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Southwest Conference

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Thoughts & Travels

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Psalm 9:1-2

⁹ I will give thanks to you,
Lord, with all my
heart;
I will tell of all your
wonderful deeds.
2
I will be glad and rejoice in
you;
I will sing the praises of
your name, O Most High.

Thoughts:

The intentional offering of praise and thanksgiving has great value in the life of Christians. Occasionally we meet people in our interaction with the community who has a positive outlook on life. It is refreshing to sense the bright and optimistic attitude they carry.

That attitude ought not be scarce among those of us who follow the Lord Jesus. If you know men like Rowan Fay and M.R. McCrary you will have captured a bit of their attitude. It seems easy for them to see the good in other people and to openly attest to the Lord's intervention in life.

As you get to know those men, and others, with an attitude that offers compliments and thanks, you will know life is not always simple or easy. They have made a choice. Their choice carries with it the offering of a gracious and thankful spirit to the world in which they interact.



Not all of us have the same personality traits as those two men, but we all make choices as to how we see the world and interact with the people around us. We can intentionally join the chorus of praise. We can, by design see the good, even in the most difficult situation or complicated person, and offer compliments and thanks.

May the Lord help me to be in instrument of praise in his hands. May I be a vehicle he can use to encourage and strengthen other Believers in their daily walk.

Pray for the church at Sherman, Texas and Pastor Snodgrass 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.

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.

Pray for Chuck Keister, from Sherman, as he recovers from surgery and a stroke.

Pray for the churches that are anticipating and participating in revival services this fall.

Pray for Missionary to the Sioux's, Dale Sherman; he has cancer.

Travels:

Last Saturday Melba and I arrived at the parsonage in Lakewood, Colorado and were warmly welcomed by Pastor Johnson his wife, Melissa and Melissa's niece Kianna. We shortly left for a drive into the mountains.



Sams with Melissa and Aaron Johnson and Jerry and Heather Esparza at Lakewood Wesleyan Bible Church

We enjoyed a very nice lunch and then a beautiful drive to Idaho Springs, Colorado and back. We saw some incredible country, and enjoyed watching deer and mountain sheep. On the way up, we stopped and the ladies bought some Palisade peaches, plums and pears.



In the Colorado Mountains last Saturday. Thanks to Pastor Johnson, Melissa and Kianna.

In the evening I met with the leadership of the church and presented some material on Church Boards as well as some discussion about the church adopting the local church material from the Bible Methodist Discipline.

Sunday it was my privilege to preach in the morning and evening services and to enjoy fellowship with Pastor Johnson's family and the Lakewood congregation.

Monday we drove from Denver to Durant. About 2:00 PM we stopped in Salina, Kansas and had a meal with my brother, Merrill and his wife, Peggy.



Singing with Pastor Covington and Pastor Crouch during revival services at Duncan, Oklahoma

Tuesday we repacked and headed for Duncan, Oklahoma. This week we are in revival meetings with Pastors Micheal Covington and Caleb Crouch and their people. It has been a privilege to welcome Pastor Durr and his wife as well as Pastor Bobby Davis and his wife to the services.

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

10th - AM Dallas Spanish

10th - 5:00 PM - Durant, Oklahoma

10th - 7:00 PM - Sherman, Texas

Preacher's Meeting / Ministerial:

Date: February 4-6, 2020
Speaker: Dr. David Bubb
Location: Duncan, Oklahoma

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, Tennessee
Evangelists: Rev. Harry Plank
James Plank
Song Evangelist: Jonathan and Jalena Glick
Children Service: Harrold Taylor