



# 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.*

## THE GREAT EXPECTATION

1. God is working his purpose out,  
as year succeeds to year,  
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and the time is drawing near;  
nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

2. From utmost east to utmost west,  
wherever feet have trod,  
by the mouth of many messengers  
goes forth the voice of God,  
'Give ear to me, ye continents,  
ye isles, give ear to me,  
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

3. What can we do to work God's work,  
to prosper and increase  
the love of God in all mankind,  
the reign of the Prince of peace?  
What can we do to hasten the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea?

4. March we forth in the strength of God,  
with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth

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### PURPOSE STATEMENT:

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*“Prayer should be the natural outflow of the soul: you should pray because you must pray, not because the set time for praying has arrived, but because your heart must cry unto your Lord.”*

*Charles Haddon Spurgeon  
Sermon 2437*

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may shine throughout the world;  
fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,  
to set their captives free,  
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

5. All we can do is nothing worth  
unless God blesses the deed;  
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide  
till God gives life to the seed;  
yet nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

Arthur C. Ainger (1841-1919)

### THE GREAT EXPECTATION

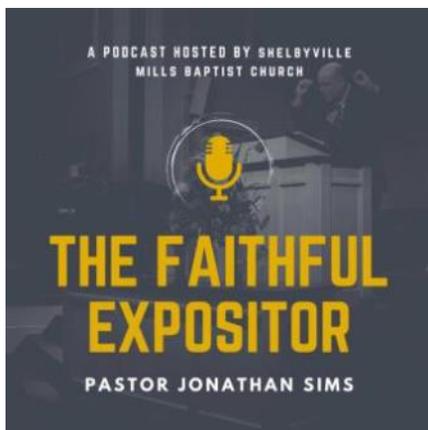
*“For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.” Habakkuk 2:14*

We find these words of great expectation also in Isaiah, “For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea,” (Isa. 11:9). These things were written for our admonition and encouragement in the midst of a faithless, crooked, and perverse generation. Oh, the glorious prospects ahead. Yes, the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ. The overwhelming nature of this victory is expressed by the words “as the waters cover the sea.” Water never stops until it has mastered its level.

The Lord’s prophets have described how Christ shall produce universal happiness. Therefore as Hugh Blair proclaimed in the 1700’s, “We have no reason to be discouraged by any unfavorable circumstances which at present oppose our pious endeavors. Though the ignorance, superstition, and corruption, which now fill so great a part of the world, have a dark and mysterious aspect, it is not beyond the power of that Supreme Being, who brings light out of darkness, to clear up those perplexing appearances, and gradually to extricate mankind from the labyrinth of ignorance and error. Let us consider how improbable it seemed, when the

Gospel was first published, that it should extend so far, and overthrow so much established superstition, as it has already done. There is nothing in the present state of the world to render it more unlikely that it shall one day be universally received, and prevail in its full influence.”

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Leadership & Laity 2021—April

**9 & 10.** An event striving to strengthen local churches. Mt. Zion Community Church, Arkansas City, Kansas. Speaker: Dr. Jim Orrick. For more information please contact: Pastor Kyle Carlson at [pastorkyle234@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkyle234@gmail.com).

### **Saved By Faith Youth Camp—**

**June 21-25, 2021.** Webster Conference Center in Salina, Kansas. Speaker: Dr. Jim Orrick. Theme: *The Church: A Study through the Letters to the Seven Churches in Revelation*. For youth in grades 7-12. Cost: \$205 per person. Registration will open April 14. Website: [sbfyckansas.com](http://sbfyckansas.com).

### **2022 National Founders Conference—January 20-23, 2022.**

Theme: *Militant & Triumphant: The Doctrine of the Church*. Early registration is open now at [Founders.org](http://Founders.org).

*If you have a conference or event that you would like listed here, please contact Tony Mattia at [spurgeonassociation@gmail.com](mailto:spurgeonassociation@gmail.com).*

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The prospects of God's servants is great indeed because God is sovereign and the earth "shall" (not might) be full of the knowledge of Jehovah-Jesus; this should bring expectancy to us in the distresses of life. We are to be more than conquerors in Him who conquers all, and makes the earth Christ's footstool! The prospects of peace necessitate the knowledge of Jehovah-Jesus for only when the land is filled with the knowledge of Him will peace come. Remember that in the "fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth: even in Him" (Eph. 1:10). Oh, glorious day when there is no longer a need to say, "Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful ... and their sins ... will I remember no more..." (Heb. 8:11-13; Jer. 31:34). The machinations of men shall fail, but Jehovah-Jesus' cause shall triumph. "And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and His name one" (Zech. 14:9). Ah! "The redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isa. 35:9-10). Christ Jesus brings everlasting righteousness, purges our consciences from dead works so we may serve the living God. The God who spared not His own Son delivered Him up for us all shall through Christ Jesus freely give us all things (Rom. 8:32). John Owen reminded, "Now, in order to the bringing in of this His rule and kingdom, with its attendances, the Lord Christ goes forth, in the first place, to cast down the things that stand in His way, dashing His enemies 'in pieces like a potter's vessel.' This is a part of the design of Providence, wherein we are to meet Him in these days." God's people have great expectations!

*B. H. Carroll asserted, "The hope of every Christian is turned to that time, and no matter how sinister, for the time being, may be the portents on the political sky, nor how gloomy the forebodings of the pessimistic mind, yet the true Christian is heart-fired by faith and is essentially an optimist. He sees the good times coming.... He does not believe that God has vacated the throne of government, or allowed to slip from His hand the reins of government, but that on high, above all mutations of time and clouds and fogs and dusts of earth's battle, in a serenity that is never clouded, he looks down calmly upon what seems to be the ceaseless perturbations [turmoils or tumults] of time, knowing that in His own way, retaining His control of every spring of activity, of every source of power and of the ultimate forces of nature and morals, He is bringing things to pass in a way that is perfectly irresistible. Every word of God ever spoken in the past, that was to be fulfilled up to the present time, has been fulfilled literally, and we shall see the fulfillment of this prophecy in due time."*

*A Lord's Day Snippet!, Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, Pastor Ron Rumburg, SBSS, #185*



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### Melbourne Baptist Church seeking Bi-Vocational Pastor

Prayerfully searching for a Southern Baptist Bi-vocational pastor, chosen by God, to lead Melbourne Baptist Church in Melbourne, Missouri. Melbourne is a small community in rural north Missouri. We currently average 30 people for Sunday morning worship service. The Melbourne community itself has approximately 30 folks in it, and ours is the only church. There are two communities in close proximity in which there are no other churches. Distances to conveniences from Melbourne: gas station – 5.1 miles, school (pre K – 12 grades) – 5.9 miles, grocery store – 15 miles, Walmart – 38 miles, and KCI airport – 98 miles. We have an older congregation willing to reach out to younger people. We have yearly VBS that nearly the whole congregation participates in to reach out to the families in this area.

We are seeking a spiritually mature man who presents the Truth of the Bible at all times, and who will build relationships with families in the church, neighborhood, and surrounding communities.

We know the Lord has a great plan for our church. We are actively praying for God to reveal His plan to us and to the man He has for us. Are you a part of His plan?

If interested, please contact: Rick Elder

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### Updated Pastor Position Posting

SBC affiliated Living Water Church located in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, a community 15 miles south of Omaha, is looking for a full-time pastor to lead us after the retirement of our well-respected pastor. We are looking for someone with the following minimum requirements:

1. Ordained SBC Pastor
2. Five or more consecutive years of pastoral experience in an SBC church.
3. Completed, at a minimum, an AATS Accredited Master's Degree in one or more of the following: Master of Theology, Master of Divinity or Master of Sacred Theology.

Skills required include Preaching & Teaching, Leadership, Communication, Evangelism, Strategic and Visionary Planning, Critical Thinking, Counseling, Conflict Resolution, Analytical Abilities.

We offer competitive salary and benefits. Please check out our Face-book page: <https://www.facebook.com/Living-Water-Church-366595200020768>

Please submit resumes, including work history and references to: [lwcpastoralsearch@yahoo.com](mailto:lwcpastoralsearch@yahoo.com).

We are accepting resumes through 12 March 2021.

### **A Note from Trevor Johnson...**

This is Trevor Johnson, missionary to Papua. In 2020 I pretty much physically collapsed and I am now recovering. My mission was a success and an indigenous church, school, and health clinic was planted, but I came home a mess.

I am currently in Springfield, MO, until the borders open up again to Malaysia where I was recovering from illness. There are many projects ongoing in Papua and close to 100 students get an education due to my direct support. I am falling short of 8,000 USD for 2021 estimates and I am trying to find new support. I can visit your church for an evening service and give a report, meet your elders, or have lunch with interested parties.

Please email me at [sovereigngracemissionary@gmail.com](mailto:sovereigngracemissionary@gmail.com). Tell me also if you'd like to be on our prayer letter list.

Thanks,  
Trevor Johnson

### **Leadership & Laity 2021**

***An event striving to strengthen local churches.***

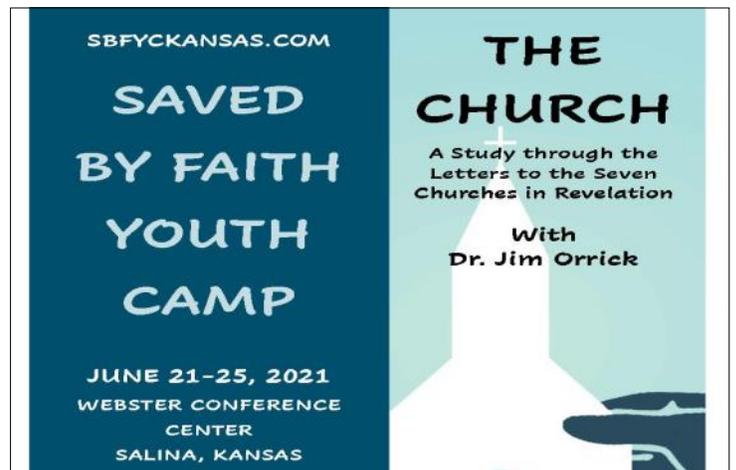
**April 9 & 10**

**Mt. Zion Community Church, Arkansas City, KS**

**Speaker: Dr. Jim Orrick**

There will be four plenary sessions available for all of God's people. Two sessions Friday evening and two Saturday morning. Messages include: Overcoming the Challenges of Smallness, Focusing on Faithfulness not Fruit, The God Who Saves, and Encouragement for God's People. There will also be a pre-event on Thursday, April 8th, for men on Biblical Manhood at 5:00 pm.

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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