



# 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.*

## CHRIST A FOUNTAIN OPENED

The fountain of Christ,  
Lord, help us to sing,  
The blood of our Priest,  
Our crucified King;  
The fountain that cleanses  
From sin and from filth,  
And richly dispenses  
Salvation and health.

This fountain so dear  
He'll freely impart;  
When pierced by the spear,  
It flow'd from his heart,  
With blood and with water,  
The first to atone,  
To cleanse us the latter;  
The fountain's but one.

This fountain from guilt  
Not only makes pure,  
And gives, soon as felt,  
Infallible cure;  
But, if guilt removed  
Return and remain,  
Its pow'r may be proved  
Again and again.

This fountain, tho' rich,  
From charge is quite clear;  
The poorer the wretch,

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*“The Law denounces threats against all who do not conform to her strict commands; but the gospel is a declaration of grace, peace and mercy. Here you have an account of the blood of Christ, blood that speaks better things than that of Abel, for Abel’s blood cried aloud from vengeance, vengeance. But Jesus Christ’s blood cried mercy, mercy, mercy upon the guilty sinner. If he comes to Christ, confesses and forsakes his sin, then Jesus will have mercy upon him. And if, my brethren, you are but sensible of your sins, convinced of your iniquities, and feel yourselves lost, undone sinners, and come and tell Christ of your lost condition, you will soon find how ready he is to help you.”*

*George Whitefield*

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The welcomer here:  
Come needy, and guilty;  
Come loathsome, and bare;  
Tho’ leprous and filthy,  
Come just as you are.

This fountain in vain,  
Has never been tried;  
It takes out all stain  
Whenever applied:  
The fountain flows sweetly  
With virtue divine,  
To cleanse souls completely,  
Tho’ leprous as mine.

Joseph Hart (1712-1768)

### **Christ a Fountain Opened**

*“I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.... In that day there shall be a fountain opened ... for sin and for uncleanness. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.”*

Zechariah 12:10 & 13:1-2

Christ Jesus is that “fountain opened ... for sin and uncleanness.” “Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his [Christ’s] own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.... How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance” (Heb. 9:12, 14, 15). His blood alone cleanses from sin. “The blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth [habitually cleanses] us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).

Our theme in preaching is Christ Jesus, the eternal Son of God, who became the Son of Man in order to redeem His people from their sins. William Cowper the hymn writer reminded that our theme should be Christ’s “redeeming love” until death:

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**The 2021 Founders Midwest Conference has been cancelled.**

**The 2021 True Church Conference has been cancelled.**

**Saved By Faith Youth Camp—**  
**June 21-25, 2021.** Webster Conference Center in Salina, Kansas.

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## TRUE CHURCH CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear saints,

After much prayerful consideration, and in light of increasing COVID-19 cases in our church and area, the leadership at Grace Life Church and Anchored in Truth have decided to cancel the True Church Conference scheduled for February 2021. We will gladly issue refunds to all who have booked, or give credit towards the 2022 Conference, or you can donate your fee to Anchored in Truth for IRS giving credit. An email will be sent out shortly for you to inform us of your choice.

We appreciate you and your continued partnership in the Gospel, and pray we might be able to see you in person one day soon!

For His Glory,  
Steve McAlister

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E'er since by faith I saw the stream'  
Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die.

He also noted that "When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave," then we will be singing of Jesus power to save in glory.

We are told of a young man who had been preaching in the presence of a venerable old divine and after he had finished he foolishly went to the old preacher and asked, "What do you think of my sermon, sir?" "A very poor sermon indeed," he said. "A poor sermon!" said the young man, "it took me a long time to study it." "Ay, no doubt of it." "Why, then, do you say it was poor; did you not think my explanation of the text to be accurate?" "Oh, yes," said the old preacher, "very correct indeed." "Well, then, why do you say it is a poor sermon? Didn't you think the metaphors were appropriate, and the arguments conclusive?" "Yes, they were very good, as far as that goes, but still it was a very poor sermon." "Will you tell me why you think it a poor sermon?" "Because," said he, "there was no Christ in it." "Well," said the young man, "Christ was not in the text; we are not to be preaching Christ always, we must preach what is in the text." So the old minister said, "Don't you know, young man, that *from every town, and every village, and every little hamlet in England, wherever it may be, there is a road to London?*" "Yes," said the young man. "Ah!" said the old divine, "and so from every text in Scripture there is a road to the metropolis of the Scriptures, that is Christ. And, my dear brother, your business is, when you get to a text, to say, 'Now, what is the road to Christ?' and then preach a sermon, running along the road towards the great metropolis—Christ. And," said he, "I have never yet found a text that had not a plain and direct road to Christ in it; and if ever I should find one that has no such road, I will make a road, I would go over hedge and ditch but I would get at my Master, for a sermon is neither fit for the land nor yet for the dunghill, unless there is a savor of Christ in it."

The Father of God the Son will make sure, as our Scripture shows, that all false religions will ultimately be cut off and the idols removed along with the false prophets and unclean spirits. Why? Christ shall be preeminent in all things and all will bow at His footstool for God the Father will enforce this event. Thank God, Christ the fountain has been opened for sin and uncleanness. What a message to preach!

*William Cowper wrote, "There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains."*

*A Lord's Day Snippet!, Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, Pastor Ron Rumburg, SBSS, #118*

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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