

THOUGHTS & TRAVELS



BibleMethodist CONNECTION OF CHURCHES

Events:

Youth Rally:

Caleb Crouch, chairman of the Youth Committee reports a rally January 24, 2020. The service begins at 7:00 p.m. The event is held in Sherman, Texas.

January Prayer Focus:

The month of January we focus on prayer. You may order a prayer guide from Darrell Stetler II

For Information about prayer focus go to:

www.darrellstetler2.com/prayercampaign

Pray Around the World:

Bible Methodists focus on praying together January 26, 2020 at 5:00 PM (CDST)

Preacher's Meeting / Ministerial:

Date: February 4-6, 2020

Speaker: Dr. David Bubb

Location: Duncan, Oklahoma

Serving churches in:

Colorado

Kentucky

Louisiana

Idaho

Oklahoma

Texas

Outreach and Bus Convention:

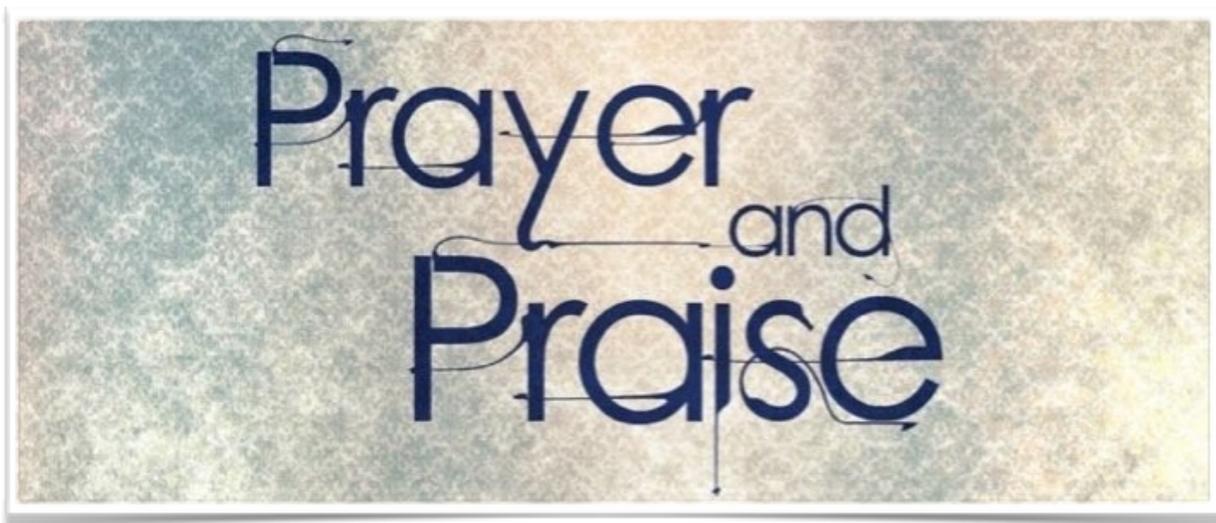
Dates: March 3 - 5, 2020
Location: Lebanon, Pennsylvania

Inter-church Holiness Convention:

Dates: April 21-23
Location: Dayton Convention Center - Dayton, Ohio

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



Prayer and Praise:

- During your Sunday morning pastoral prayer, please pray for Pastor Pedro Anaya and the church in Dallas, Texas.

- Sunday would you also pray for the Great Lake Conference and their President Blake Jones? Brother Jones reports a kindling of God's movement among several of their churches and some very exciting things happening in Rock Lake where he also serves as pastor.
 - Please pray for the President, Congress, Judges as well as state and local officials.
 - Pray for Tim Keep who plans to travel to the Philippines this week.
 - Pray for the ministry in Papua New Guinea along with Shirley Fogleman and her son, David, as they minister in PNG
 - Pray for the church in Whitehouse, Texas as they search for a pastor.
 - Pray for wisdom as we consider the possibility of a new church joining with us.
 - Pray for wisdom for the members of the Executive Committee.
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- Thank the Lord for His help and presence in decisions and direction for the Conference.
 - Praise the Lord for the possibilities of the future.
 - Praise the Lord for the power of grace in Divine Redemption.

Thoughts:

Isaiah wrote in Chapter 43,

“Behold, I will do a new thing,
 Now it shall spring forth;
 Shall you not know it?
 I will even make a road in the wilderness
 And rivers in the desert.” NKJV

May we continue in this thought at least one more time? To anticipate the Lord doing something new is not to embrace newness in the sense of opening our lives and churches to compromise! I am not suggesting a change in doctrine or lifestyle, in fact I would do my best to resist change of that kind. Most of the Biblical theologians would argue if it is new, in the sense of Biblical interpretation or theological foundation it is probably incorrect. The fundamentals of Christian faith have been verified by the ancient fathers many years ago.

The Prophet Isaiah is addressing newness in the sense of God's intervention in the nation and through that intervention a change in the direction of people and culture. Doing something new, for instance, is the awakening that happened in the Hebrides many years ago. A new move of God is Divine involvement in lives or cultures that the world does not anticipate. Another example of the newness of God's work is the awakening that is happening in China or among some of the Muslim nations.

In our world, it might be God's presence in the children's Sunday school class or someone in the community that we would consider least among those least likely to serve the Lord. It is to seek the Lord's face and embrace His presence and intervention where ever He desires to work.

Let's live in anticipation of His presence appearing in our ministries!

Personal:

Last week I had the privilege of attending a course on intervention among individuals in crisis. I was thankful for the opportunity to attend these sessions with Pastor Stephen Snodgrass and Charles Dodd.

Melba and I enjoyed worshipping in Durant and Sherman Sunday. Early week was spent in the office. I prepared reports to the Bible Methodist Connectional Committee meeting, that is scheduled for late February. My reports include my work as Editor of The Bible Methodist and managing the website and other printing and promotional material. I also report to the Committee as leader of the Southwest Conference. I also prepared a report for the Southwest Conference Executive Committee that will meet just before Preacher's Meeting / Ministerial.

Pastor Snodgrass has asked me to lead the service at Durant this evening. Friday evening we anticipate the privilege of hosting the Anayas for dinner. Sunday morning, Melba and I are scheduled to be with Pastor Durr and the people at Osage Road, Duncan. I will preach in the morning and then we will drive to Durant for Sunday evening where I am scheduled to preach again.

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