



# SBAOC Weekly Update

## NEWS & PRAYER REQUESTS

- First Baptist Church of Saint Francis, Kansas, is seeking a Preaching Elder. See page 3 for more details.

*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).*

## GOD’S POWER FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

Eugene Bradford (1915-2010)

It is precisely because of the redemptive work of Christ that Paul can pray for the church. This is very clear in the first chapter of his Epistle to the Colossians: “We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints, For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel” (Col 1:3-5).

It is because they have come to faith in Christ and have manifested that faith in love to all the saints that Paul gives thanks to God and prays for the Colossian Christians. The report of their faith in Christ prompts him to prayer on their behalf, and he is thankful for the hope laid up for them in heaven, which hope is theirs because they have heard it in the word of the truth of the gospel. There is no other basis upon which he may pray or give thanks for them. The actual prayer of Paul for them demonstrates that the confidence with which he prays is based upon the redemption accomplished through the work of Christ. After praying that they might have wisdom, moral uprightness, increase in the knowledge of God, and strengthened patience, longsuffering, and joyfulness, Paul concludes by “Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who

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### PURPOSE STATEMENT:

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*“If there is no church... should you not commence one?” C. H. Spurgeon*

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hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins" (Col 1:12-14). From this passage, then, there can be no doubt that all of Paul's thanksgiving for them could be summed up in the fact that they have come to the experience of faith in Christ Jesus, which brought them the forgiveness of sins and a heavenly inheritance. For this reason also he was warranted in supplicating God that all the Christian graces would adorn their lives; and furthermore he has been constrained to pray for them ever since the day he heard of their faith.

In his Epistle to the Ephesians, the warrant for and the duty of intercession for the church by the apostle Paul are implied even more fully. Here again, noting that he has heard of their faith in the Lord Jesus and their love to all the saints, he assures them that he unceasingly gives thanks for them and makes mention of them in his prayers. The specific petitions he makes for them are expressed in language similar to that used in the Colossian prayer, but he adds his desire that they may know "what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe" (Eph 1:19). But what is so impressive is his description of that power in terms of its historical manifestation in the resurrection of Christ from the dead and His exaltation to the right hand of God. He prays that "ye may know... what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own 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 world, but also in that which is to come: And

hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all" (Eph 1:19-23). To paraphrase, "May you experience the same power that was demonstrated in the resurrection of Christ and in His exaltation to heaven, for indeed, Christ was exalted just so that He might be head over all things for the eternal welfare of His Church." What confidence is implicit in this prayer! Christ raised from the dead by the power of God! Christ set at God's own right hand in the heavenly places! Christ exalted far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named! Christ having all things put under His feet! And Christ given to be head over all things to the Church, which is His body, the mystical complement of His person. Since Christ has thus been triumphant over all other power in order to bring about the good of His Church, which is His body, surely Paul is warranted in praying that all the members of the body may experience the power of God that was the instrument in the exaltation of the head. The head and the body are inseparable. There is a mystical, vital union that has been effected by the power of God and experienced in the members of the body by faith. As surely as God's power exalted the head, so surely will the body and all the members thereof experience God's power.

From *Intercessory Prayer: A Ministerial Task*, Simpson Publishing Company, [www.simpsonpublishing.com](http://www.simpsonpublishing.com).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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](http://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. 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](mailto:Terry.Coker@fbcfenton.com).

**Leadership & Laity Conference—July 25-27.** Hosted by Mount Zion Community Church, Arkansas City, KS.

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## FBC ST. FRANCIS, KS, SEEKING PREACHING ELDER

The First Baptist Church of St. Francis, Kansas is a reformed SBC congregation. We are passionate about God's Glory, God's Word, Christ's Church, and the spread of the Gospel to all peoples. Our desire is that our church would help people grow in God's grace and the knowledge of Christ.

We are seeking a man to serve as the Preaching Elder of our church. The Pastor Search Committee prayerfully searches for the man God has chosen to be our serve as our pastor. The Preaching Elder will serve with the other elder in leading the Church. In addition to the normal duties of an elder in pastoral care, the primary duties of the Preaching Elder are to prepare and deliver expository sermons on Sunday Mornings and teach at the Sunday evening service. As a member of the church, he should participate in Church activities including AWANAS.

Our church willingly cooperates with the Southern Baptist Convention through our local association, the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists, and The Spurgeon Association of Churches. In addition to holding to the Baptist Faith and Message 2000, the officers of the church practice good-faith subscription to the 2nd London Baptist Confession of Faith. All officers are to submit to and defend the doctrinal standards of the church.

We prefer a candidate with a seminary degree from a reputable, conservative seminary. However, we will consider all applicants. The successful candidate must be a man with a servant's heart that meets the qualifications set forth in 1 Tim 3:1-17, Titus 1:5-9 and 1 Peter 5:1-3, be able to rightly divide the Word of God and minister to the needs of the Church.

If you are interested, please submit each of the following:

- Cover letter- Introducing yourself and your interest in this position.
- Narrative of your salvation testimony- Outline how you came to faith in Jesus Christ.
- Resume - Your ministry experience, educational background, and at least three work related references and three personal references.
- Two sermons- including a sermon outline and a video or audio recording (a link to a host site if the files are too large).

Compensation package includes salary, an 1800 sq. ft. 4 bedroom parsonage with finished basement, a housing allowance, and other benefits. Health insurance, however, is not provided. The total compensation package equals approximately \$56,000 per year.

We desire to have the position filled as soon as God wills it. **All submissions should be sent to our Elder/Chairman of the search committee: Mr. Kelly Gienger at [kpgienger@gmail.com](mailto:kpgienger@gmail.com).**

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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.*

