

# THOUGHTS & TRAVELS



# BibleMethodist

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## Events:

### Annual Conference Reports:

Please watch your mail for a packet from Conference Secretary Mark Russell. The completed forms are important to the work of the Conference.

### Missions Tour

Brennan and Ivon Muir will be traveling in the Conference in May

### Pentecost Sunday:

May 23, 2021

### Annual Conference

Location: Calvary Bible Fellowship, 6606 NW 16th St.,  
Oklahoma City OK 73127

Time: 1:30 PM

Date: June 18, 2021

### Merging Conference

Serving churches  
in:

Colorado

Kentucky

Louisiana

Idaho

Oklahoma

Texas

Location: Calvary Bible Fellowship

Time: 9:00 AM

Date: June 19, 2021

### Youth Camp:

Location: Whitehouse, TX

Date: June 21 23, 2021

### Father's Day:

June 20, 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:

Conference Operating Receipts: (April)	\$4,555.54
Conference Operating Expenses: (April)	<u>\$6,108.72</u>
Total	<b>(\$1,553.18)</b>

### Camp Finances

Camp Budget (estimated)	\$35,000.00
Camp Offering	<u>\$13,248.91</u>
Anticipated need	\$16,441.09

The Conference received a \$140,000.00 gift from Kingwood (Houston). They have discontinued the church and distributed the funds. Deepest thanks to Staffords and Sister Courtney for their faithfulness and contributions.

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 Millersburg, KY and Pastor Judy Jolly.
  - Pray for the President, Congress, Judiciary, Governors and local governments.
  - Pray for Tim Keep and Bible Methodist Missions.
  - Pray for the Muir's they will be traveling in the Southwest and Mid America Conferences in May.
  - Pray for Troyers. Paul has received the necessary documents and they are thankful.
  - Pray for Marika Herrer ministering in South Africa.
  - Pray for Shirley Fogleman. She will soon have cataract surgery.
  - 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 Jim Dunegan's son Mike.
  - Pray for Pastor Johnson and the church in Lakewood, CO, they have lost two people to COVID recently.
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- Thank the Lord for a report from Pastor Steele and the DeRidder, LA church of a very good missions service with Muirs.
  - Deepest thanks to each pastor and church who are hosting Muirs.
  - Thanks for the Lord's help in church Mother's Day.
  - Thank you for your prayers for our family during the passing of my sister.

## Thoughts:

What a blessing to embrace a new week and be available to minister the grace and presence of the Lord Jesus to the culture of which we are part. As Believers and people living in and minister through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have the greatest privilege to illustrating and discipline others.

Later this month the church celebrates the initiation of the Holy Spirit into the active and public life of the church. The book of Acts reminds those who read it's pages of the incredible work of the Spirit through fully committed Christians.

Pastor, you are not alone. Please rest in and embrace the person of the Holy Spirit, His power and purity in your personal life. He wants to minister through you in both your public, family and personal life. We have the privilege of opening our lives and our homes to the infilling and enabling of the Holy Spirit. He can strengthen your wife and children, and comfort and enliven you.

## Personal:

Last Saturday Melba and I were invited to Chucky and Jamie Dodd's for Chucky's birthday celebration. The meal included crawfish, potatoes, corn, pork and potato salad.

Chuck and Janie, (Janie is Melba's sister) stayed with us over the weekend and had the joy of celebrating Chucky's birthday and Mother's Day. Sunday I preached at Durant.

Monday, following a phone call from my Sister's care facility, Melba and I drove to Oklahoma City, OK preparing to fly to Seattle. Tuesday was spent flying. Tuesday evening we arrived at Providence Mother Joseph Care Center and we welcomed into the room where my sister, Mary Ellen, was resting. The nurse said, "She is waiting for you." We spoke to her, assured her we were praying and that she was free to rest in the Lord. About 30 minutes later as I was reading the 23rd Psalm she ceased breathing. About 15 minutes later they pronounced her death.

Today we arranged for the funeral. It will be Tuesday, May 18, 2021. We will be in Washington until the Wednesday after the funeral.

## GCS

With Melba in Olympia, WA. Rhododendrons are the flowers in the background. We are staying at the "Sunshine House" that is associated with the care center where my sister lived.

