

THOUGHTS & TRAVELS



BibleMethodist CONNECTION OF CHURCHES

Events:

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: (May)	
\$6,407.82		
	Conference Operating Expenses: (May)	
\$6,357.10		
	Total	
\$ 65.72		

Camp Finances

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

Serving churches in:

Colorado

Idaho

Kansas

Kentucky

Louisiana

New Mexico

Oklahoma

Texas

Praise the Lord and each Church participating! We operated in the black!

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

Prayer and Praise:

- During your Sunday morning pastoral prayer, please pray for DeRidder, Louisiana and Pastor Steele
 - Pray for the President, Congress, Judiciary, Governors and local governments.
 - Pray for Tim Keep and Bible Methodist Missions.
 - Pray for Tim Keep's family in the loss of his father.
 - Pray for the Muir's as they travel for deputation.
 - Pray for Troyers as they prepare to return to their field of service.
 - 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 Cable's son-in-law, Ben Taylor, who is very ill with COVID. He has been placed on a ventilator.
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- Praise the Lord for His presence at Annual Conference.
 - Praise the Lord for His grace and for people reflecting that grace in the Merging Conference.
 - Praise the Lord for people who have invested in the Youth Camp.
 - Praise the Lord for His presence and power among the young people.
 - Thanks to Matt Hallam for his ministry among the youth.
 - Praise the Lord Judy Jolly has noticed some improvement from cataract surgery.

Thoughts:

Last Friday the Southwest Annual Conference met and concluded its business for 2020-2021. The meeting was well attended and went smoothly. Friday evening, following a catered fellowship meal, many of us attended the ordination service for Mid America Pastor Todd Hurst.

Saturday morning we had breakfast hosted by John and Judy Copeland. At 9:00 AM we met at Calvary Bible Fellowship for the merging Conference. Connectional Chairman Dr.

Michael Avery sat as chairman and Southern Conference Secretary Bob Blankenship and his wife worked at secretaries for the Conference. Early in the Conference the matter of voting on merging came to the floor and was passed unanimously with a rising vote. The voting for officers and committees were mostly near unanimous as well, in fact most of them would have been but for the politeness of those nominated for office.

The officers are: CPres G. Clair Sams; VPres Darrell Stetler II; Treasurer Micheal Covington; Secretary Andrew Blankenship. Executive Committee members; Stephen Snodgrass, Darrell Underwood, Mark Russell and Kin Hurst. The roll of churches are: Dallas, Texas - Pastor Pedro Anaya; DeRidder, LA, Pastor Don Steele; Duncan, OK, Pastor Caleb Crouch; Durant, OK, Pastor Clair Sams, Lakewood, CO, Pastor Aaron Johnson; Millersburg, KY, Pastor Judy Jolly; Miltonvale, KS, Pastor David Mahin; Moberly, MO, Soon to be pastor Sherwood Johnstone; Oklahoma City, OK, Pastor Darrell Stetler II, Osage Road, Duncan, OK, Pastor Robert Durr III; Servants Heart, Clovis, NM, Pastor Darrell Underwood; Sherman, TX, Pastor Stephen Snodgrass; Treasure Valley, Caldwell, ID, Pastor Rick Bork and Whitehouse, TX, Pastor Eric Going.

At noon we joined together for a catered meal. Following the meal the Conference President and Vice President were installed. The Conference was concluded with a beautiful communion service.

Deepest thanks to all who contributed to the Merging Conference by praying, attending, participating and giving. The meeting went very smoothly and left us with a sense of God's help!



Delegates to the Merge Conference

Personal:

Last Thursday we drove to Oklahoma City for two reasons. The first was, the air conditioner on the parsonage was not working. We are very thankful the people at Durant got the repair people to work on the system and it is working nicely now. And, second we needed to begin preparations for Annual Conference and Merge Conference.

Friday the Conference Executive Committee met at 10:00 AM and worked until noon on preparations for Conference. At noon the Education and Elder's Orders Committee met. Annual Conference rose for business about 1:30 PM. As mentioned we enjoyed a catered dinner from Swadleys. Following the fellowship and meal it was a privilege to celebrate ordination for Pastor Todd Hurst.

Saturday following breakfast the Merge Conference began at 9:30 AM. Again we enjoyed fellowship, food and worship.

Sunday we enjoyed hosting Pastor Bob and Karen Blankenship for morning worship and dinner. In the evening I preached at Durant. Monday included office work.

Tuesday afternoon Melba and I drove to Green Acres Retreat Center, Whitehouse, Texas for Mid Southwest Youth Camp. It was a privilege to interact with the Youth Committee and newly elected Youth President, Eric Going and to hear evangelist Matt Hallum speak.

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With Covingtons and Macie Crouch at youth camp.

