



SBAOC Weekly Update

NEWS & PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

REFORMATION WEEKEND

Trinity Baptist Church had the privilege of hosting the annual meeting for the 28 congregations of the Spurgeon Baptist Association of Churches (SBAOC) on Reformation Weekend (Oct. 26-28). Our speakers for the weekend were 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 Eaton of Cross Point Baptist Church in Caney, KS; Rev. Stephen Atkinson of Christian Witness to Israel USA (CWI); and Pastor Lyn Hansen of North Park Church in Columbus, NE. All of the messages dealt with some aspect of evangelism. On Reformation Sunday Pastor Hansen spoke on 1 Corinthians 2:1-14, *The Reformation, the Word of God, and My Church*. All of the messages are available to listen to from the link on the SBAOC website: www.sbaoc.org.

THE ORDINARY MEANS OF DISCIPLESHIP

By Mantle A. Nance

In Acts 2:42, Luke provides a summary of the ways believers in the early church grew as disciples. He writes, "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." According to Luke, these Christians devoted themselves to four basic means by which they were discipled. Let us consider these means and the way in

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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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Andrew Davies

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which the risen Christ still uses them today in the lives of His people.

First, Luke tells us that the early disciples devoted themselves to “the apostles’ teaching.” We should note that Luke chooses to characterize their activity in terms of devotion. In other words, they made the hearing and the study of the truth as it is revealed in Jesus Christ a priority—a regular, nonnegotiable part of their lives. Still today, most ministers will tell you that those who do this are those who, more often than not, lead the most vibrant and fruitful Christian lives. Those who faithfully attend the public teaching of the Word with a genuine hunger for it are disciples who make disciples. When the Word is preached faithfully, boldly, and winsomely in the power of the Spirit, these disciples are equipped to be faithful, bold, and winsome influencers for Christ in every sphere of their lives.

Luke also speaks of the early disciples’ devotion to “the fellowship.” Our triune God is the God of eternal fellowship, and we, as those made in His image, were made for fellowship with Him and with one another. Our lives are deficient without genuine fellowship with others, especially with others who share our love for Christ. As we proactively encourage one another, the body of Christ is built up spiritually and, very often, numerically. When we are known by our love for one another, those who have not yet tasted and seen that the Lord is good often become curious and open to hear more about the Jesus who is at the center of all our fellowship, and, by the grace of God, become genuine partakers of that fellowship as well.

Third, Luke tells us that the early church was devoted to “the breaking of bread.” This likely refers to their observance of the Lord’s Supper, which they observed, along with baptism (see Acts 2:41), according to Christ’s instruction. In sensory ways, the sacraments of baptism and the Lord’s Supper communicate the Father’s adopting love, the Son’s sacrificial grace, and the Spirit’s life-giving fellowship in such a way as to transform and equip disciples.

The sacraments, like the fellowship of the saints, remind us that we are meant to gather corporately in order to grow as individuals. As blessed as we are in our day with so many Christian books and sermons available through the Internet and otherwise, the

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES & EVENTS

Southeast Founders

Conference—January 3-5. Grace Baptist Church in Cape Coral, Florida. Theme: *Do Justice — Love Kindness — Walk Humbly*. Speakers include Voddie Baucham, Josh Buice, Tom Ascol, and Jared Longshore. Early registration pricing through Dec. 6. Go to founders.org/events/ for information.

Deep South Regional

Founders Conference—January 24-26. Bethlehem Baptist Church in Laurel, MS. Theme: The Doctrine of Sanctification. Main Speaker: Conrad Mbewe. Go to founders.org/events/ for 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>

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.

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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sacraments keep us coming back to the gathered church, for which there is no substitute. God is pleased to meet with His gathered people in a special way through our observance of the sacraments. Regarding the way Christ meets with us when we partake of the Lord's Supper by faith, even the erudite scholar John Calvin had to admit, "I experience it rather than understand it." Supernaturally, incomprehensibly, the triune God communicates with us, nourishes us, cheers us, and equips us to be disciples through the sacraments. There is no substitute for them in the disciple's life.

Last, but not least, Luke tells us that the early disciples devoted themselves to "the prayers." Corporate prayer has been referred to as Christ's last command and the church's first responsibility (see Acts 1:14). The early church experientially knew and availed themselves of the power of prayer as they prayed for the Spirit's filling, wisdom, guidance, and boldness. As C.H. Spurgeon put it: "Prayer meetings were the arteries of the early church. Through them life-sustaining power was derived."

"The prayers" in Acts 2:42 are likely representative of the overall worship of the early church. Still today, as the church seeks the face of the Father through the mediation of the incarnate Son with the help of the Spirit, the triune God is pleased to inhabit the praises of His people to the glory of His name, the routing of His enemies, and the edification of His church (see 2 Chron. 20:22; Ps. 8:2; Col. 3:16).

These means of grace may appear weak in the eyes of the world, but in the eyes of the Lord and the discerning believer, they are channels through which sinners are brought into relationship with the risen Christ and disciples are empowered to live grateful lives of winsome witness for their Savior. Rather than trusting in the latest innovation, let us follow in the footsteps of the early church and avail ourselves of these ordinary means of grace. As we do, Christ will equip His disciples to make disciples, and His praise will continue to spread to the ends of the earth.

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<https://tabletalkmagazine.com/article/2018/06/ordinary-means-discipleship/>

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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.



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