and soon the sheep is poisoned. Working with our own flock, I would see a sheep distressed by this affliction, but, thankfully, there is a treatment: backlining. An appropriate ointment is poured on the animal's head and along its back.

We often think of David the shepherd in relation to Psalm 23's green pastures. However, David needed to treat disease in his flock. He would also have seen how larvae or maggots were like his own sin—leading to death.

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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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“In short, let the minister of Christ preach all revealed truth in the proportion in which it is revealed in Scripture, and as the necessities of the people call for it. ‘Divinity is the haven and Sabbath of all man’s contemplations.’ No subject is so sublime, so worthy of attention, so fit for the pulpit as is Scripture doctrine. It teaches us all that we must believe, practice, and experience in order to salvation. It is the word of life. It is the doctrine according to godliness.”

William S. Plumer

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David needed the divine remedy; so do we. How wonderful that Jesus tells us in John 10 that the Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep. He has provided the remedy at an incalculable cost. Acts 20:28 tells us that the church is “purchased with his own blood.”

It is not just disease that a shepherd struggles with—there are also the sheep themselves. In Psalm 51, David pleads with the Lord, “Let the bones that you have broken rejoice.” As a Jewish shepherd walking ahead of his flock, David would have noticed when a lamb strayed. At first, he would have thrown a little stick to bring it back, but if the lamb wandered away again, David would have broken its leg. He would then bind up the leg and carry the lamb in his arms, eventually placing the lamb at his feet, where it would stay close to its shepherd. This hard experience was done for the good of the lamb. What a beautiful picture of chastisement. When God admonishes us, His children, we must recognize that He is good in all that He does.

Anointing oil also signifies gladness. We are reminded of this in Isaiah 61:1–3. Who brings good news to the poor? Who binds up the brokenhearted, proclaims liberty to the captives, giving “the oil of gladness instead of mourning”? Surely this is the Anointed One, the Lord Jesus. It is as we consider Him that we have joy and gladness. If not, we are weary and faint in our minds.

Psalm 133 likens unity to a precious oil that is poured over the head of Aaron the priest. Unity is precious. We need to love and wish well for “all those in every place who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 1:2). How can we exclude from our love and prayers anyone whom Christ includes in His? Oil can smooth troubled water. Oil nourishes.

I remember an African pastor presenting the picture of God holding a cup of cursing and a cup of blessing. Surely the blessing would be for the Son for whom He had eternal affection and the cup of cursing would be for His creatures who had sinned against Him. But no, the Son took the curse so that sinners would have the blessing. We need to drink from that cup over and over again, and

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES & EVENTS

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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as our Lord delights in mercy, we love to meet Him there.

The psalmist asks an important question in Psalm 116:12: “What shall I render to the Lord for all his gifts to me?” The implied answer is sweet: “I will have more of the same.” Our need for satisfaction will never be met by this world’s goods or recognition. Stephen Charnock, the Puritan, expressed it well when he said, “Nothing less than Christ can satisfy and when you find him nothing more could be desired.”

My wife and I met with a recently retired pastor who spoke of his frailty and inability to travel on holiday or to church events, but he repeated to us, with joy in his heart, the verse from John Newton:

*From Pole to Pole let others roam
And search in vain for bliss
My soul is satisfied at home
The Lord my portion is.*

Margaret was the quietest member of Alec Motyer’s Bible study. When asked, “How can we make an impact on the world around us?” Margaret simply said, “Peace.” Someone responded, “Tell us more.” She replied: “There are eleven flats in this block. They are all facing the difficulties, challenges, and trials of life. What my neighbors need to see is that we are facing the same issues but enjoying an unshaken peace.” Margaret’s cup was overflowing. This distinctiveness would make our testimony magnetic to a troubled society.

On the cross, Jesus Christ suffered untold agony and rejection. This was not because of anything wrong that He had done but rather out of love for His Father and for those whose sin He was bearing. Yet His cup was overflowing; He had unshaken peace. The centurion saw this and exclaimed, “Truly this was the son of God” (Matt. 27:54). May that be our profession today as we recognize the anointing of our head with oil and the overflowing of our cup.

William MacKenzie is cofounder and managing director of Christian Focus Publications in Fearn, Scotland.

<https://tabletalkmagazine.com/article/2018/08/you-anoint-my-head-with-oil-my-cup-overflows/>

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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