

# 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."

*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](mailto:spurgeonassociation@gmail.com) or call us at 785-456-8513.*

## CHRISTIANS ARE DISCIPLES

By Dr. Burk Parsons

Throughout the world, there are many people who claim to be Christians. In fact, if we were to ask people in our communities if they are Christians, many of them would respond quickly with an emphatic yes. However, if we were to ask those same people if they are disciples of Jesus Christ, many of them would likely not be as quick to answer, and those who are honest would have to admit that they are in truth not disciples of Jesus Christ.

This dichotomy is problematic. Although many people don't want to hear it, and while many pastors fail to preach it, there is no distinction between a Christian and a disciple of Jesus Christ. Christians are disciples. A disciple is someone who trusts Christ and who lives his life according to that trust, following Christ and growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ (2 Peter 3:18). His call is clear: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Matt. 16:24). If we are genuinely trusting Christ, we will follow Him, but if we're not following Him, it means that we don't trust Him. Similarly, if we know the gospel, we will strive to walk in a way

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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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that is worthy of the gospel (Phil 1:27); if the Holy Spirit dwells within us, we will walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5:25); if we are united to Christ, we will bear fruit in Christ (John 15:1–11); if we love Christ, we will obey Christ (John 14:15); if we are justified by faith, and faith alone, our faith will not remain alone but will result in a life of faith, repentance, and good works, which Christ prepared beforehand that we should walk in them (Eph. 2:8–10; James 2:14–26).

In the Great Commission, Jesus calls us to make disciples of all nations. His call to make disciples includes not only evangelism and seeing the lost born again by the Holy Spirit and united to Christ by grace alone through faith alone, but it also includes working to ensure that those who are united to Christ are discipled in Christ. In many ways, this is where the church has not been faithful, both in our local churches and on the mission field around the world. We have made many converts, and we have made many busy church workers, but we have not been as faithful in the great task of disciple-making. We who have been made disciples by the sovereign grace of God are called to go and make disciples in our homes, our churches, our communities, and the nations by the grace of God through the power of the gospel of God and all for the glory of God.

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<https://tabletalkmagazine.com/article/2018/06/christians-are-disciples/>

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES & EVENTS

**Reformation Weekend**—October 26-28. Trinity Baptist Church, Wamego, Kansas.

**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>

**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](http://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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## 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

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*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.*



Baptist Association of Churches