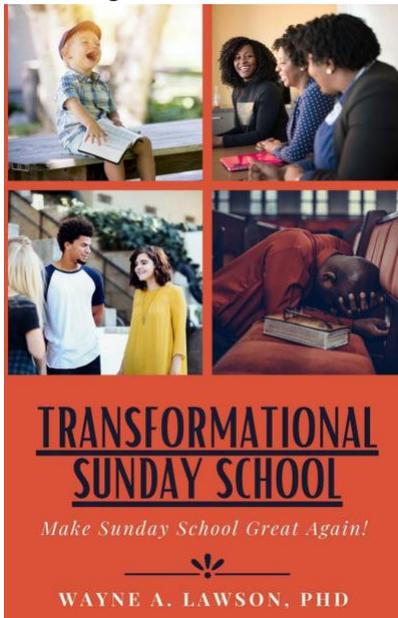


Transformational Sunday School: Make Sunday School Great Again! – Dr. Wayne A. Lawson

Congratulations to Dr. Lawson for publishing his first book, Transformational Sunday School!

From the back cover: “There are some fundamentals we need to re-birth in an effort to restore our dying Sunday School programs. For starters, Sunday School once existed for the sake of transforming lives. It was more than simply teaching Bible stories and narratives. It was geared toward teaching to *transform* not just simply to *inform*. I want to consider what has happened to the Sunday Schools at the local church level. My desire is that this book will help provide useful tools to take another look at the importance, value, and significance of Sunday School. I do not believe our current culture so changed that Sunday School will not be able to avoid extinction.” Dr. Wayne A. Lawson, PhD

Dr. Lawson is the Senior Pastor of the historic First Baptist Church, Ardmore, Ok. He and his wife, Michelle, are both educators and life-long learners. He is committed to educating the body of Christ. He is currently an instructor at Gateway Seminary and former Associate Professor and Chair of the School of Public Administration at Mid-America Christian University, both in Oklahoma. He has been in ministry for over 37 years. He and Michelle have three adult children and 11 grandchildren that keep them busy.



As we enter 2021, we have been actively monitoring public health information and the continued impact of COVID-19. After careful consideration, we have made the decision to cancel all Oklahoma Baptists sponsored events of 50 people or more in the months of January and February of 2021.

This was a difficult decision, as it means the Advance Conference/State Evangelism Conference, previously scheduled for Jan. 25-26, will not take place, among other events.

The Youth Evangelism Conference, meanwhile, will be an online/virtual event in January. Our convention staff is working to resource our churches with evangelism tools and opportunities, and we anticipate partnering with SBC partners to help put on a “Who’s Your One?” evangelism event in Oklahoma in early March.

A list of cancelled events is posted on the [Oklahoma Baptists’ website](http://OklahomaBaptists.org).

While 2020 did not unfold like we expected, and while COVID continues to hinder our ability to hold events in early 2021, we truly believe the Gospel will continue to advance unhindered in Oklahoma and to the ends of the earth.

May the Lord bless you richly this Christmas season and always.

-Dr. D. Hance Dilbeck, Jr.-



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Strategic Planning for Kingdom Growth will begin in January. Details will be posted on our Facebook page and website.

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UCO Classes resume January 19. I will be contacting the churches soon to set up lunches for the Spring semester!

-Phil Ford-

The January Executive Board Meeting has been cancelled

Yes, 2020 had COVID happen, but look what Southern Baptists did!

In our fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, Southern Baptists:

- gave \$675,873,000 to our Great Commission missions and ministries.
- appointed 416 new missionaries to take the Gospel to the nations.
- provided disaster relief where 875 people prayed to receive Christ.

Be encouraged! God has done so many things in 2020 and He is preparing each of us for even greater things in 2021.



Please Pray for our Pastorless Churches

- Marsden
- Marietta First
- Shady Dale
- Zaneis

Pastors' Conferences
are on hold until further
notice



May the LORD bless you and protect you.
May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you.
May the LORD show you His favor and give you His peace.
-Numbers 6:24-26