



# 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.*

## UNDERSTANDING THE RESURRECTION <sup>1</sup>

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### The Resurrection Vindicates Christ’s Claims and Predictions

What would you think of a man who, in every visible respect, appeared ordinary yet claimed to be the Son of God? What if he also claimed to be deserving of equal honor with God? What if he even claimed to have God’s power and authority to forgive sin? Prior to His death and resurrection, Jesus shocked people by making many such claims of personal deity, power, and authority (cf. Matt. 16:15-17; Mark 2:10-11; Luke 22:69-70; John 5:21-23; 8:58; 10:30).

In addition to His claims of deity and authority, Jesus repeatedly predicted His own death and resurrection (cf. Matt. 17:22-23; 20:17-19; John 2:18-22). Jesus’ claims were so unbelievable that most people rejected Him. Even when He rose from the dead and appeared to many witnesses (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:3-8), most refused to believe. But Jesus’ true disciples saw His resurrection as the vindication of all of His claims and the fulfillment of His predictions. These were not naive people who were persuaded to believe something that was false. They simply recognized the fact that Jesus did rise from the dead, and so proved to the world that everything He said about Himself was true.

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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*

## COMMENTS ON OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

An anonymous writer once said of the Bible: “The Bible has been my guide in perplexity, and my comfort in trouble. It has roused me when declining, and animated me in languor. Other writings may be good, but they want certainty and force. The Bible carries its own credentials along with it, and proves spirit and life to the soul. In other writings I hear the words of a stranger or a servant. In the Bible I hear the language of my Father and my friend. Other books contain only the picture of bread. The Bible presents me with real manna, and feeds me with the bread of life.”

Recollections of William Wilberforce (1864)

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### The Resurrection of Christ was the Coronation of Christ

The writers of the New Testament saw the resurrection of Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy, particularly as it concerned the coming of the Messiah as King. This becomes evident in Peter’s sermon on the Day of Pentecost following the dramatic out-pouring of the Holy Spirit (cf. Acts 2:22-36).

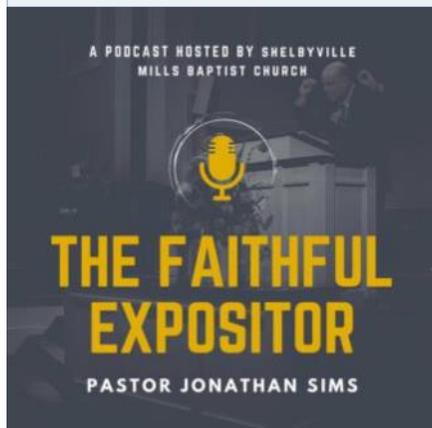
Peter was not attempting to prove that the resurrection occurred. He spoke of that event as being publicly known and irrefutable, saying, “This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses” (v. 32). His point was to show these Jews, from their own Old Testament Scriptures, that the resurrection of the Christ had to occur. He was telling the same people who only weeks earlier were screaming, “Crucify Him, crucify Him!” (Luke 23:21), that Jesus, whom they had murdered, was now risen and seated in heaven as their King and their Savior! He was the One to whom they owed all obedience and worship (cf. Luke 4:8; Deuteronomy 6:13). He was the One who would destroy all who persisted in their rebellion against Him (cf. Luke 19:27; Ps. 2).

Paul opened his letter to the Romans by making a similar reference to the resurrection of Christ and its bearing on His power and authority (cf. Romans 1:4). He described the same event again in Philippians 2:8-11. In Ephesians 1 he relates resurrection to power and authority like this:

These are in accordance with the strength of His might which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come (vv. 19-21).

Many Jews on the Day of Pentecost came to the shocking realization that Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah receiving a kingdom (e.g., Daniel 7:13-14) were written about the resurrection of Jesus. As Luke records, they were “cut to the heart” (Acts 2:37). They were stunned, grieved, deeply convicted by the sudden realization that they had

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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).

### **Grace Bible Conference—April 23-25.**

Rockport Baptist Church, Arnold, MO. Theme: *Walking in Hope, Romans 15:13*. For more info go to [Rockportbaptist.org/gbc](http://Rockportbaptist.org/gbc).

### **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).

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crucified their Messiah—the promised Ruler who now held sovereign authority over their lives. This is what prompted 3,000 of these rebels to repent and be baptized in the name of Christ (Acts 2:41).

### **A Source of Hope for Believers**

The resurrection of Christ should be a great source of terror for all who persist in their rebellion against God (cf. Acts 17:30-31). On the other hand, the resurrection of Christ provides a great source of hope for believers. Christians are assured in the Bible that Christ's bodily resurrection is certain proof of their own future bodily resurrection. Perhaps the most compelling passage is 1 Corinthians 15:20-23 where Jesus is said to be "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

The word "firstfruits" refers to something that is a sample of what is sure to come. Adam proved to be the "firstfruits" of death for all who were in him (that is, all of humanity). Christ, on the other hand, was the "firstfruits" of eternal life for all who are in Him (that is, all believers).

Paul sums up the Christian's great hope in his letter to the Philippians:

"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body" (Phil. 3:20-21).

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## A Note from Trevor Johnson...

Hello,

My name is Trevor Johnson. We first went to a jungle tribe in Papua, Indonesia in 2004 and I almost died and had to leave in 2018. But we've planted churches, baptized believers and trained future leaders so that now we have an indigenously led church, a school, a dorm, and a health clinic. I support over 100 workers/students right now. In 2020 support dropped a little due to covid and I am trying to pick it back up. Below is a link to my video. Please consider adopting my work as an individual or church for 50/100/200/300 dollars a month. We have a good track record and I am healing. I need to add 500 a month now.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fb0kn-CjzKc>

Thanks, Trevor Johnson

*\* Trevor is an individual member of the SBAOC.*

# LEADERSHIP & LAITY

Standing upon the Word of God & under the cross of Christ serving to strengthen the church as a witness to the world.

April 9-10, 2021

Mt. Zion Community Church

Call or Text 620-446-2200 for more information  
[www.mtzionarkcity.com](http://www.mtzionarkcity.com)



Seating is limited and a free reserved ticket will ensure a seat  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leadership-laity-2021-tickets-135881415973>

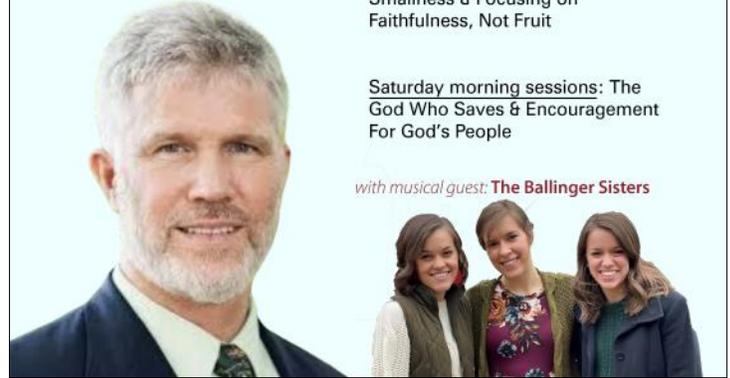
With Special Guest Speaker:

**Pastor Jim Orrick**

Friday evening sessions:  
Overcoming The Challenges of  
Smallness & Focusing on  
Faithfulness, Not Fruit

Saturday morning sessions: The  
God Who Saves & Encouragement  
For God's People

with musical guest: **The Ballinger Sisters**



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# SAVED BY FAITH YOUTH CAMP

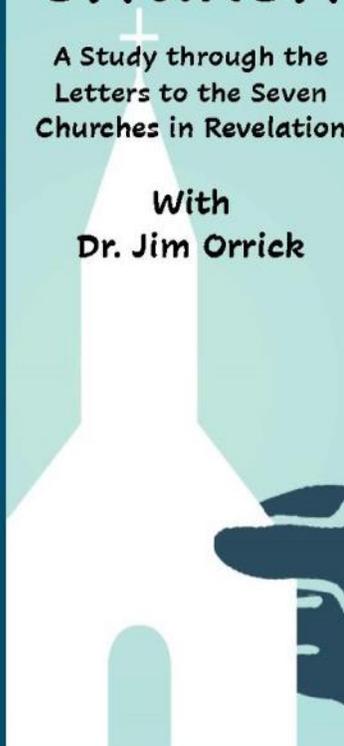
JUNE 21-25, 2021  
WEBSTER CONFERENCE  
CENTER  
SALINA, KANSAS

FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 7-12  
COST: \$205 PER PERSON

# THE CHURCH

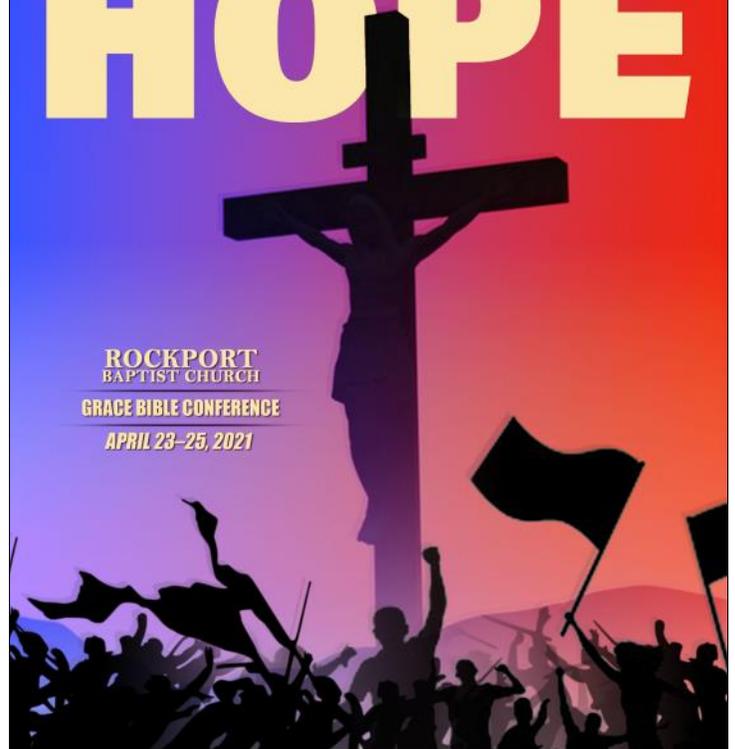
A Study through the  
Letters to the Seven  
Churches in Revelation

With  
Dr. Jim Orrick



# CHRIST IS OUR ONLY HOPE

ROCKPORT  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
GRACE BIBLE CONFERENCE  
APRIL 23-25, 2021



Jacob Adams Tim Gray Jamie Haguwood Geoff Ingram Scott Lee Evan Skelton Josh Wilson  
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Rm. 15:13

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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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