



BibleMethodist

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Thoughts & Travels

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Psalm 109:21-22

But You, O God the Lord,
Deal with me for Your
name's sake;
Because Your mercy is
good, deliver me.
²² For I am poor and
needy,
And my heart is
wounded within me

[*The New King James
Version*](#). (1982). (Ps 109:21–
22). Nashville: Thomas
Nelson.

Thoughts:

From Max Lucado's book *Out Live your Life*,

At 7:51 a.m., January 12, 2007, a young musician took his position against a wall in a Washington D.C, metro station. He wore jeans, a long sleeved T-shirt, and a Washington Nationals baseball cap. He opened a violin case, removed his instrument, threw a few dollars and pocket change into the case as seed money and began to play.

He played for the next forty-three minutes. He preformed six classical pieces. During the time 1,097 people passed by. They tossed in a total of \$32.17. Of the 1,097 people, seven - only seven - paused longer than sixty seconds. And of the seven, one - only one - recognized the violinist, Joshua Bell.

Three days prior to this metro appearance staged by the *Washington Post*, Bell filled the Boston Symphony Hall where just fairly good tickets went for \$100.00 a seat. Two weeks after the experiment, he played for a standing-room-only audience in Bethesda, Maryland. Joshua Bell's talents can command \$1,000.00 a minute. That day in the subway station, he barely earned enough to buy a cheap pair of shoes.

You can't fault the instrument. He played a Stradivarius built in the golden period of Stradivari's career. It's worth \$3.5 million. You can't fault the music. Bell successfully played a



Pray for the church in Dallas, Texas and Pastor Pedro Anaya during 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 the churches that are anticipating and participating in revival services this fall.

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

piece from Johann Sebastian Bach that Bell called, “one of the greatest achievements of any man in history.”

But scarcely any noticed. No one expected majesty in such a context. Shoeshine stand to one side, kiosk to the other. People buying magazines, newspapers, chocolate bars and lotto tickets. And who had time? This was a work day. This was Washington work force. Government workers mainly, on their way to budget meetings and management sessions. Who had time to notice beauty in the midst of busyness? Most did not.

Most of us will someday realize that we didn't either. From the perspective of heaven, will will look back on these days; these busy, cluttered days and realize, *That Jesus was playing the violin. That was Jesus wearing ragged clothes. That was Jesus in the orphanage....in the jail... in the cardboard shanty. The person needing my help was Jesus.*

There are many reasons to help people in need.

“Benevolence is good for the world.”

“To deliver someone from poverty is to unleash that person's potential as a researcher, educator or doctor.”

But for the Christian,.... when we love those in need, we are loving Jesus!”

Travels:

Saturday morning Melba and I had breakfast with Chuck and Janie, Melba's sister and brother-in-law. We then drove to Whitehouse, Texas. At about 3:00 p.m. we met with a number of people from the church and worked through some Church Board training material and went over the Local Church section of the *Bible Methodist Discipline*. Following the meeting we enjoyed a very nice meal in Tyler, Texas with, Andrew and Angie Blankenship, Alyssa Blankenship, Mark and Charity Mullens, Jackie and Sonya Carpenter, Andy Palacios as well as John and Ellen Byer.

Items of Interest:

- DeRidder, Louisiana. Pastor told me that because of rain last week they could not install the footer for the building. That will put them a couple weeks behind.
- Whitehouse, Texas. We had a very good time working through some Board training material and getting an overview of the Discipline in regard to the local church.
- Missions Services. Next week Tim Keep, Brennan Muir and I will be visiting several of the churches.



Friday Dinner with Janie and Chuck Dodd and Myron and Betty Brown in Dodd's home

Sunday morning I had the privilege of delivering the Sunday morning message to about 40 people. It was a blessing to see people in the service that attended on purpose and came to worship.



Sunday morning the Whitehouse church honored, Interim pastor Andrew Blankenship and his wife

We enjoyed a fellowship meal at the parsonage with most of the people who had attended service. Following the meal we drove to Durant, Oklahoma and were thankful to be home safely.

This week end we host Chuck and Janie Dodd and Myron and Betty Brown. Next Wednesday we look forward to hosting Tim Keep and Brennan and Ivon Muir, their children and some of their family.

Events:

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church:

November 3, 2019



A [Christian Cross](#) shrine at the [Butovo Firing Range](#) commemorating the [martyrs](#) who were [persecuted in the Soviet Union](#), which established [state atheism](#) and implemented [antireligious legislation](#) in that country

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 p.m. Duncan and Osage Road will do a
combined service at Duncan.

7th - 7:00 p.m. Whitehouse, Texas

9th - 7:00 p.m. DeRidder

10th - a.m. Dallas Spanish

10th - 5:00 p.m. - Durant, Oklahoma

10th - 7:00 p.m. - 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
Rev. James Plank

Song Evangelist: Jonathan and Jalena Glick

Children Service: Harrold Taylor