



SBAOC Weekly Update

NEWS & PRAYER REQUESTS

- First Baptist Church of Saint Francis, Kansas, is seeking a Preaching Elder. See page 2 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.

AM I MY BROTHER’S KEEPER?

'Am I my brother's keeper?' Genesis 4:9

SUGGESTED FURTHER READING (Spurgeon): 1 John 3:10-18

The whole example of Jesus Christ, whom we call Master and Lord, lies in the direction of our being the keeper of our brother; for what was Jesus' life but entire unselfishness. What was said of him at his death but that 'He saved others; himself he cannot save'? The very fact that there is a Christ at all means that there was one who cared for others, and the fact that our Lord became a man means that he loved his enemies and came here to rescue those who rebelled against his authority. If we are selfish, if we make our own going to heaven to be the one end of life, we are not Christians. We may call whom we please Master, but we are not following Jesus Christ. Tears do you shed? But do you weep over Jerusalem? Tears for yourself are poor things if there are never any for others. You pray and agonize: but is your grief ever caused by bearing the burden of other men's souls? Otherwise, are you like him with whose name Gethsemane must ever be connected in our memories? Oh, though we gave our bodies to be burned, yet if we had not love for mankind, it would profit us nothing. We may go a long way, and apparently all the way, in the externals of the Christian faith, but we are still aliens to the commonwealth of which Jesus is the great head. I am sure it is so. I speak not my own mind, but the mind of Christ. If he were here, what would he say to anyone who called himself his disciple and yet never lifted his hand or moved his tongue to snatch the firebrand from the flame or save the sinner from the error of his ways? It must be so, then: we must be our brothers' keepers.

FOR MEDITATION: A failure to have a genuine concern for the welfare of others amounts to looking after our own interests instead of those of Jesus Christ (Philippians 2:20-21). His example teaches us to please others for their good rather than pleasing ourselves (Romans 15:1-3).

C.H. Spurgeon
365 Days with Spurgeon, Sermon No. 1399



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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

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.**

the **Triune God** in Missions and Evangelism *Conference*

May 3-4, 2024

FREE



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Dr. Caleb Lenard
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"God is a spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth."

~The Baptist Catechism, Question 6

Do we truly understand who God is? When we present Him to others in our Gospel ministry, are we doing Him justice as He has revealed Himself in the twin books of nature and Scripture? In the Midwest, Mormonism and Jehovah's Witnesses represent large swaths of the population. Are we equipped to combat their false views of who God is with the clear testimony of the Word of God Himself? We also must be able to accurately represent God in every evangelistic effort.

We would love for you to join us at our 2024 Evangelism and Missions Conference. The goal of this year's conference is to bring Midwestern pastors together and help them evaluate their presentation of the Gospel in evangelism and missions. Who is God? What has He commanded of His creation? How have certain cults and other groups twisted what God has revealed about Himself, and how can we bring the true Gospel to them more effectively? These are just some of the questions that need to be answered in our day, and in our region in particular.

Speaker Information

Dr. Glenn Butner - Dr. Butner teaches theology and ministry at Sterling College in Sterling, Kansas. He holds a PhD in systematic theology from Marquette University and an MDiv from Duke Divinity School. He is the author of several books on Theology Proper, including *The Son Who Learned Obedience*, and *Trinitarian Dogmatics*.

Dr. Caleb Lenard - Dr. Lenard is the equipping pastor at Grace Life Church in Ankeny, Iowa where he oversees the church's adult education, theological training, and small group ministries. He attended seminary at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he earned a doctorate in Applied Theology. He is also the host of *Theology for the Church* podcast.

Joshua Sommer - Pastor Josh Sommer is the Pastor of Victory Baptist Church, in Kansas City, Missouri. He is a student at International Reformed Baptist Seminary, where he has published articles and reviews in the seminary's theological journal. He is also the host of *The Baptist Broadcast*.

Lawson Harlow - Pastor Lawson Harlow is a Pastor at Mercy Hill Church, in Olive Branch, Mississippi. Mercy Hill began as a church plant 6 years ago, and has been blessed by the Lord with great success through the preaching of the Word.

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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.

