



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 or call us at 785-456-8513.

SBAOC ANNUAL MEETING

The SBAOC Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday morning, October 23, at 9:00 a.m. (CST) via Microsoft Teams. Microsoft Teams is a free download for those who do not have it currently installed on any device (smartphone, tablet, or computer). This will allow the members of the Association to meet by video conference as we did last Fall. Handouts will be available to all participants in the Teams channel as well, so it will be imperative for all who desire to attend to submit their email address for registration. The registration should be sent to: Terry.coker@SBAOC.onmicrosoft.com. A confirmation email message will be sent to each person.

If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Terry Coker. He will be happy to help you connect to the Teams app, but he does request that you should not wait until the final 48 hours prior to the meeting! We hope to have a large number of our churches participating this year, and we look forward to adding new churches into the membership of the Association at our annual meeting!

FORMERLY PERSECUTING NOW PREACHING

How gracious is the Lord my God!
What tender pity has He show'd
To such a wretch as I!
How shall I show forth all His praise,
Or speak of that amazing grace
That mov'd my Lord to die?

Foolish, perverse, and prone to ill,
Rooted in vice, and bent for hell,
I walk'd in my own ways:
His terrors gave me no concern,
And though his bowels still did yearn,
I fought against his grace.

But Jesus look'd and long'd to save,
An hear of death, a willing slave

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

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“God has a reason, a *summum bonum*, a greatest good, an end to everything He does and that is His glory, so there must be a proper motivation. Now, in all the activities that have been mentioned—evangelism, missions, helping the poor, worship, prayer, and everything else—we have to ask ourselves, what is our motivation for doing these things? If we are by and large a people who are ignorant of who God is and God’s purposes, can we really have a proper motivation?”

Paul Washer
Behold Your God

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To ev’ry ill desire:

He saw me welt’ring in my blood;
He dy’d to bring me near to God;
He pluck’d me from the fire.

He broke my chains, and set me free;
Lord, I come forth, and follow thee,
Cloth’d in thy righteousness!
Bless’d with the life, and power of faith,
I triumph over sin and death,
By all-sufficient grace.

All blessings to me freely flow,
Of heav’n above, or earth below
O God of love, from thee!
He gives me all I desire;
His time of love doth ne’er expire,
But lasts eternally.

A New and Large Collection of Hymns and Psalms

Formerly Persecuting now Preaching

“But they heard only, that he which persecuted us in time past, now preacheth the faith which before he destroyed. And they glorified God on my behalf.”
Galatians 1:23-24, Tyndale’s Translation

Saul the Persecutor’s life had been transformed by Christ Jesus while groveling in the dust on the way to Damascus. Yes, this man was acting like a starving wild beast that had smelled fresh blood, and his prey was the disciples of the Lord. This had become the focus of his life for he thought he was doing God a favor by destroying the believers in Christ.

His life had been radically changed into that of a man preaching the gospel of grace in Christ. Those whom he was viciously seeking to exterminate, by grace, became his brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ. However, they were reluctant to receive him at first like Ananias. The Lord revealed to Ananias that Saul was now His chosen vessel to bear His name to the Gentiles. Thus he went to Saul as directed and said literally, “Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, who appeared unto you in the way as you came, has sent me so you might receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” The scales fell from his eyes, he received his sight, and he arose, and was baptized. Immediately he began to preach in the synagogues that Christ is the Son of God.

Thus fellow believers kept hearing reports that began circulating among the churches of the glorious news that their greatest enemy was now their brother in Christ. They believed the reports they were receiving for they were verified by their cautious fellow-believers. What did they hear? They heard that their malignant and resolute persecutor now boldly preached the gospel, the faith he had once sought to exterminate. They were glad the persecution had ended, but something far greater had happened for now they rejoiced

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Springfield Bible Conference — October 1-3. Faith Bible Church, Springfield, IL. Theme: *The Cost of Discipleship*. Speakers: Iain Wright, Mack Tomlinson, Curt Daniel, Josh Payne. faithbibleonline.net

Encouraged to Endure Conference—October 7-9. Second Baptist Church, West Frankfort, IL. Speakers: Brett Beasley, Roger Ellsworth, Geoffrey Kirkland, Tom Rush, Worship: Tom Clay. To register visit the website: secondbaptistwf.org.

Standing Firm Conference—October 8-10. First Baptist Church, St. Francis, KS. See page 4 for details.

2022 National Founders Conference—January 20-23, 2022. McGregor Baptist Church, Fort Myers, FL. Theme: *Militant & Triumphant: The Doctrine of the Church*. Speakers: Tom Ascol, Jared Longshore, Voddie Baucham, Conrad Mbewe, & James Coates. Early registration is open at founders.org/2022conference.

True Church Conference—February 17-20, 2022. Grace Life Church of the Shoals, Florence, AL. Registration will open October 1, 2021. Theme: "Healthy Body Life in the Local Church: Biblical Church Discipline, Biblical Counseling, Biblical Conflict Resolution / Protecting the Sheep from Savage Wolves." Speakers Richard Caldwell, Darrell Harrison, Barry King, David Miller, Jeff Noblit, Jonathan Sims, & Virgil Walker. www.anchoredintruth.org/true-church-conference

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that their persecutor was now a bold preacher of the gospel. The over-thrower had been over-thrown and now was the eulogizer and exalter of Christ as he declared, "Christ must have the preeminence in all things."

This news led the churches in Judea to glorify their great God for this marvelous transforming grace in Paul's regeneration, conversion and ministry. Paul's effectual words to the Galatian believers were "if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed" (1:9). Paul certified that the gospel which he preached was not a manmade gospel; it was not received from men; but it was a revelation of Jesus Christ (1:11-12). Paul wrote literally, "They just kept on glorifying God on my behalf."

George S. Bishop reflected, "'They glorified God in me.' As the sun in a mirror they saw the marvels of God's grace reflected in St. Paul." Grace glorifies God the giver! Martin Luther noted, "All the churches everywhere, even those of Judea, could testify that Paul had preached the same faith everywhere. 'And,' Paul adds, 'these churches glorified God in me, not because I taught that circumcision and the law of Moses should be observed, but because I urged upon all faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.'"

"The mighty God, even the LORD, hath spoken ... Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me" (Ps. 50:1, 23).

Sometimes by the grace of God prosecutors become preachers of that which they sought to destroy as with Paul. Sometimes those who are enemies of the gospel are brought to embrace it whole-heartedly. The dissenting minister Thomas Bradbury (1677-1759) was noted for his strong position on sovereign grace and political purity against what was called Protestant Popery. He was one of those involved in the Pamphlet War which had strong political as well as religious content. Bradbury was not a half-way man but was known for his ardent zeal for the truth. An eminent minister in London exposed him to great hatred of his enemies who hired an assassin to kill Thomas Bradbury. The assassin, in order to fully acquaint himself with the man he aimed to kill, began to frequently attend Bradbury's ministry. The man seated himself in the front of the gallery with his stare fixed on the preacher. The assassin found it difficult under these circumstances to fully avoid listening to what the preacher had to say as he preached the gospel of grace. Bradbury was a forceful preacher in manner as well as being mighty in Scripture. The truth as it is in Christ Jesus was proclaimed without fear or favor to his hearers. This attracted the assassin's attention as he was brought to think about what was being preached. This became a means of grace to him as the Lord Christ claimed him as His own by transforming his heart through the blood of His cross. The hired assassin came to Pastor Bradbury trembling with confusion and told him the entire story. The man's life gave evidence of his being truly converted and he became a member of the church that Bradbury pastored. It was said of the man that he was an ornament of the gospel he professed to the very hour of his death.

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A Lord's Day Snippet!, Sovereign Grace Baptist Church,
Pastor Ron Rumburg, SBSS, #210

October 8th, 9th, & 10th 2021

420 S Scott St, Saint Francis, KS

Standing Firm Conference

Conference Schedule

Friday, October 8th 7:00 P.M. - Don Currin

Saturday, October 9th 10:00 A.M. - Cindy Currin

Saturday, October 9th 6:00 P.M. - Don Currin

Sunday, October 10th 9:30 A.M. - Ronnie Qualls

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We would like to invite everyone who is able to attend our upcoming conference. No registration necessary. Don and Ronnie plan to preach from God's word on the general theme of standing firm in the face of adversity. Cindy will teach the ladies on Saturday morning with regard to using discernment in women's ministries. We plan to have a dessert social following the service on Friday (bring your favorite!), as well as a meal provided after the service on Sunday morning. We look forward to a time of fellowship and encouragement in the midst of uncertain days. For more info contact Pastor Dexter Priest @ 580-263-0344.

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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