



# BibleMethodist

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## Thoughts & Travels

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### Philippians 4:4

*Rejoice in the Lord  
always: and again I say,  
Rejoice.*

### Thoughts:

Joy is the focus of the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Rejoicing rises because the Messiah was promised and delivered. The whole of creation rejoices because the God of Creation has come down to bring redemption.

As he encourages the Christians, in Philippi Paul teaches them to rejoice. Then in chapter 4, he gives them the foundation for their rejoicing. *“whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”*

The foundation of joy is a choice and an emotion. The expression of joy rises from the foundation of faith and the discipline of thinking Biblically.

Joy is a key component of Christianity and especially during the Advent and Christmas season. May we choose to life joyfully!

## Travels:



Saturday, December 7th, I flew from Dallas (Thanks to Brother and Sister Stafford for taking me to Love Field) to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Pastor Darrell Underwood met me and together we drove to Rock Springs Holiness Mission near Cuba, New Mexico.

Pray for the church in Millersburg, Kentucky and Pastor Jolly 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 each church as they celebrate and worship through Advent and Christmas.

Pray for DeRidder, Louisiana as they work on their building.



Breakfast with Archibalds, Ward and Naomi French and Darrell Underwood.

Our trip to New Mexico was for the purpose of talking with Calvin and Martha McCasland and the Navajo leadership about the possibility of partnering together in ministry. Saturday evening we ate together and then discussed the possibilities of the future. Pastor Underwood and I then drove to Rincon Marques Holiness Mission to spend the night. The Archibald family welcomed us warmly.

Sunday morning we had breakfast with Archibald and Ward and Naomi French. We then drove to Rock Springs for morning worship. I preached to a nice size congregation. Following the service they people hosted us for a fellowship meal.

Pastor Underwood and I then began our journey home. He dropped me at the airport and continued on toward Clovis, New Mexico where he works and I flew to Dallas where Melba met me.



Preaching Sunday morning at Rock Springs Holiness Mission

This week has been somewhat occupied with office work. Darrell Stetler II, Mark Russell, Michael Avery and I have been working on a document and flow chart that focuses on the merging of Southwest Regional Conference (Provisional) and Mid America Regional Conference (Provisional). That work has included two conference calls and some writing and revising.



A couple children at Rock Springs Holiness

Wednesday Melba and I drove to McKinney-Allen area and spent the day shopping.

Friday Melba and I plan to attend Duncan's Christmas meal and fellowship. Saturday we plan to attend Sherman's Christmas Fellowship and meal.

## Events:

### **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 see attached documents.

### **Pray Around the World:**

Bible Methodists focus on praying together  
January 26, 2020

### **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