

# 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

### General Conference:

Location: Franklin Bible Methodist, 6000 S. Dixie, Hwy  
Franklin, OH 45005

Dates: Week of June 14, 2022

## Financials:

Conference Operating Finances:

Conference Operating Receipts: (May)

\$6,407.82

Conference Operating Expenses: (May)

Total

\$6,357.10

\$ 65.72

### Serving churches in:

Colorado

Idaho

Kansas

Kentucky

Louisiana

New Mexico

Oklahoma

Texas

### Camp Finances

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

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 Duncan, Oklahoma and Pastor Caleb Crouch.
  - Pray for the President, Congress, Judiciary, Governors and local governments.
  - Pray for Tim Keep and Bible Methodist Missions.
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  - 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.
  - 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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- Thank the Lord for the leadership of and commitment of those who participated in youth camp.
  - Praise the Lord Judy Jolly has noticed some improvement from cataract surgery.
  - Thankful for all who are working to make the newly formed Conference work properly.

### Thoughts:

Sunday America celebrates its birth. The 4th of July in any other nation is just the 4th of July, but for citizens of the United States of America it is a special day with deep significance.

A couple years ago Melba and I were joined by Chuck and Janie Dodd as we pulled chairs around to the front of the house and settled in to watch the fire works from the Choctaw Center about a mile away. The display was first class and drew a large crowd even along the road where we live.

Now, to follow some of the popular theories you would think people like the Choctaws would strongly discourage the celebration of the birth of this nation, but there are sensible and educated people among all communities and those folk understand the strength of being part of this great nation.

As Christians in a free nation we have great blessings and enjoy incredible opportunities. I trust you will offer thanks to the God of the universe for the blessings we enjoy. May I encourage you to participate in the celebration that the 4th honors and enjoy being with family and friends? Along with those thoughts, participate in the political process as deeply as you are comfortable. One of factors in having and maintaining a nation that embraces diversity and discussion is the participation of all the people.

Please, don't allow the siren call of the unrighteous and foolish to silence the voice of the righteous and wise.

Again, thank the Lord, your family, your community and government for the privilege of being an America.



## Personal:

Sunday we gathered for worship at Durant knowing we were missing some regulars. But because of guests we have a nice size congregation. Melba and I had the privilege of hosting Eric and Callie Hughes and their two beautiful girls, Nallah and Haley.

Monday included breakfast at Boomerang Restaurant and then some work on the pickup. Someone(s) had cut the fuel fill tube and tried to syphon gas from the vehicle. The joke was on them, the pickup was so low on gas they would have gotten very little for their efforts. But, that had to be repaired, so it is finished.

Tuesday included some work in the office, preparing packets for some young men interested in the Conference and completing the paper work for some who are applying for credentials.

Wednesday I worked on material for the evening service as well as writing some devotionals for Herald and Banner Press.

This week will include office work and yard work. Sunday we will worship at Durant.

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