



# SBAOC Weekly Update

## NEWS & PRAYER REQUESTS

*If you have any news, prayer requests, articles, 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).*

## A NEW YEAR'S BENEDICTION

C.H. Spurgeon (1 January, 1860)

*"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." 1 Peter 5:10*

Oh, beloved, when you hear of Christ, when you know that this grace comes through Christ, and the calling through Christ, and the glory through Christ, then you say, "Lord, I can believe it now, if it is through Christ." It is not a hard thing to believe that Christ's blood was sufficient to purchase every blessing for me. If I go to God's treasury without Christ, I am afraid to ask for anything, but when Christ is with me I can then ask for everything. For sure I think he deserves it, though I do not. If I can claim his merits then I am not afraid to plead. Is perfection too great a boon for God to give to Christ? No. Is the keeping, the stability, the preservation of the blood-bought ones too great a reward for the terrible agonies and sufferings of the Saviour? No. Then we may with confidence plead, because everything comes through Christ. I would in concluding make this remark. I wish, my brothers and sisters, that during this year you may live nearer to Christ than you have ever done before. Depend upon it, it is when we think much of Christ that we think little of ourselves, little of our troubles, and little of the doubts and fears that surround us. Begin from this day, and may God help you. Never let a single day pass over your head without a visit to the garden of Gethsemane, and the cross of Calvary. And as for some of you who are not saved, and know not the Redeemer, I would to God that this very day you would come to Christ.

For meditation: The New Year may not always be as "Happy" as we would wish, but the Christian is blessed in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places (Ephesians 1:3) and can look forward to a "Blessed New Year" throughout the problems that may come.



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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*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**National Founders Conference — January 18-20, 2024.** Theme: *Remember Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 2:8)* with Tom Ascol, Phil Johnson, Conrad Mbewe, Joel Beeke, & Travis Allen. Go to [founders.org/conference](https://founders.org/conference) for more information.

**True Church Conference — February 15-18, 2024.** Theme: *9 Maxims of a True Church.* [AnchoredInTruth/true-church-conference](https://AnchoredInTruth.com/true-church-conference).

**Founders Midwest Conference — February 27-28, 2024.** First Baptist Church, Fenton, Missouri. Theme: *Learning from the Puritans Today.* [Sbfcmw.com](https://Sbfcmw.com).

**Covenant Conference—March 14-16, 2024.** LaGrange, KY. *Conquering and to Conquer.* Speakers: Voddie Baucham, Joel Beeke, Sam Waldron, John Miller. [Covcon.org](https://Covcon.org)

**Missions & Evangelism Conference — May 3-4, 2024.** Trinity Baptist Church, Wamego, KS. This conference is free to attend, but please register for planning purposes at [trinitybaptist-wamego.org](https://trinitybaptist-wamego.org).

**Saved By Faith Youth Camp—June 17-21, 2024.** Webster Conference Center, Salina, KS. For youth entering grade 7 through grade 12. Speaker: Dr. Jim Orrick. Theme: Philippians. Cost: \$225 per person. [Sbfcyckansas.com](https://Sbfcyckansas.com)

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## Founders Midwest Conference Schedule

February 27-28, 2024

First Baptist Church of Fenton, MO

### “LEARNING FROM THE PURITANS TODAY”

Main Speaker: Dr. Joel Beeke

2024 Conference Schedule

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

12:00 p.m. Registration

1:15 p.m. Introduction

1:30 p.m. “The Puritans and Prayer”

3:00 p.m. “The Puritans and Meditation on God’s Word”

4:30 p.m. “The Puritans and Life’s Afflictions”

5:30 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. “The Puritans and Assurance of Faith”

8:30 p.m. Q & A

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:15 a.m. “The Puritans and Spiritual Adoption into God’s Family”

11:00 a.m. Breakout Sessions

“Modern Challenges to Pastoral Faithfulness”—Dr. Beeke

“Laying Our Anxieties Before Christ”—Mary Beeke

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. “The Puritans and Biblically Raising Children”

2:00 p.m. Wrap Up

Register here:

[Conference Registration Form – Founders Midwest \(sbfcmw.com\)](https://Sbfcmw.com)

**the Triune God** in Missions and Evangelism  
*Conference*  
**May 3-4, 2024** **FREE**

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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.*

