



SBAOC Weekly Update

NEWS & PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Please continue to pray for those affected by the Midwest flooding and our Disaster Relief teams. Cash donations will go entirely to help the victims of this disaster and can be sent to: KNCSB, 5410 SW 7th Street, Topeka, KS 66606, Attn: Disaster Relief.*
- *If you have congregation members that would like to serve with the Disaster Relief teams, please contact Tracy Rose at spurgeonassociation@gmail.com. This will be a long-term effort and training will be provided on-site if needed.*
- *The SBAOC spring meeting will be held in conjunction with the Grace Bible Conference on Saturday, April 13, at Rockport Baptist Church in Arnold, Missouri.*
- *Early registration for SBFYC is due by April 1. Please visit the website for more information—www.sbfyckansas.com.*

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 LOVE OTHER DISCIPLES

By Kevin D. Gardner

We talk a lot about love in the Christian church. Rightly so, since love is at the center of our message, the gospel (John 3:16). But what does it mean to love other Christians? Is it really that important? Can't we just live out the Christian life on our own?

The Westminster Confession of Faith tells us that we as believers owe one another "holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God, and in performing such other spiritual services as tend to their mutual edification; as also in relieving each other in outward things, according

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PURPOSE STATEMENT:

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

COMMENTS ON OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

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JC Ryle: “Look at two witnesses giving their testimony from the witness-box—the one decided, and the other not—and mark the difference. The effect on the jury would be that the one would be believed, the other discredited. And may not those witnesses stand as types of the Christian ministry? What is the effect of a man standing up in the pulpit trembling, hesitating, and uncertain? Will that man be likely to carry conviction to the minds of his congregation? Will they be likely to believe what he says to be true? On the other hand, let a man stand up boldly and say, ‘This is God’s truth;’ ‘Thus saith the Lord;’ and how different will be the effect!”

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to their several abilities and necessities” (WCF 26.2). Regular attendance at corporate worship is a major part of how we fulfill this duty. We join our fellow believers in hearing from the Word, partaking of the sacraments, praying together, mingling our voices in songs of praise, and confessing our shared faith.

We are also called to relieve our fellow believers’ outward needs as we are able. This can take the form of giving to the church’s deacons’ fund, giving to missions work, or participating directly in relief efforts—making meals for new mothers, visiting the sick and homebound, or pitching in after disasters.

Our being one body in Christ has important implications for our relationships with other believers. John tells us that we are to love one another, “for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God” (1 John 4:7). John also records Christ’s words along the same lines: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34–35). Our love for one another has as its basis the love that God has for us in Christ.

God’s love for us works itself out in our lives in various ways. It moves us to respond to God in love, and it moves us to love our brothers and sisters in the faith (1 John 4:11–12; 5:1–3). This is because we are one body, the body of Christ. No one hates his own body, but desires what is good for it (Eph. 5:29); in the same way, those who are united to the body of Christ do their part to care for that body. We worship together, use our God-given gifts for the benefit of the body, suffer together, rejoice together, and bear one another’s burdens (1 Cor. 12:12–31; Gal. 6:2).

John warns that if we are not moved in this way, it might be that we are not part of the body (1 John 4:20). Anyone who separates himself from this body has no basis for security. There is no sense in the Bible of a lone Christian: we are united in Christ as the new temple of God (Eph. 2:19–22). Christ does not dwell within anyone who is not united to that body.

So, friends, let us not forsake the holy fellowship of the body of Christ, but let us love one another, encourage one another, and care for one another (1 John 4:21; Heb. 10:23–25).

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

**UPCOMING
CONFERENCES &
EVENTS**

Spring Bible Conference—
April 5-7. Covenant Baptist
Church, Broken Arrow, OK .
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. *The Heart
of Evangelism*.

**2019 National Founders
Conference—**May 14-16.
Louisville, KY. *The Gospel And
Justice: Contending For The
Faith That Was Once Delivered
To The Saints* with Tom Ascol,
Jared Longshore, Tom Nettles,
Fred Malone, Tom Hicks, & Jon
English Lee . [https://
founders.sovalliance.com/2019
-founders-louisville/](https://founders.sovalliance.com/2019-founders-louisville/)

**Saved By Faith Youth
Camp—**June 17-21, 2019.
Webster Conference Center,
Salina, Kansas. Speaker: Dr.
Jim Orrick. *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.

SBFYC 2019

God Is Sovereign

With Dr. Jim Orrick

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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).**

**For registration packets and more
information, please visit the website or contact
Trinity Baptist Church at 785-456-8513 or
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!**

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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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