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Thoughts & Travels

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John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid

[The New King James Version](#). (1982). (Jn 14:27). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Thoughts:

Advent is one of the special parts of the Christian Calendar. Christianity Today wrote of Advent, “To balance the two elements of remembrance and anticipation, the first two Sundays in Advent look forward to Christ’s second coming, and the last two Sundays look backward to remember Christ’s first coming. Over the course of the four weeks, Scripture readings move from passages about Christ’s return in judgment to Old Testament passages about the expectation of the coming Messiah to New Testament passages about the announcements of Christ’s arrival by John the Baptist and the Angels.

“While it is difficult to keep in mind in the midst of holiday celebrations, shopping, lights and decorations, and joyful carols, Advent is intended to be a season of fasting, much like Lent, and there are a variety of ways that this time of mourning works itself out in the season. Reflection on the violence and evil in the world cause us to cry out to God to make things right—to put death’s dark shadows to flight. Our exile in the present makes us look forward to our future Exodus. And our own need for grace lead us to pray for the Holy Spirit to renew his work in conforming us into the image of Christ.”

As we anticipate, this Second Sunday of Advent the peace promised by Isaiah, may we embrace the promise of Christ's presence.



Pray for the church in Kingwood, Texas Oklahoma and Brother Stafford during Sunday morning prayer time.

Pray for the Bible Fellowship Churches in Papua New Guinea.

Pray for Bible Methodist Missionaries.

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 Paul Stetler as he grieves the loss of Jacinda.

Pray for the Jonathon Edwards family as they grieve.

Pray for the Daniel Stetler as they grieve.

Travels:

Sunday, December 1, 2019, I attended Durant Sunday morning and then Melba and I drove to Sherman for service. We enjoyed dinner at home. Sunday evening we attended the service in Durant.

Monday, I worked in the office and helped Melba with decorations for Christmas and the Executive Committee Meeting. In the evening we were hosted for dinner by Clydette Perkins at Texas Road House. It was a blessing to enjoy the meal and visit.

Tuesday we continued to decorate as well as working on material for the business meeting. In the afternoon we drove to Grove, Oklahoma. Pastor Mike and Junie Covington invited us to attend a Collingsworth Family Christmas Concert with them. It was a blessing to enjoy dinner and the Concert with them and Pastor Crouch and his family. We enjoyed refreshments following the concert and then a very nice night of rest. Wednesday morning we enjoyed breakfast with Covingtons and Caleb Crouch and then drove back to Durant.



In the evening I worked in the office.

Today we continued preparations for Christmas and the Executive Committee meetings. Friday evening we plan to host the members of the Executive Committee as well as their spouses for Christmas dinner and business.

Saturday I am schedule to fly to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Pastor Darrell Underwood is planning to meet be at the airport and we will drive to Rock Spring Holiness Mission, near Cuba, NM. The plan is to meet with The McCaslands and the leadership of the Navajo church. We also plan to worship with them Sunday morning and then return later in the day to our respective places.

Events:

Executive Committee:

Date: December 6, 2019
Place: Durant annex building
Time: 6:00 p.m.

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