



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

### QUIET VICTORY

How soft the words my Saviour speaks!  
How kind the promises he makes!  
A bruised reed he never breaks,  
Nor will he quench the smoking flax.

He sees the struggles that prevail  
Between the powers of grace and sin;  
He kindly listens while they tell  
The bitter pangs they feel within.

Tho' press'd with fears on every side,  
They know not how the strife may end;  
Yet he will soon the cause decide,  
And judgment unto vict'ry send.

Samuel Stennett (1727-1795)

*"He shall not strive nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory." Matthew 12:19-20*

#### Quiet Victory

The words God the Holy Spirit gave Matthew to write into sacred Scripture make reference to the meekness, not weakness, of God's special envoy. His earthly entrance was not a flash-bang method of rushing roughshod over those about Him. This coming is without noisiness to draw attention and without the splendor of notoriety. This is the way he comes!

As a child he grew up in a hill town and in a working class family. This town was in a despised area of the nation. This child was completely obedient to his parents when their requirements of him were according to God's will. He was trained in his father's shop where he worked till he was thirty years old. The only thing we know about his young life occurred on a trip where he ended up in the place of worship where he ask questions about the things of God. When he left home he became an itinerate minister. His food was common and he had no place of his own to lay his head at night. His life and work was pure and merciful and peaceful.

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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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*"I profess to be a member of the Church of England; but if they will not let me preach in a church, I will preach anywhere. All the world is my parish; and I will preach wherever God gives me opportunity. You will never find me disputing about the outward appendages of religion. Don't tell me you are a Baptist, an Independent, a Presbyterian, a Dissenter: tell me you are a Christian. That is all I want. This is the religion of Heaven and must be ours upon earth." — George Whitefield*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**National Founders Conference**  
— **January 21-23, 2021.** *The Doctrine of God.* Go to [wwwFOUNDERS.org](http://wwwFOUNDERS.org) for more information.

**True Church Conference—**  
**February 18-21, 2021.** *Healthy Body Life in the Local Church.* [www.anchoredintruth.org/true-church-conference/](http://www.anchoredintruth.org/true-church-conference/)

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His ministry was mostly away from the public. Not once did he make an appointment in advance to preach in a particular place. Every sermon of his was preached as the situation demanded. The size of his congregations never concerned him except when they became too large. Then he would withdraw to a secret place or else bring up a doctrine that thinned the crowd. His most famous sermon on the New Birth was preached to a single Jewish leader. He encountered a Samaritan woman at a well, who was of dubious character, and gave her the water of eternal life. He climbed to a mount where he was transfigured and his audience was three frightened fishermen. While on that mount he was visited by Moses and Elijah; there these fishermen made a grievous mistake of wanting to make tabernacles to each but they missed the nature of the one whom they served. He performed miracles and kind deeds in abundance but never for notoriety.

When he came to the end of his ministry he was captured as if a thief and tried as a criminal. No one could find any sin in his life. Most likely there were not many in attendance at his execution. He had no one that observed his resurrection from the dead. When his work was completed and just before he returned to his Father who had sent him, there were a handful of fearful men gathered on Mount Olivet. These eleven were not many to show for a life's work but he promised them that in a few days they would be immersed in the Holy Spirit. Little did they know he would use them to change the world!

His last words to them were precious as they gathered around him. While they looked at him he was taken up in a cloud, he was headed home to heaven. Yes, without trumpet blast or any noise he was caught up and away. There were no blinding lights flashing, there was no voice from heaven, there was no echo of thunder reverberating, but he returned home to his Father after a thirty-three year absence. There were only two men in white standing by and not myriads of angels in view. There was not even a chorus of heavenly hosts saying, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in." No, just a cloud opened to receive him from their earthly view. However, in heaven the glorious conqueror of sin and purchaser of our redemption was received as the King of Glory. This was Jesus Christ the Lord.

Spurgeon reminded, "[T]he smoking flax of a nominal religiousness he passed by, and left all dealing with it till another day, when the hour should come to end its offensiveness. He will in the end victoriously judge those hypocrites who were useless as bruised reeds, and offensive as smoking flax, but he would not do this during his first mission to men. He is in no haste to destroy every petty opposition.... The feeblest are not disdained by our Lord Jesus, though apparently useless as a bruised reed, or even actually offensive as a smoking flax. He is gentle, and exercises no harsh severity. He bears and forbears with those who are unlovely in his eyes. He longs to bind up the broken reed, and fan the smoking flax into flaming life. Oh, that poor sinners would remember this, and trust him!"

*J. C. Hiden (1837-1918) commented, "This is not a noisy process. No machinery is necessary. You need not wait for turbulent exercises of mind before receiving Christ. The Redeemer did not break the bruised reed of the old dispensation. He did not stamp out the expiring sparks in the smoking flax of the mosaic economy. The gospel quietly superseded the legal economy. There was no violent revolution, but a quiet reformation.*

*Have you no interest in this work of Christ? Then remember His 'judgment' and His 'victory.'"*

*A Lord's Day Snippet!, Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, Pastor Ron Rumburg, SBSS, 102*

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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.*



Baptist Association of Churches