



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.

DISCIPLES DISCIPLE THEIR CHILDREN

By Robert VanDoodewaard

The Lord designed households to be unique places for the development of disciples. Parents are commanded in Deuteronomy 6:6–7 to teach the words of God “diligently to your children, and . . . talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.” In the New Testament, when a head of a household was a disciple, it had implications for his family (Luke 19:9; 1 Cor. 7:14; 2 Tim. 1:5). In Ephesians 6:4, there is a direct command to disciple children: “Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord” (NKJV). The Lord certainly calls His disciples to disciple their children.

It is never too early to begin with routines of discipleship. Sing psalms and hymns over little ones and set aside time daily for family Bible reading and prayer. In time, introduce Scripture memory and catechisms (Ps. 119:9–11). Make Lord’s Day worship a delight and a priority. Speak often of God’s Word, His works in creation, His providences, and prayers that He’s answered. These habits will set the stage for the rest of life.

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PURPOSE STATEMENT:

We unite as an association of Southern Baptist churches in order to manifest the glory of God above all. We purpose to do this by seeking spiritual awakening and revival by intense prayer and earnest obedience to Scripture. We 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.

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

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“We must preach variously and seasonably. Snow is as much from heaven as rain, and may answer as good a purpose. Isa. 1v., 9, 10. But we do not want snow in midsummer, or rain in harvest. We must teach, warn, reprove, rebuke, persuade, convince, comfort. We may explain a parable, expound a psalm, enforce a duty, point out a privilege, rehearse a history, lead men by kind entreaty, or alarm them by awful threatenings, and yet be doing our whole duty at the time. ‘A wise man regardeth both time and judgment.’”

William S. Plumer

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As children grow, discipleship will need to intertwine with everyday life even more. The meaning of “training” in Ephesians 6:4 includes a narrowing of options or an establishing of boundaries. Children will need rules based on God’s Word so that they may learn obedience and the consequences of disobedience. This process ought not to lead to a constantly broken relationship but to a growing understanding that discipline is loving (Heb. 12:3–11). Seek to show them how each situation can either lead to alienation or to the cross of Christ and reconciliation.

As children grow, conversations become the most important aspect of discipleship. The Savior answered many questions from His disciples, and parents also should become a primary source of answers. This can be challenging, so don’t be afraid to take time to respond, to research, or to ask advice yourself, but be consistent in giving responses. Make your home a place of godly discussions, even healthy debates. Especially in this information age, teach them where to find the right answers for themselves, which includes helping them cultivate relationships with their elders. When questions become difficult, pray with your children for wisdom and the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13; James 1:5).

Christian homes can be pictured as greenhouses where children grow up as small plants for a time. They are given water and nurtured by the Word, cultivated and pruned, and to a degree they are protected. It is your calling as a parent to be diligent in discipling and sheltering, but also to be encouraged that the Holy Spirit often uses holy households to nurture faith, despite our inevitable failures. Above all, depend on His work, and be faithful to pray that the Lord would give the increase.

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<https://tabletalkmagazine.com/article/2018/06/disciples-disciple-children/>

SBAOC February Income Report:

\$2,183 Received from 9 Churches & Individuals

**UPCOMING
CONFERENCES &
EVENTS**

**Spring Bible
Conference**—April 5-7.
Covenant Baptist Church,
Broken Arrow, OK. Theme:
The Glory of Christ.
Speakers: Ron Crisp,
Laurence Justice, Curtis
Knapp, & Robert Walker.
www.covenantbc.com

**Grace Bible
Conference**—April 12-14.
Rockport Baptist Church,
Arnold, MO. Theme: *The
Heart of Evangelism*.

**Saved By Faith Youth
Camp**—June 17-21, 2019.
Webster Conference Center,
Salina, Kansas. Speaker: Dr.
Jim Orrick. Theme: *God Is
Sovereign*. For more
information go to
www.sbfyckansas.com or
email
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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God Is Sovereign

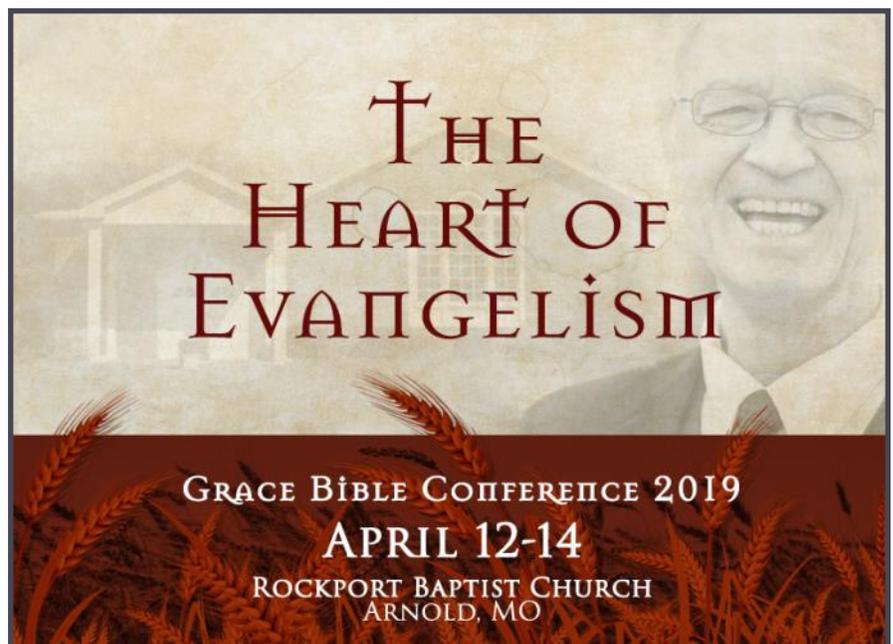
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**Saved By Faith Youth Camp
June 17-21, 2019**

At Webster Conference Center, Salina, Kansas
For more information visit the website or
contact Trinity Baptist Church at
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**Saved By Faith Youth Camp is primarily committed to
the faithful teaching of Scripture. Our goal is simple;
pour the Word of God into the lives of students and
watch God do His work!**



**THE
HEART OF
EVANGELISM**

**GRACE BIBLE CONFERENCE 2019
APRIL 12-14
ROCKPORT BAPTIST CHURCH
ARNOLD, MO**

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OF CHURCHES**

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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.



Baptist Association of Churches