

THOUGHTS & TRAVELS



Events:

Youth Rally:

Caleb Crouch, chairman of the Youth Committee reports plans for an event in late January.

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

Serving churches in:

Colorado

Kentucky

Lousiana

Idaho

Oklahoma

Texas

Preacher's Meeting / Ministerial:

Date: February 4-6, 2020

Speaker: Dr. David Bubb

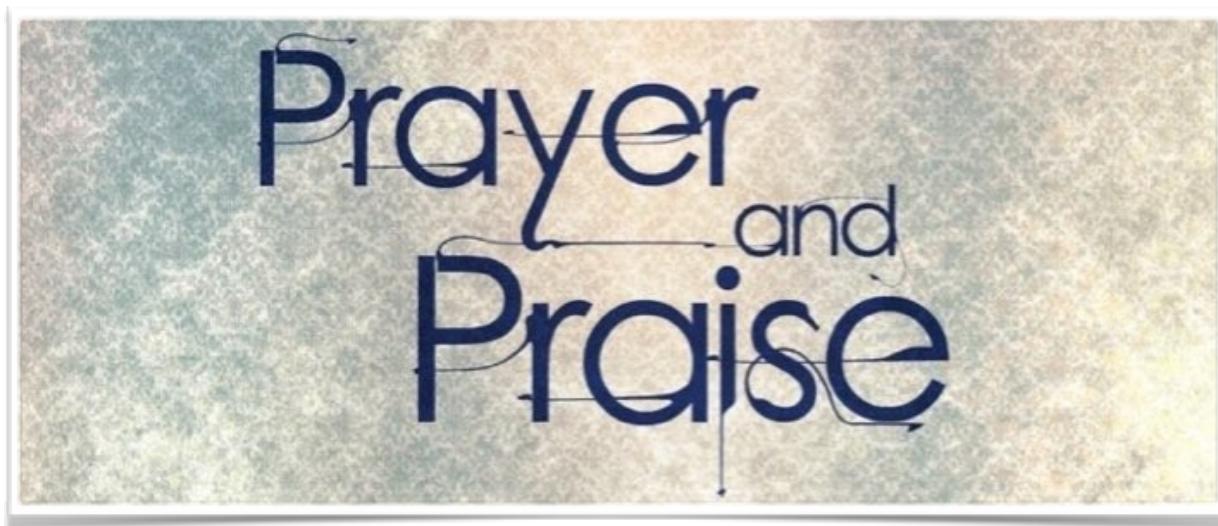
Location: Duncan, Oklahoma

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

**Prayer and Praise:**

- During your Sunday morning pastoral prayer, please pray for Pastor Snodgrass and the church in Sherman, Texas.
- Please pray for the President, Congress, Judges as well as state and local officials.
- Pray for the ministry in Papua New Guinea and Shirley Fogleman as she prepares to return to her work.
- Pray for the church in Whitehouse, Texas as they search for a pastor.

- Pray for wisdom for the members of the Executive Committee.
- Praise the Lord for the reports of special services and times of fellowship in the churches.
- Treasurer Valley had 27 people attend their Christmas program. One new man, recently released from 5 years in prison was especially touched by the service.
- DeRidder had 6 new people attend their Christmas dinner.

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

God continues to do a New Thing. Very often we focus on the traditions and expectations of the past, sort of pining away in the thoughts that God is not moving as he did in another era. Now, understand we should all thank the Lord for the work He has done in our lives and society! Holding to the heritage of our history has deep value and forms and guides our present and future. We must have a history and embrace the richness of that past, because without understanding where we have come from we will have difficulty understanding where we should be going.

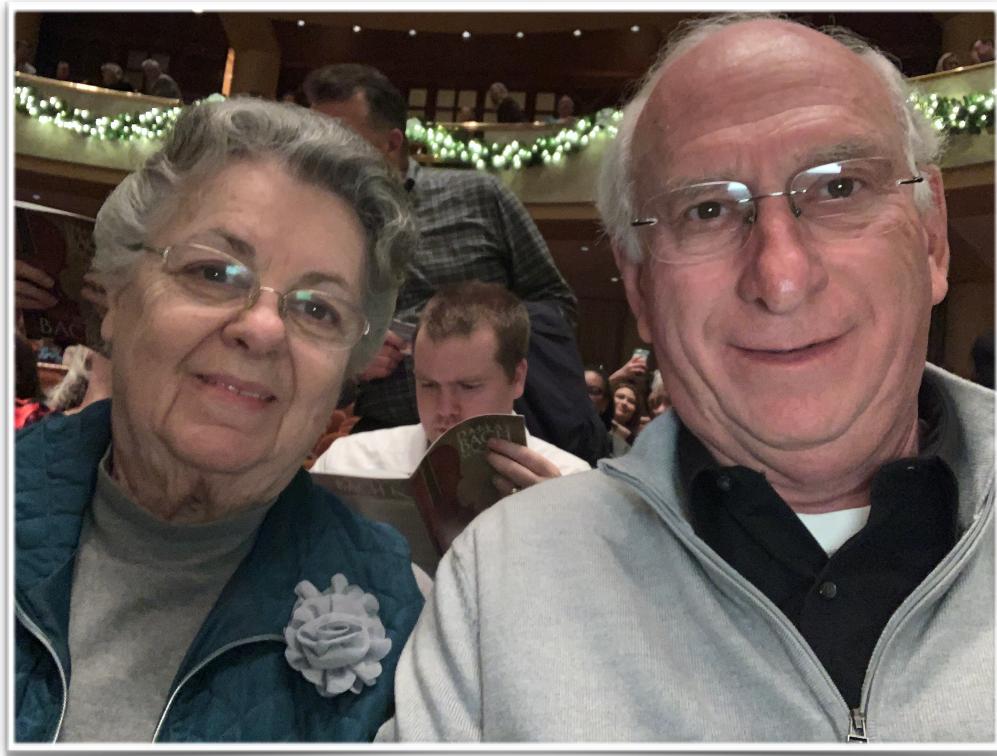
All that being said, God does not work in the past. He works in the present and future. What has been, is what was, our concern today is to find and embrace God's will and work for the generation we are part of and anticipate what He plans for the future.

Notice Isaiah's prophecy, "I will do a new thing." God is still working in the world we live in! He is doing things that the inattentive and hesitant will miss. Let's with great hope and faith embrace the opportunity to serve God in 2020! Let's focus on finding people who need to know Christ as their Savior. May we find people who are caught in sin and lead them to know the joy of redemption!

May the Lord give each church, pastor and congregant the hope and joy of the new things God is planning.

Personal:

Melba and I have enjoyed the Christmas season. Monday evening we drove to Dallas for the Bach Orchestra performance of Messiah in the Meyerson SymphonyCenter. Christmas eve we attended a candle light communion service .



Wednesday, Christmas day we enjoyed Chuck and Janie Dodd spending a few hours with us. Melba prepared and distributed some goody packages to some people in the Durant area. Thursday we spent time around the house. Our son Larry and two of his children are driving in and plan to spend several days with us.

May the Lord give you a blessed New Years!

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