

SBAOC Weekly Update

NEWS & PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for the members of Grace and Truth Baptist Church (Independence, Mo) as we take a team of 7 to Malawi Africa, October 29 - November 9. Pastor Ray Stewart will be training Pastors in the "Passion Center for Pastors." Our women will be conducting 2 Women's Conferences, Teaching out of Titus 2, and we will oversee 2 VBS's for more than 400 children, with the "Passion Center for Children."
- Please pray for me. I have a swollen liver and spleen due to my 23rd case of malaria in 14 years and had to be admitted to a hospital. I sleep 12-16 hours per day and am still too tired to work. Trevor Johnson (SBAOC Individual Member)
- 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.
- See pages 4 & 5 for Reformation Weekend details.

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.

AND I SHALL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.

By L. Michael Morales

The psalms of David are filled with a longing to abide in God's presence, within His house. In Psalm 26:8, David declares, "O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where

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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 who would rightly use that Word must read it, study it, pray over it, and speak it without showing any favor to the great, the mighty, or the popular of his day. He may not trim his sails to catch the breath of public favor. He must tell the whole story, and give full and timely warning. Read Ezekiel iii., 17-21.”

William S. Plumer

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your glory dwells.” In the following psalm, David professes this yearning to be the singular drive of his heart, saying, “One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple” (27:4). Another psalm, by the sons of Korah, expresses the same desire no less ardently: “How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God,” and pronounces, “Blessed are those who dwell in your house” (84:1–2, 4). Such longing for life with God in the house of God concludes what is perhaps the most well-known and beloved psalm: “And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever” (23:6).

Far from hollow sentimentality, David’s desire was fueled by a robust theology, by his understanding of God’s character as well as of His purposes and promises for His people. Indeed, such a hope of dwelling with God was revealed by God Himself. After God delivered Israel through the waters of the sea, Moses led the people in a divinely inspired song, which taught that the LORD, in His steadfast love, would lead the people He had redeemed, guiding them to His own “holy abode,” even the “sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established” (Ex. 15:13, 17). Israel had been redeemed to dwell with God. Marvelously, David understood that his desire to dwell with God was paltry in comparison with the Lord’s own zeal as the One who—wonder of wonders—said, “Let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst” (Ex. 25:8). As Israelite pilgrims journeyed to Jerusalem for the annual feasts, Solomon’s temple on Mount Zion served as a symbol for God’s ultimate purpose to dwell with His people. Significant for this theology, an imposing, bloodied altar stood in the courtyard before the entrance to God’s house.

In Psalm 23, David sets forth the hope of dwelling with God in a twofold manner. First, God’s house is portrayed as the journey’s end for His people. Using the shepherding imagery of the exodus itself, David portrays the Lord as his Shepherd throughout this life. The imagery then changes to that of hospitality: as guidance culminates in arrival, the Shepherd becomes host. Intriguingly, the transition from the metaphor of a sheep led by its shepherd to that of a guest honored by his host occurs “through the valley of the shadow of death” (v. 4). For David, then, the hope of dwelling with God in the house of God was a future-oriented reality, an eschatology. David’s expectation was sure since he, as a shepherd himself, understood that arrival was not a

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES & EVENTS

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](https://sbfcmw.wordpress.com)

**Saved By Faith Youth
Camp—**June 17-21, 2019.
Webster Conference Center,
Salina, Kansas. Speaker: Dr.
Jim Orrick. For more info go
to www.sbfyckansas.com or
send an email to
[trinitybaptistwamego@gmail
.com](mailto:trinitybaptistwamego@gmail.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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burden placed upon sheep—fearful, witless, and wayward as they often are. Rather, the guidance, care, and protection of the sheep, along with their destination, was a charge laid upon the shepherd.

Secondly, God's house is presented as the beginning of eternal glory. To be sure, the delights and joys of God's house are tasted in this life, especially among God's people in Sabbath worship. Moreover, the Lord had indeed spread a table in the wilderness throughout the journeys of Israel, but these instances, blessed as they are, are mere foretastes of the feasting God has prepared for His people in the "house" of a glorious new creation. Anointing the head with oil and pouring into the cup until it overflows are token descriptions meant to portray lavish hospitality (v. 5). God is here depicted as an ancient Near Eastern host who generously honors and satiates his guests with extravagant abundance. Elsewhere, David elaborates, saying that God's people "feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights" (Ps. 36:8). The word David uses here for "delights" is built from the same root for Eden, the paradise of God where humanity once enjoyed the delights of His fellowship. Our journey's end is also a new beginning, the beginning of supremely blessed life with God and His people in a paradise more glorious than Eden.

Yet, even "honored guest" does not quite capture either David's hope or his heart. Such lavish hospitality is, rather, poured out upon sons and daughters. Through the atoning work of Jesus Christ and union with Him by the Holy Spirit, sinners may become the children and household of God, born of God (John 1:12–13; Eph. 2:19). Like the returning Prodigal Son held in a prolonged embrace by his panting father, so our journey's end and eternity's beginning are really a coming home—and even God's house is lacking until all His children come home. Led by the Good Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ, who laid down His life for His sheep, God's people will indeed enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise (John 10:1–18; see Ps. 100).

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<https://tabletalkmagazine.com/article/2018/08/and-i-shall-dwell-in-the-house-of-the-lord-forever/>

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

trinitybaptist-wamego.org

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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