

THOUGHTS & TRAVELS



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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	(\$1,553.18)

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 on Osage Road, Duncan, OK and Pastor Robert Durr III.
 - 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, Pastor and Melissa have recently struggled with COVID.
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- Praise the Lord for reports of God's presence and help in the missions services with Muirs.
 - Deepest thanks from Sams for the phone calls, cards and prayers while we were in Washington.
 - Thank you from Sams to the Conference for a beautiful spray of flowers for my sister's funeral.
 - Thank the Lord for His help during a meeting with a church that has shown some interest in joining the Conference.

Thoughts:

Sunday we celebrate the birthday of the Church. What a rich and abundant gift the Triune God has given to His creation. The investment of the Holy Spirit influenced the whole earth. He convicts the world of truth, righteousness and sin.

But, to the Believer the gift of the Holy Spirit is personal. He has special interest in the life of the Church, he also is deeply involved in the life of each family and individual. He has special interest in the ministry of the Word and its power in the world.

He is the agent of God in salvation and sanctification, he leads to seeking and finding forgiveness as well as entire sanctification. He also is deeply involved in the on going life of the Church.

What incredible gift. Jesus promised the gift of the comforter.

Personal:

Wow, what a surprise! We were standing under the fir trees in the Lone Hill Cemetery, Toledo, Washington waiting to begin the funeral for Mary Ellen. It was not quite time to begin the service, it had rained a little and so we were quietly discussing the day and the service.

Melba suddenly said, "Clair, the fellow getting out of the car looks like Mike Covington."

I had my back to the vehicles and responded, "that is not possible."

She responded, "it sure looks like him."

Then almost immediately she said, "It is Brother Covington."

I turned around and to my deep surprise walking from a car was Mike Covington. The pastor and several of the people attending the funeral knew he was coming so were patiently watching for our reaction.

I cannot express how deeply I was touched by his generous and loving expression of care by flying to Portland, Oregon and driving up to the funeral.

Wednesday we started the trip home. In Denver we met Brother Mike and together we flew to Oklahoma City. After retrieving our car Covington's invited us to lunch. Following the meal they drove home and we drove to John Copelands. That evening I met with some of the men on the leadership board of Calvary Bible Fellowship. The meeting included discussion about the churches future. Late Wednesday evening we arrived home.

It has been a privilege to have Brennan and Ivon Muir and their boys in our home. It is a special joy to welcome them to the Durant church for missions service Thursday evening. Saturday they will drive north for services.

Sunday we will worship at Durant.

Next week Melba and I plan to drive to Mitchell, South Dakota for two days of board meetings with Society of Indian Missions.

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Left: Mike Covington and Clair Sams following the funeral for Mary Ellen Sams.

Below: Jared Muir, Melba and Brennan Muir

