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Thoughts & Travels

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Psalm 33:13–14 (NKJV)

- ¹³ The Lord looks from
heaven;
He sees all the sons
of men.
¹⁴ From the place of His
dwelling He looks
On all the inhabitants
of the earth;

Thank the Lord for the reality of
forgiveness and the joy of entire
sanctification.

Thank the Lord for the hope that
rises in the life of a Believer
growing in maturity and grace.

Great report from Pastor Steele.
They are excited about the
possibility of getting their
building moved soon.

Thoughts:

Some thoughts on prayer from Andre Louf.

Prayer is the superabundance of the heart. It is brim-full; and running over with love and praise, as once it was with Mary, then the Word took root in her body. So too, our heart breaks out into the Magnificat. Now the Word has achieved its “glorious course” (2 Thess. 3:1): it has gone out from God and has sown in the good soil of the heart. Having now been *chewed over* and assimilated, it regenerates in the heart, to the praise of God. It has taken root in us; it is now bearing its fruit: we in our turn utter the Word and send it back to God. We have become Word: we are prayer.

Thus prayer is the precious fruit of the Word - Word of God that has become wholly our own and in that way has been inscribed deep in our body and our psyche, and that now can become our response to the Lord of the the Father. The Spirit stammers it out in our heart, without our doing anything about it. It bubbles up, it



Pray for the Church in Lakewood, CO and Pastor Johnson during your Sunday morning prayer time.

Pray for Rhonda Gardner as she works through physical issues.

Pray for each church to have a newly converted Believer in the near future.

Pray for the Bible Fellowship Churches in Papua New Guinea. They are facing a Conference that will influence them for some time.

Pray for the church in Whitehouse as they search for a pastor.

Pray for wisdom for the members of the Executive Committee and the decisions being made over the next few months.

flows, it runs like living water. It is no longer we who pray, but the prayer prays itself in us. The divine life of the risen Christ ripples softly in our heart.”

Louf’s view of prayer may be a little mystical for most of us, but he is challenging us to so absorb the Word of God and the heart of the Lord that our thoughts, petitions and aspirations rise from the Heart of the Divine God.

Travels:

Saturday morning, August 31, Melba and I visited our grandson, Steven in hospital in Nashville. He had broken his right leg in a accident at a trampoline park. He was enrolled as a Freshman at Trevecca Nazarene University and the class had an evening out. His break is quite serious. Mid morning we turned toward Oklahoma.



Above: Melba with our daughter-in-law Marty and son Larry.

Sunday I stayed in most of the day because of a severe cold/cough, or something. Melba attended morning service in Durant. Sunday evening we both attended service and enjoyed Shirley Fogleman

tell about the work among the Bible Fellowship Church in Papua New Guinea. Following the service we enjoyed hosting Pastor and Connie Snodgrass and Shirley



Above: Pastor and Connie Snodgrass, Shirley Fogleman and Melba following Sunday evening service.

Monday was a quiet day. I tried to rest and recover from what ever bug has attacked me. Tuesday was occupied with office work and some resting as well. Wednesday I was worse so we went to the urgent care. Dr. diagnosed walking pneumonia and prescribed medication. Am some better.

Friday morning we have an appointment to care for some Conference / General Church business. In the evening Mark Russell and I plan to drive to Duncan. Saturday morning Pastor Covington, Mark and I will meet Pastor Stetler in Oklahoma City and then drive to New Mexico. We are scheduled to meet and have services in a church Saturday evening and then drive to another church Sunday morning.

Events:

Mission's Services:

Tim Keep along with Brennon and Ivon Muir
(Missionaries to Mexico)

November:

6th - 7:00 PM Duncan and Osage Road will do a
combined service at Duncan.

8th - 7:00 PM Whitehouse, Texas

9th - 7:00 PM DeRidder and Kingwood at
DeRidder.

10th - AM Dallas Spanish

10th - 5:00 PM - Durant, Oklahoma

10th - 7:00 PM - Sherman, Texas

Aldersgate Forum:

Date: October 22 - 24

Location: Higher Ground, West Harrison, IN

Preacher's Meeting / Ministerial:

Date: February 4-6, 2020

Speaker: Dr. David Bubb

Location: TBD

Outreach and Bus Convention:

Dates: March 3 - 5, 2020

Location: Lebanon, Pennsylvania

Camp Meeting 2020:

Dates: July 28 through August 2, 2020

Location: Garner Creek Retreat Center,
Dickson, TN

Evangelists: Rev. Harry Plank
James Plank

Song Evangelist: Jonathan and Jalena Glick

Children Service: Harrold Taylor