



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.

DANIEL'S UNDAUNTED COURAGE

C. H. Spurgeon

*"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber towards Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime."
Daniel 6:10*

Daniel prayed 'three times a day'. That does not tell you how often he prayed, but how often he was in the posture of prayer. Doubtless he prayed three hundred times a day if necessary; his heart was always having commerce with the skies. But 'three times a day' he prayed formally. We usually take three meals in the day and it is well to give the soul as many meals as the body. We want the morning's guidance and the evening's forgiveness, but do we not also require the noontide's refreshment? Might we not well say at noontide, 'Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon'. It is well to keep in the spirit of Keble's hymn— 'Abide with me from morn till eve.' If you find from morn till eve too long an interval between prayer, put in another golden link at midday. There is no rule in Scripture as to how often and when you should pray; it is left to the man's own gracious spirit. We need not come back to the bondage of the Mosaic covenant, to be under rule and rubric; we are left to that free Spirit who leads his saints aright. Yet 'three times a day' is a commendable number. Notice secondly the posture. That also is of little consequence, since we read in Scripture of men who prayed on the bed with their face to the wall. We read of David sitting before the Lord. How very common and acceptable a posture was that of standing before God in prayer! Yet there is a peculiar appropriateness, especially in private prayer, in the posture of kneeling. It seems to say, 'I cannot stand upright before thy majesty; I am a beggar and I put myself in the position of a beggar; I sue of thee, great God, on bended knee, in the posture of one who owns that he deserves nothing, but humbles himself before thy gracious majesty.'

For meditation: See David's prayer-timetable in Psalm 55:16-17. Do you live that closely to God or is once a day too much effort? The Lord Jesus Christ taught his disciples to pray always (Luke 18:1) and the apostle Paul emphasized this to the early church (Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:17).

14 June 1868, Sermon No. 815, *365 Days with Spurgeon*



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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

True Church Conference — February 15-18, 2024. Theme: *9 Maxims of a True Church*. Anchored in truth/true-church-conference.

Founders Midwest Conference — February 27-28, 2024. First Baptist Church, Fenton, Missouri. Theme: *Learning from the Puritans Today*. 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

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.

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: Pressing On*. Cost: \$225 per person. Pre-registration deadline: March 1. Sbfyckansas.com

Theology Camp—July 8-12, 2024. Logan Valley Christian Retreat, Ellington, MO. For youth grades 7-12. Speaker: Dr. Jim Orrick. Theme: *Philippians: Pressing On*. Contact Terry Coker for more information at Terry.Coker@fbcfenton.com.

If you have a conference or event that you would like listed here, please contact us by email: spurgeonassociation@gmail.com.



“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 \(sbfcmw.com\)](http://ConferenceRegistrationForm-FoundersMidwest(sbfcmw.com))



Jan. 18, 2024—SBAOC display at the National Founders Conference in Fort Myers, FL. Terry Coker and Tony Mattia

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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.

