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## Thoughts & Travels

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### **Psalm 130: 1-2**

*Out of the depths  
have I cried unto thee,  
O Lord.*

*2 Lord, hear my voice:  
let thine ears be  
attentive to the voice  
of my supplications.*

### Thoughts:

True praise rises from the center of our spirit and is expressed through our thoughts, words and actions. The Old Testament uses words to describe the birth place of praise that has been translated in the KJV as heart, but the thoughts are much more complicated than that. The sense is praise should rise from the center of our being.

One of our sons was working, recently, with an immigrant from Africa. The man owns a restaurant and came to the US several years ago from South Africa. As they interacted over the project they were working, on the fellow keep referring to his head as his kidneys. Larry finally asked him about that reference, and he responded by saying, "In his culture the translation for kidney means the very center of ones being."



Pray for the church at Whitehouse, Texas and Interim Pastor Andrew Blankenship 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.

A few hours later Larry needed to get his computer from his vehicle. He works in IT so much of his business is computer driven. As we walked out of the restaurant, he mentioned to the owner, "I need to go out to the vehicle and get my kidney." The Africa asked, "What do you mean?" Larry responded, my computer is the most important part of my work. They had a good laugh over the cultural differences.

If you will, the illustration indicates that praise should rise from the critical center of ones being. Whether that is the heart, kidneys or stomach, true praise lifts ones focus.

The expression of that praise is an indication of a person's desire. our attitudes, words and actions express praise to the Lord God.

## Possible Evangelists:

Pastor the following men are interested in making themselves available for meetings:

- Rev. Robert Durr III, 580 641 1135
- Rev. Steven Beverly 479 644-6005

## Thanks:

The Sams, express thank you to those of you who have generously given in the offering that was raised during Camp Meeting this Summer. Treasurer Mike Covington has been sending that along as it comes in and we deeply appreciate your kindness! Lord bless you richly.

## Travels:

A week ago Tuesday, Melba and I drove to Duncan, Oklahoma. We enjoyed dinner with Covingtons and Crouches. We then began revival services which continued through the week.

Items of Interest:

- Whitehouse Texas. The church has unanimously voted to change their name from Bible Wesleyan Church to Whitehouse Bible Methodist Church. They have also receive about 5 new members.
- Caldwell, Idaho. The church in Caldwell has, with the help of the Conference, purchased a church building. They took possession last week and are working on painting and renovating. They have also changed their name to Treasure Valley Bible Methodist Church.
- DeRidder, Louisiana. The church has been working on a building that has been donated but must be moved. Several people have helped with this project including Pastor Steele, Todd Gardner, Arnold Langstaff, Kinneth Adamson and others. The building is evidently ready to move and the pad where it will be locate is very close to complete.
- Sherman, Texas. Last Sunday Pastor Snodgrass was prepared to receive several new members but because of illness that could not happen. Happy he is recovering.

Mike and Junie Covington hosted us and the church and its people were very gracious to pray, attend and provide for us. We enjoyed meals prepared by LaFreda Roundtree, and Junie Covington in the early part of the week. Visitors to the services included, Whisenhunts and Tarvers, Pastor Robert Durr III and his family, Pastor Bobby Davis and his wife, Tina as well as people from the community.

Friday evening it was a joy to worship and fellowship with Conference President and Pastor Darrell Stetler II, his wife, Elizabeth and their family as well as a church full of people. Following the service we were invited to Crouch's for food prepared by all the ladies.



Snacks at Covington's following Sunday evening service:

Above, Left to Right: Junie Covington, Naomi Durr, Robert Durr III and Caleb Crouch

Below, Left to Right: Melba Sams, Tina Davis, Bobby Davis, Mike Covington and Junie Covington



Saturday night we had the privilege of meeting Luke and Mitchell, two young men with whom Pastor Crouch has been working. Sunday was a good day. In the morning service Ben Williams brought a family from Arizona, the Wilsons, who were a boost to the service. Following the evening service Covingtons invited, Crouches, Davises, Durrs and Samses to their house for refreshments and fellowship. Monday following breakfast together, we bid Covingtons good bye and drove to Durant.

Tuesday evening we had the privilege of welcoming our son, Larry, to the house. He was working in eastern Oklahoma and came by for the evening and the day Wednesday.

Wednesday evening the Conference Executive Committee held a conference call to work on some missions items.

Saturday Melba and I plan to drive to DeRidder, Louisiana. We will be with Pastor Steele and the church in the evening and then worship with them Sunday.

## Events:

### **Time Change:**

November 3, 2019

### **Veteran's Day:**

November 11, 2019

### **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