

THOUGHTS & TRAVELS



BibleMethodist CONNECTION OF CHURCHES

Events:

OKC - Interchurch Holiness Convention:

Dates: March 10-12, 2020
 Location: Calvary Bible Fellowship, OKC
 Speakers: Darrell Stetler Sr. - Stephen Snodgrass

Youth Challenge West

Dates: March 26-28
 Location: Salyer Lake, Minco, OK

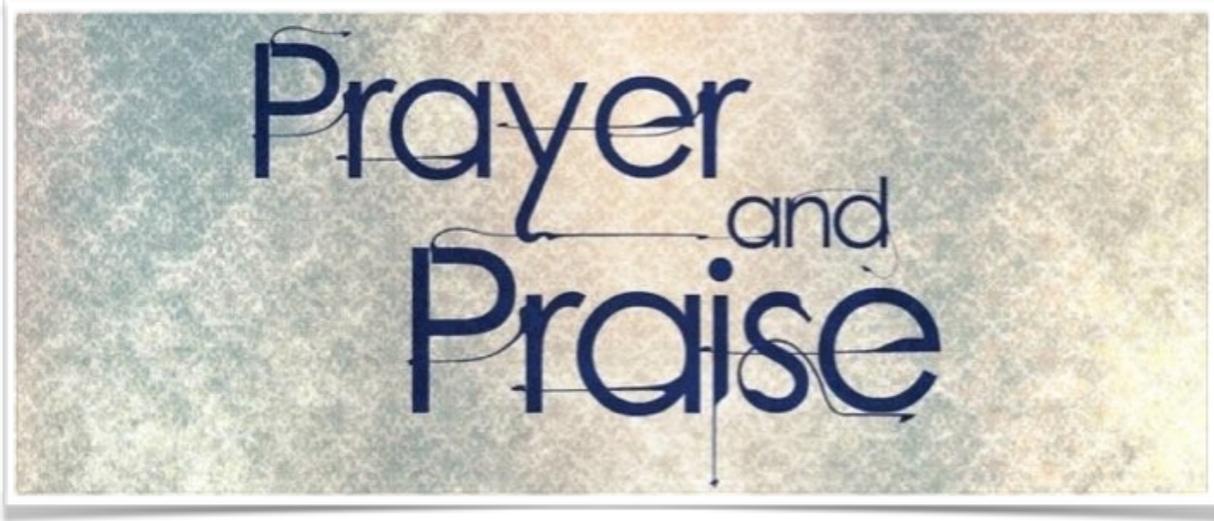
Inter-church Holiness Convention:

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

Serving churches in:
Colorado
Kentucky
Louisiana
Idaho
Oklahoma
Texas



Prayer and Praise:

- During your Sunday morning pastoral prayer, please pray for Pastor Snodgrass and the church in Sherman, Texas .
- Sunday please pray for the Southern Conference and Conference President John Parker.
- Please pray for the President, Congress, Judges as well as state and local officials.
- Pray for Tim Keep and Bible Methodist Missions.
- Pray for the ministry in Papua New Guinea along with Shirley Fogleman
- Pray for the church in Whitehouse, Texas as they search for a pastor.
- Please pray for Rhonda Gardner, she will soon be scheduled for surgery.
- Pray for Hector's (Spanish pastor at Lakewood) daughter who is again in hospital.
- 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.

- Praise the Lord for the remodeling that is on going under Pastors Anaya's leadership at the church in Dallas.
- Praise the Lord for the report from Treasure Valley Bible Methodist, Caldwell. Pastor reports that the city is installing new curbs and sidewalks much earlier than they had announced.
- Praise the Lord for His presence and leadership at Outreach and Bus Convention, Lebanon, PA
- Thank the Lord for the great report from Tega Bible College in PNG.

Thoughts:

As the church lives in the season of Lent it is reminded of the almost unbelievable sacrifice the Trinity made in the plan and execution of redemption. Paul captured a clear understanding of God's involvement and wrote, *"but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."*

[*The New King James Version*](#). (1982). (1 Co 1:23–25). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

The stumbling block rose because of the Jewish people's inability to comprehend that the God who revealed himself to Israel in the wilderness and through the Psalms and Prophets, would allow himself to become human and offer himself as the sacrifice for their sins. The national leadership either did not grasp the depth of the promise of God for a Savior or because of political influence refused to hear the message.

The Greeks could not imagine that a God of any kind would divest himself of the privileges of eternity and live humbly among humanity. Their concept of God was driven by their uninspired, mental wrestling with a higher power whom they could not comprehend.

And for the Church to preach the death and resurrection of Christ seemed a most unlikely message.

Yet, the Lord Jesus, *"became flesh and dwelt among us"*, as John wrote. He walked through the almost unbelievable week of passion and crucifixion, all to provide for the rectification and redemption of people. *"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,"* is the universal message of the Church.

May we remind our selves of the enormous price God paid for our redemption and respond with humility, love and obedience.

Personal:

Following the conclusion of the Connectional meetings last week, Melba and I drove to our son, Dan's house and spent some time with him and his family. I think I mentioned the trip Thursday, to Union Bible College at Westfield, Indiana to meet their ministerial students.

Friday we drove to Cincinnati and met with the God's Bible School and College ministerial students.

We then drove to Nellie, Ohio and spent a few days with our friend, Dale Hartle. Sunday we drove to the Bible Methodist Church in Beach City, Ohio and worshiped and had dinner with Pastor Joe and Wendi Stephani.

Tuesday we drove to Lebanon, Pennsylvania for Out Reach and Bus Convention. The Convention was a special time of challenge, instruction and fellowship. Chris Cravens preached powerfully each evening.

Friday, we are driving to Schenectady, New York. We are scheduled to be with the Pilgrim Holiness Church for revival services next Tuesday through Thursday. Because I am not scheduled anywhere Sunday I will preach for them this Sunday as well.

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Above left: Congregation at Outreach and Bus Convention, Lebanon, PA.
Above right: Treasure Valley Church, anticipating new curb and sidewalk.
Left: Dale Hartle and Clair at breakfast.

