



SBAOC Weekly Update

NEWS & PRAYER REQUESTS

- 2020 Evangelism Conference at First Baptist Church in St. Francis, Kansas, on August 21-23. See page 2 for information.

If you have any news, prayer requests, or events that you would like to have included in this update, please email the information to Tony Mattia at spurgeonassociation@gmail.com or call us at 785-456-8513.

“THE GOOD IS OFT INTERR’D WITH THEIR BONES”

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By Tom Nettles

The *Evening Post* in Louisville wrote just before Broadus died, “Clear in all his views, lucid in all statements, earnest and persuasive in argument, . . . the work he has done will live after him.” The *Courier Journal* said, “There is no man in the United States whose death would cause more widespread sorrow than the death of Dr. Broadus.” W. D. Thomas compared Broadus in his convictions about Scripture and the person and work of Christ to the bilious liberalism of the day affirming that he had no “indefinite faith” but a “clear and firm trust in the atonement of the Son of God.” When seeing the greatness of Broadus, one must know that “Faith in Christ worked in him, quickening, purifying, and elevating all his impulses, powers and aspiration, and made him what he was. In this time of unrest and of drifting away let us not forget that this scholar, this great and good man, was Christ’s man.” Can we sense the irony that this contemporary “time of unrest” drives us to forget that “this great and good man was Christ’s man?”

Another observer, knowing of Broadus’s great respect in the South, said, “Yet he was as much loved in New York as Virginia. Whatever he spoke from any platform on either side of the line was applauded to the echo on both sides of the line.” A. H Newman wrote, “I have long regarded Doctor Broadus as the finest and most perfect specimen of Christian manhood I have ever known, and I look in vain for his superior in the history of the church since the apostolic age.” B. H. Carroll said that Broadus was “the foremost Baptist left in the world when Spurgeon died. . . .He was the wisest man I ever knew.” W. H. Whitsitt lamented that when death

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PURPOSE STATEMENT:

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

2020 Evangelism Conference

First Baptist Church, Saint Francis, KS

We invite you to come and be a part of our upcoming Conference focusing upon evangelism! We are excited to announce that we will have Brother Don Currin of HeartCry Missionary Society coming to herald God's truth concerning our job as the church in reaching the lost. Visit brother Don's website @ doncurrinministries.org for more info. Don's wife Cindy will also be teaching a class to the ladies on Saturday morning on the subject of Biblical Womanhood. We look forward to this special time of fellowship and growth in our knowledge of God. There is no cost to attend the conference, but we do ask that you let us know if you plan on coming, so that we may prepare accordingly, as there will be a fellowship meal following the service on Sunday.

Schedule

Friday August 21, 2020
7:00 P.M. Don Currin
Saturday August 22, 2020
10:30 A.M. Cindy Currin
Saturday August 22, 2020
6:30 P.M. Don Currin
Sunday August 23, 2020
10:30 A.M. Don Currin

Bring a dessert, and plan on sticking around for fellowship after Brother Don preaches on Friday and Saturday evening.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the church @ (785)-332-3921. We may be able to house guests travelling from out of town.

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COMMENTS ON OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

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“Can any poor truly-convicted sinner...despair of mercy? What, can they see their Savior hanging on a tree, with arms stretched out ready to embrace them, and yet, on their truly believing on Him, doubt of finding acceptance with Him? No, away with all such dishonorable, desponding thoughts. Look on His hands, bored with pins of iron; look on His side, pierced with a cruel spear, to let loose the sluices of His blood, and open a fountain for sin, and for all uncleanness; and then despair of mercy if you can! No, only believe in Him, and then, though you have crucified Him afresh, yet will He abundantly pardon you.”

George Whitefield

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took Broadus “Unrivalled genius and usefulness, exquisite learning, peerless eloquence, iron industry, apostolic piety, have all been scattered.” He also observed, “It would seem that a man of such endowments and achievements should be formed to live a thousand years.”

When Broadus was pastor of the Baptist church in Charlottesville, Virginia, he preached revival services in December of 1858. He was the co-founder of the Albemarle Female Institute where Charlotte Diggs Moon was enrolled that year. She attended this revival service to scoff. Unable to sleep one night because of a barking dog, her mind raced with thoughts of eternity and the state of her soul before God. She went to a prayer and inquiry meeting the next evening and spoke with Dr. Broadus. According to her testimony, “I went to the service to scoff, and returned to my room to pray all night.” She was baptized on December 22 after relating her Christian experience to the Baptist church in Charlottesville. Reared on a tobacco plantation in Virginia with servants to wait on her hand and foot, she became a missionary to China who progressed from a sense of western superiority to considering herself one of the Chinese. Her sacrificial service and her great success as a missionary teacher and an evangelist among Chinese women laid such a groundwork of single-minded devotion in missionary service that the annual offering for foreign missions was named in her memory. The long extensions of Broadus’s faithful gospel preaching are remarkable.

When Southern Seminary was founded, so vital was Broadus’s consent to teach for the initial existence of the school, that his hesitation to accept the invitation to teach delayed its founding for one year. When it reconvened after the Civil War and seemed on the verge of immediate collapse, Broadus resolved, “Suppose we quietly agree that the Seminary may die, but we will die first.” When only one student, a blind one, took his course in homiletics, his careful preparation of lectures for that student led to his writing *On The Preparation and Delivery of Sermons*. This probably is the single most influential textbook on preaching in America.

His commentary on *Matthew* in the *American Commentary* series was a model of scholarship in interpretation and in practical suggestions for preaching each text. One who has spent many minutes with Broadus in his reflections on the text has found himself smiling with pleasure and praying with gratitude for this gift. In writing of the meaning of God’s having hidden spiritual truth from the “wise and prudent,” (11:25) after details about etymological and translation matters, Broadus wrote,

We often now witness the same state of things. Intelligent and reflecting men

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frequently overlook the simple beauty and perfect fitness of the plan of salvation, which is plain enough to those who are consciously and confessedly weak, and who gladly receive the Lord's teachings without cavil or difficulty. The gospel is so intensely practical that it can be understood at the outset only by persons willing to receive it, and will be thoroughly known only in proportion as it is truly loved. Here as everywhere, we see the adaptation of the gospel to mankind. Not all men can become wise and intelligent, but all may, by the grace of God, become babes.

His *Harmony of the Gospels* manifest an understanding of critical studies admired internationally without receding any from his commitment to the unerring character of the biblical text. He pioneered in a new way of discussing the progress of the life of Christ freeing the discussion from the artificial subjection to feasts and Passovers; he looked to the internal logic of the text and history itself in accord with the driving purpose of Jesus. In his preface, Broadus wrote, "Thus we become able to follow the inner movement of the history, toward that long-delayed, but foreseen and inevitable collision, in which, beyond all other instances, the wrath of man was made to praise God." Broadus emphasized this same idea in one of the answers to his catechism (mentioned below) "What is the greatest example of God's bringing good out of evil? The crucifixion of Christ is the greatest example of God's bringing god out of evil."

His *History of Preaching* contains masterful analyses of sermonic structure and preaching style of scores of historic preachers described in elegant and easily comprehended prose. The short volume arose from a series of lectures Broadus gave at Newton Theological Institution in May 1876. In his final remarks in that series, Broadus said, "In your time, as in all times, the thing needed will be not oratorical display but genuine eloquence, the eloquence which springs from vigorous thinking, strong convictions, fervid imagination and passionate earnestness; and true spiritual success will be

attained only in proportion as you gain, in humble prayer, the blessing of the Holy Spirit."

Broadus and Basil Manly, Jr. were instrumental in founding the first Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1863. Broadus served as its corresponding Secretary from 1863 to 1866 and was one of its most creative and prolific writers. In 1867 he attended a Sunday School Union celebration where more than 2000 Sunday School children attended to listen to a speaker. Broadus commented, "Probably 2500 were kept forty-five minutes listening to a most inappropriate address from a distinguished preacher. . . . It was full of spread eagle, geology and infidelity, cyclopedia and dictionary, and the poor children sat trying to listen." His sympathies for children being taught the truth and being cared for in a manner fitting to their capacities was enormous and insightful. This is demonstrated in his *A Catechism of Bible Teaching* which contains fifteen lessons from "God" to "The Future Life," each section with basic questions and then a section of "Advanced questions." The last advanced question under the topic of the "Inspiration and Authority of the Bible" asks, "Has it been proven that the inspired writers stated anything as true that was not true?" The answer: "No; there is no proof that the inspired writers made any mistake of any kind." In his *Harmony of the Gospel*, Broadus put in the hands of his son-in-law A. T. Robertson the longer explanatory notes at the end of the volume. Robertson began that section with this explanation: "In explaining a difficulty, it is always to be remembered that even a possible explanation is sufficient to meet the objector. If several possible explanations are suggested, it becomes all the more unreasonable for one to contend that the discrepancy is irreconcilable." Broadus and Robertson took the same view on the unerring character of Scripture gave historical credibility to the claim that such was the historic position of Baptists on Scripture.

To be continued next week.

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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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