



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

## DISCIPLES HIDE GOD'S WORD IN THEIR HEARTS

By Robert W. Carver

“Me? Memorize Scripture? But I’m not a child anymore. Besides, I teach children now. I teach; they learn.” Though perhaps not the actual words of adult Christians, these sentiments may represent the attitude of many. They haven’t really memorized specific Scriptures in many years (or perhaps not at all).

However, for a true disciple of Christ, who truly wants to be like Christ, memorizing Scripture is a vital discipline. If you did memorize Scripture as a child, you probably learned Psalm 119:11: “I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.” Psalm 119 is not only the longest chapter in the Bible, but it also is marked by noteworthy stylistic features. The Hebrew poem is divided into twenty-two stanzas, one for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Each verse within a stanza begins with a particular letter. This alphabetical structure was an aid for memorization.

Not only for its length and its literary form is this psalm noteworthy, but also for its lofty subject. From its beginning to its end, every single verse is about the Word of God. Stanza beth begins: “How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word” (v. 9).

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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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*“Our blessed Lord once said to his disciples, ‘Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while.’ Mark vi., 31. The bow must be sometimes unbent, or it will lose its elasticity. The Lord is not a hard Master. And yet a lazy ministry is a curse to any people, and is accursed of God.”*

*William S. Plumer*

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The stanza ends: “I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word” (vv. 15–16). The key to avoiding and escaping the snares of the enemy of our souls is to know the Word, meditate on the Word, and remember the Word. Nestled right in the middle of these instructions is the biblical mandate to memorize it.

One of the sacred tasks of a Jewish father was to acquaint his son with the Torah (Genesis–Deuteronomy) and to stress the importance of memorizing with precision what God had said (Deut. 6:4–7). Thus, the Law would be recited in the child’s hearing from his earliest days, and key passages would be repeated over and over. Since most homes were too poor to own their own collection of the Old Testament scrolls, the cultivation of the memory was essential.

One who memorizes Scripture will reap many benefits. Foremost is Scripture’s aid in resisting Satan’s enticements. Jesus’ response of “It is written” to each of the adversary’s temptations in the wilderness is the greatest illustration of this (Matt. 4:4, 7, 10). Furthermore, Scripture written on the tablets of the heart is there for meditation all the day long (Ps. 119:97). It aids the renewing of our mind so that our thinking is shaped by the indwelling Word (Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 10:5). God’s truth stored up in the heart will come more readily to mind in decision making, counseling, witnessing, teaching, etc. When we are beset with doubts and depression, the hidden store of God’s truth will be a sure and steady anchor for our storm-tossed ark.

So don’t delay. Start now. Choose a verse (or passage). Write it out. Review it regularly. Be accountable to someone. Learn it not to boast but so that you may live it and so that Christ may be seen in you.

*Robert W. Carver served as associate professor of Greek and Bible at Clearwater Christian College in Clearwater, Fla., for more than thirty-five years.*

<https://tabletalkmagazine.com/article/2018/06/disciples-hide-gods-word-hearts/>

**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](http://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](http://www.sbfyckansas.com) or  
email  
[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.

**SBFYC 2019**

**God Is  
Sovereign**

**With Dr. Jim Orrick**

**[www.sbfyckansas.com](http://www.sbfyckansas.com)**

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

**At Webster Conference Center, Salina, Kansas**

**Cost: \$160 for students, \$100 for sponsors**

**Early Registration Deadline: April 1**

**\* The cost increases to \$180 after April 1.**

**\* Please register by May 23.**

**\*Family discounts and scholarships are available upon  
request. Please contact Anthony Harwell before the  
May 23rd registration deadline for more information  
([anthonyharwell@gmail.com](mailto:anthonyharwell@gmail.com)).**

**For registration packets and more  
information, please visit the website or contact  
Trinity Baptist Church at 785-456-8513 or  
[trinitybaptistwamego@gmail.com](mailto:trinitybaptistwamego@gmail.com).**

**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!**

***SBFYC is sponsored by the Spurgeon Baptist Association of  
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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