



SBAOC Weekly Update

NEWS & PRAYER REQUESTS

- **The SBAOC Semi-annual Meeting will be held at Rockport Baptist Church on Saturday, April 20, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be a combined in-person and livestream through Teams. Those participating via Teams should contact Terry Coker to register.**
- First Baptist Church of Saint Francis, Kansas, is seeking a Preaching Elder. See page 2 for more details.

OUR URGENT NEED OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

'Through the power of the Holy Ghost ... by the power of the Spirit of God.'
Romans 15:13,19

SUGGESTED FURTHER READING: Psalm 67:1-7

If you lived in Egypt, you would notice, once in the year, the Nile rising; and you would watch its increase with anxiety, because the extent of the overflow of the Nile is very much the measure of the fertility of Egypt. Now the rising of the Nile must depend upon those far-off lakes in the centre of Africa, whether they shall be well filled with the melting of the snows or not. If there be a scanty supply in the higher reservoirs, there cannot be much overflow in the Nile in its after-course through Egypt. Let us translate the figure and say that, if the upper lakes of fellowship with God in the Christian church are not well filled, if the soul's spiritual strength be not sustained by private prayer and communion with God, the Nile of practical Christian service will never rise to the flood. The one thing I want to say is this: you cannot get out of the church what is not in it. The reservoir itself must be filled before it can pour forth a stream. We must ourselves drink of the living water till we are full, and then out of the midst of us shall flow rivers of living water, but not till then. Out of an empty basket you cannot distribute loaves and fishes, however hungry the crowd may be. Out of an empty heart you cannot speak full things, nor from a lean soul bring forth fat things full of marrow, which shall feed the people of God. Out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speaks, when it speaks to edification at all. So the first thing is to look well to home affairs and pray that God would 'bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us;' that his 'way may be known upon earth,' and his 'saving health among all nations.'

FOR MEDITATION: We are commanded to go on being filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18). Such filling can never take place while we are fighting him, either by resisting him (Acts 7:51) or restricting him (Isaiah 63:10; Ephesians 4:30; I Thessalonians 5:19), but only as we are following him (Galatians 5:16-18,22-25).

C. H. Spurgeon
365 Days with Spurgeon, Sermon No. 1332



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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

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Grace Bible Conference—April 19-21. Rockport Baptist Church, Arnold, MO.
www.Rockportbaptist.org/GBC

Missions & Evangelism Conference — May 3-4. 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. Webster Conference Center, Salina, KS. Speaker: Dr. Jim Orrick. Theme: Philippians: Pressing On. Registration is closed for this camp.

Theology Camp—July 8-12. 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.

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

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

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.**

Citizens & Exiles

The place of Christian identity and
influence in society and politics

GRACE BIBLE CONFERENCE

Rockport Baptist Church

April 19-21, 2024

REGISTER HERE

Theme: Facing an election year, a tumultuous political climate, and increasingly violent cultural wars, this conference aims to equip God's people with a biblical foundation for understanding our identity, our calling, and what Christ's reign means for our present day.

Schedule

Friday, April 19

5:00 PM – Supper***

6:00 PM Message #1 – The Reign of the King (Ben Hedrick)

Break

7:30 PM Message #2 – The Church and the Kingdom (Warren Kesselring)

Saturday, April 20

9:00 AM Spurgeon Association Meeting

2:00 PM Message #3 – Business to the Glory of God (Ben Hedrick)

Break

3:30 PM Message #4 – Laws and the Law (Geoff Ingram)

5:00 PM Supper***

6:00 PM Message #5 – Obeying Your Rulers (S. Scott Lee)

7:30 PM Panel Discussion

Sunday, April 21

9:30 AM Message #6 – Choosing Your Leaders: Applying Scripture and Wisdom in a
Representational Government (Warren Kesselring)

10:40 AM Message #7 – Strangers and Exiles: Understanding the Christian's Identity and
Relationship with the World (Ryan Haider)

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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.

