

# THOUGHTS & TRAVELS



# BibleMethodist

CONNECTION OF CHURCHES

## Events:

### Lenten 2021

|               |          |    |
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| Ash Wednesday | February | 17 |
| Good Friday   | April    | 2  |
| Palm Sunday   | March    | 28 |
| Easter        | April    | 4  |

### Inter-church Holiness Convention:

Dates: April 13 - 15  
 Location: Convention Center, Gatlinburg, TN

### National Day of Prayer

May 7, 2021

### Annual Conference

Location: Calvary Bible Fellowship, .... 16th Oklahoma City, OK

Date: June 18, 2021

Serving churches  
in:

Colorado

Kentucky

Louisiana

Idaho

Oklahoma

Texas

**Merging Conference**

June 19, 2021

**Youth Camp:**

Location: Whitehouse, TX

Date: June 21 23, 2021

**Family Camp:**

Location: Arrowhead Conference - Retreat Center, Cleburne, TX

Dates: July 27 - August 1, 2021

Evangelists: Rev. Stephen Stetler, Nathan Brown, Larry and Pat Jewett

**Financials:**

## Conference Operating Finances:

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| Conference Operating Receipts: (February) | \$2,773.29          |
| Conference Operating Expenses: (February) | <u>\$5,667.88</u>   |
| Total                                     | <b>(\$2,894.59)</b> |

## Camp Finances

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| Camp Budget (estimated) | \$35,000.00        |
| Camp Offering           | <u>\$13,248.91</u> |
| Anticipated need        | \$22,871.09        |

My deepest Thanks to all who contribute to Conference and Camp funds.

**Prayer and Praise:**

- During your Sunday morning pastoral prayer, please pray for the church in Sherman, Texas and Pastor Stephen Snodgrass.
- Pray for the President, Congress, Judiciary, Governors and local governments.

- Pray for Tim Keep and Bible Methodist Missions.
  - Pray for the Muir's as they minister in Mexico.
  - Pray for Troyers. Paul is in Asia working on visas.
  - Pray for Marika Herrer ministering in South Africa.
  - Pray for Shirley Fogleman and the ministry in Papua New Guinea. Please pray especially for Shirley. She is quarantined in her house because of rampant COVID. Pray the Lord give her wisdom.
  - Pray for R.G. and Sarah Hutchison. They are presently in the US.
  - Pray for David Martinez who is studying in preparation for ministry in Mexico.
  - Pray for Snodgrass's daughter Katie as she give birth this week.
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- Praise the Lord for His presence at the DeRidder Church when they hosted Allegheny Bible School's Choir.
  - Praise the Lord for the Lord's help in DeRidder's installation of a culvert into their property.
  - Praise the Lord of the Lord's presence and help at Youth Challenge West, in Minco, Oklahoma last week.

## Thoughts:

This week I have thought about the criminal who was redeemed on the cross. The darkest day in the history of humanity became the day of greatest blessing for this condemned felon.

What a story! The Savior of the world, after a false trial, vicious beating and an unjust sentence hung on the cross. While suffering more intense pain than we can possible understand, the Lord expressed grace and forgiveness while dying. To an undeserving but humble and repentant robber the Lord opened the door to redemption and eternal peace.

I wonder, could the condemned man, by faith see past the present pain and anticipate the joy of resurrection and eternal life? Could he see more clearly from his cross than he ever saw while living his life? Did his faith in the Lord's promise and person allow him to anticipate the resurrection and life? Jesus openly promised him, entrance into paradise and we can only imagine the joy of this dying man.

Today we remember the last Supper as Mandy Thursday. Tomorrow the church remembers what we know as Good Friday, the crucifixion of the Lord. Then comes Sunday! Resurrection Sunday - high day in the life of the church. Let's prepare for a great celebration Sunday.

## Personal:

Last Friday Melba and I drove to Minco, Oklahoma. It was our privilege to attend Youth Challenge West 2021. Steve Stetler preached a very effective message to the young people. It was a joy for us to see people from Duncan and Whitehouse attending this significant youth event. Saturday morning we enjoyed hearing Pastor Caleb Crouch preach the morning devotional message during YCW.

Saturday included some yard work and then preparations for Sunday. Sunday morning included worshipping at Durant and Sherman. We enjoyed the fellowship meal at Sherman and then returned home.

Sunday evening it was my privilege to preach the Palm Sunday evening message at Durant.

This week has included office and yard work. Sunday we plan to worship at Durant and Sherman.

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**Above: Pastor Caleb Crouch preaching at Youth Challenge West.**

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**Below: Pastor Going and the group from Whitehouse at Youth Challenge West.**

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