



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.

- The SBAOC annual business meeting will be held at Trinity Baptist Church on Saturday, October 26, at 8:00 am in conjunction with the Reformation Weekend Conference. Trinity is located at 16655 W Hwy 24 in Wamego, Kansas.
- Reformation Weekend Conference—October 25-27 at Trinity Baptist Church. Our speakers will be Pastor Bill Ascol and Pastor Brandon Rhea. See pages 2 & 3 for more information. Subscribe to the Spurgeon Baptist Association of Churches YouTube channel to watch the sessions live.

THE KIND OF MAN GOD USES: SAMUEL PEARCE (1766-1799)

Tom J. Nettles

The beloved friend of Andrew Fuller and William Carey, Samuel Pearce (1766-1799), personified the living relation between doctrinal purity and passion for God's glory in evangelism.¹ Pearce participated with boundless energy and sacrifice in the Missionary society work and served as editor of the *Periodical Accounts*. Not only did he promote the mission cause in England with all his might, he urged William Rogers of the Philadelphia Association to begin a Baptist foreign mission society in America that would involve the energies of the entire denomination. Cathcart's Encyclopedia calls him "one of the warmest advocates of foreign missions that dwelt on earth since the Son of Mary came from his heavenly home on a foreign mission to this lost world." He has been compared to Robert Murray M'Cheyne and David Brainerd for combination of fervent piety and zeal.

In a funeral sermon preached for Pearce, Fuller asserted that Pearce was a "singular instance of the holy and happy efficacy of divine grace, whose imperfections were as few, and whose excellencies as many as I have ever witnessed in a mortal man." Comparing him to king Josiah, Fuller noted that Pearce came to Christ at a tender age, like Josiah was tender-hearted, and, again like Josiah, had a "lovely uniformity of character." Then, in a memorable passage outlining the balance of his character, Fuller said, "For my own part, I never knew a man in whom were united greater portion of the contemplative and the active; holy zeal, and genuine candor; spirituality, and rationality; talents

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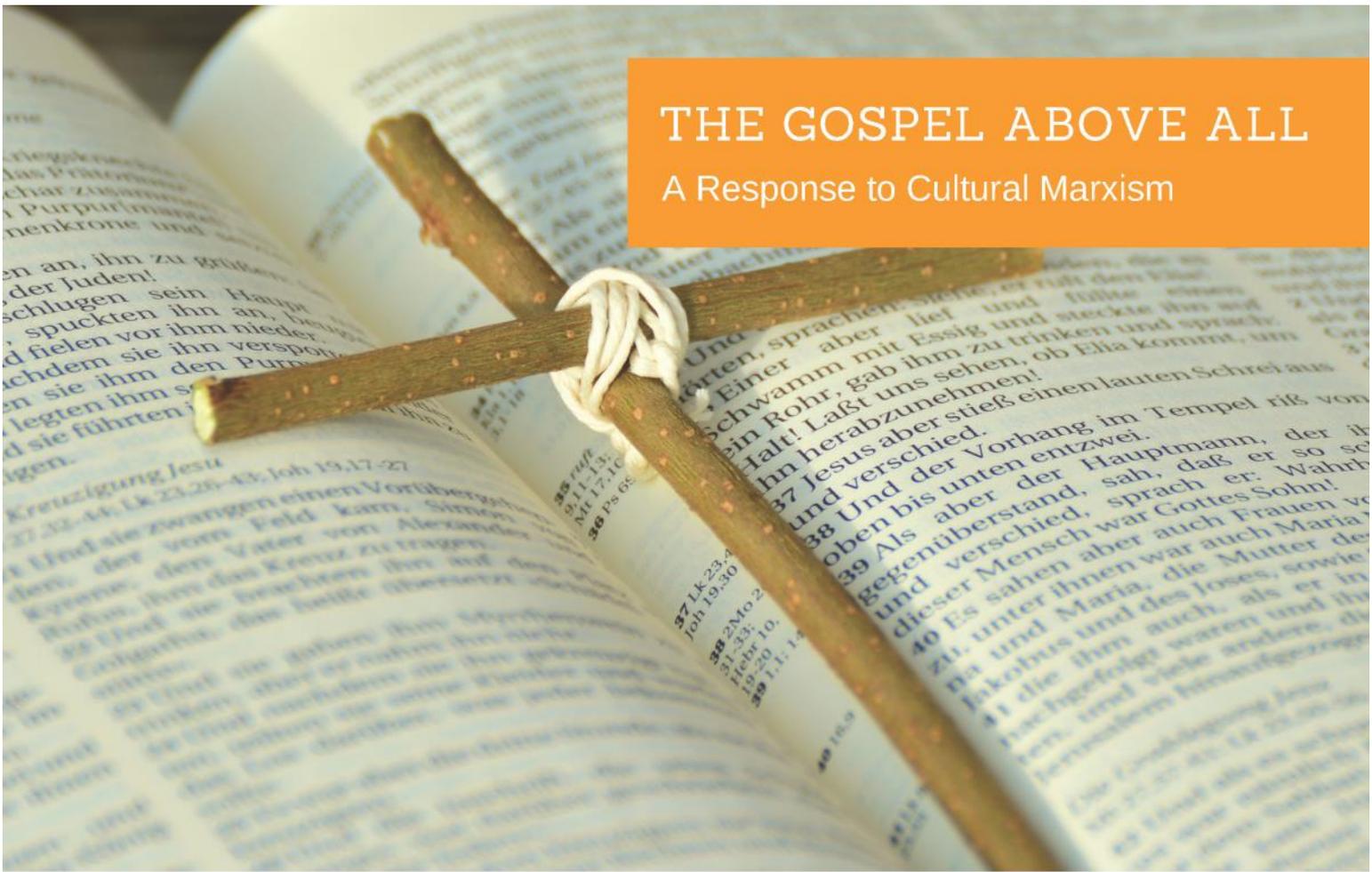
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PURPOSE STATEMENT:

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



THE GOSPEL ABOVE ALL
A Response to Cultural Marxism

REFORMATION WEEKEND CONFERENCE

With Pastor Bill Ascol and Pastor Brandon Rhea

Trinity Baptist Church, 16655 W Hwy 24, Wamego, Kansas
October 25-27, 2019

SESSION TIMES:

FRIDAY @ 7:00 PM

SATURDAY @ 10:30 AM, 1:30 PM, & 7:00 PM

SUNDAY @ 10:30 AM

Recommended Lodging: Wamego Inn & Suites - 785-458-8888

Registration is free. Please email trinitybaptistwamego@gmail.com
if you are attending for planning purposes. Thank you!

THE GOSPEL ABOVE ALL: A RESPONSE TO CULTURAL MARXISM

Reformation Weekend Conference

October 25-27, 2019

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE:

- Friday 7:00 pm—Session 1: “The Gospel Cultivates Racial Reconciliation” (Responding to Cultural Marxism’s Race Hustling) 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Ephesians 2:14-22 (Bill Ascol)
- Saturday 8:00 am—SBAOC Annual Meeting
- 10:30 am—Session 2: Spurgeon on the Sabbath (Brandon Rhea)
- 12:00 pm—Lunch (provided)
- 1:30 pm—Session 3: “The Gospel Clarifies Gender Role Distinctions” (Responding to Cultural Marxism’s Assault on Complementarianism) 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 1 Timothy 2:8-15 (Bill Ascol)
- 3:00 pm—Break
- 7:00 pm—Session 4: “The Gospel Codifies Sexual Orientation” (Responding to Cultural Marxism’s Gender Bending) 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Matthew 19:3-6 (Bill Ascol)
- Sunday 10:30 am—Session 5: “The Gospel Calls Us to Be Transformed” (Responding to Cultural Marxism’s Denigration of the Gospel) 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (Bill Ascol)

SPEAKERS:

Bill Ascol began his ministry at Bethel Baptist Church (Owasso, OK) in September 2005 after 28 years ministering in Louisiana Baptist churches. He is a former Vice-President of the Executive Board of the Louisiana Baptist Convention as well as a former President of the Louisiana Baptist Pastors' Conference. He served as the Chairman of the Board of Founders Ministries and the Coordinator of the Saved By Faith Youth Challenge Camps for young people. He received the MDiv degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Bill and his wife, Karen, have five grown children and eleven grandchildren.

Brandon Rhea was born and raised near Springfield, IL. He graduated from Illinois College in 2007 with a B.A. in History and from Moody Theological Seminary in 2010 with a Master of Divinity. He is a PhD student in Historical Theology at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City with an interest in Spurgeon's understanding of the Christian Sabbath. He will be delivering a paper on this topic in November 2019 at the Evangelical Theological Society meeting in San Diego. He met his wife, Karise, while doing pulpit supply for Faith Baptist in 2013-14. They were married in January 2016 and moved to Kirksville in April 2016 after Brandon accepted the call to pastor at Faith Baptist Church. They have two children, Ian and Elizabeth. Besides shepherding, parenting, and studying, Brandon loves to read history, to street preach, and to do Biblical counseling.

There is no registration fee for the conference. For planning purposes, please email Tracy at trinitybaptistwamego@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

RECOMMENDED LODGING:

WAMEGO INN & SUITES (located on Hwy 24) - Call 785-458-8888 for reservations.

Questions? Contact Tony Mattia at 785-456-3796

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES & EVENTS

Reformation Weekend

Conference—October 25-27.

Trinity Baptist Church, Wamego, KS. The SBAOC annual business meeting will be held on Saturday, October 26, at 8 am.

Southeast Founders

Conference—December 5-7.

Grace Baptist Church, Cape Coral, FL. Speakers: Tom Ascol, Jared Longshore, Tom Nettles, Tom Hicks. Theme: Law & Gospel.

True Church Conference—

February 20-23, 2020. Speakers: Justin Peters, Tom Nettles, Tom Ascol, David Miller, Jono Sims, & Jeff Noblit. "The Pretenders: Unmasking the Tragedy of Unregenerate Church Membership."
truechurchconference.com

Midwest Founders Conference

25th Anniversary—"Union with Christ". February 25 & 26, 2020. First Baptist Church of Fenton. Speakers: Dr. Greg Gilbert, Dr. Curtis McClain, Dr. Terry Chrisope, Dr. Bob Curtis. Register online at: <http://sbfcmw.com>

2020 Saved By Faith Youth

Camp—June 15-19. Webster Conference Center, Salina, Kansas. <https://www.sbfyckansas.com/>



Check out the "SBFYC Official" YouTube channel to watch the 2019 sessions.

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which attracted almost universal applause, and the most unaffected modesty; fortitude that would encounter any difficulty that stood in the way of duty, and gentleness that would not break a bruised reed; faithfulness in bearing testimony against evil, and compassion to the soul of the evil-doer; deep seriousness, and habitual cheerfulness; finally, a constant aim to promote the highest degree of piety in himself and others, and, at the same time, a readiness to hope the best of the lowest."²

Also he harbored and nurtured a deep desire to go to the heathen himself and studied the Bengalee language in preparation for that purpose. A combination of constant prayer, self-examination, and rational consideration informed his desires. When he began to learn that the Missionary Society felt hesitant about sending him he reflected, "I do think, however, if they knew how earnestly I pant for the work, it would be impossible for them to withhold their ready acquiescence"³

In a circular letter Pearce wrote in 1794, he pointed particularly to the truth that God uses ordained means to accomplish his sovereign decreed will. ⁴ "There is not one doctrine in the gospel but what is 'according to godliness'," Pearce wrote, and quickly added, "nor one promise of future happiness unconnected with present holiness." In the same way, if the Bible teaches us "the doctrine of God's everlasting love and his sovereign choice of his people," it also teaches us that they "are predestinated to be conformed to the image of Christ ... through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth." Our redeemer's "efficacious sacrifice" certainly removes the iniquity of his people and just as certainly purifies "unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good works."⁵

Given the certainty of the decree as executed through the means, Pearce implores his hearers that they "let not shame, or the fear of displeasing men, withhold you from an attempt to lead sinners to Christ." They are not ashamed of their master, why should Christians be ashamed of theirs? You know little? But you know Christ and Him crucified. You have little time? Fill it then all the more with service to God. What will you regret in a dying hour? Your lack of expending yourself for eternal purposes. "Finally," Pearce seemingly rises to a crescendo, "think what pleasure it will give you at the judgment day to meet and spend eternity with some to whose salvation you have been instrumental; such a circumstance would add fresh energy to your joy, and lustre to your crown."⁶

Fuller identified the driving principle of Pearce's life as "Holy Love."⁷ The following circular letter written by Pearce demonstrates the power the doctrines of grace had establishing this holy love in his heart and enflaming his soul for the glory of God in the salvation of sinners.~

Notes:

1 Fuller wrote a memoir of Pearce at his death. Andrew Fuller, "Memoirs of the Rev. Samuel Pearce, M.A." in *The Complete Works of the Rev. Andrew Fuller*, 3 vols. (Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, 1845) 3:367-446.

2 Joseph Belcher, ed., *The Last Remains of the Rev. Andrew Fuller* (Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, 1856), 321-22.

3 Fuller, "Memoirs" in *The Complete Works*, 3:391.

4 Samuel Pearce, "Circular Letter, 1794," in *The History of the Midland Association of Baptist Churches*, 115-121.

5 Pearce, 116.

6 Pearce, 120.

7 Fuller, "Memoirs," in *The Complete Works*, 3:429.

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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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