



# Thoughts & Travels

Southwest Conference of the Bible Methodist Connection of Churches:

Serving Churches in:

- Arkansas
- Colorado
- Idaho
- Kansas
- Louisiana
- Missouri
- New Mexico
- Oklahoma
- Texas

Thoughts:

The Lenten season ought to remind us of the incredible sacrifice Christ made so that we might be redeemed from the power and penalty of sin. When we glibly transition from the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to Resurrection Sunday with lilies and celebration, we have skipped over the darkness and depth of Holy Week. We have missed the fundamental understanding of Christ's passion. The Lenten season reminds us of His preparation as we prepare our hearts. The writers of the Gospels and Epistles emphasized the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let's not casually ignore His sacrifice.

Contemplating lent ought, also, to remind us of our ongoing dependence on the blood, intercession, mercy and grace of the Lord Jesus. Certainly each Believer is redeemed and blessed with the gift of new life through Christ. But please, may I remind you that we live humbly under the banner of the blood bought. We are not our own. 1 Corinthians 6: 20, *"For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."*

The writer of Corinthians is reminding us that living in the power of the Holy Spirit includes remembering we belong to God. We



## Events:

### Lenten Season:

- Ash Wednesday March 2
- Good Friday April 15
- Easter April 17

### IHC - OKC

- March 8-10
- Calvary Bible Fellowship

### Youth Challenge West

- March 24-26
- Sayler Lake, OK

### Ministerial:

- Dates: March 17-19, 2022
- Location: BMC OKC, OK
- Speaker: Marc Sankey

### General Conference:

- Dates: June 14-16
- Location: BMC, Franklin, OH

have been purchased by His sacrifice. Therefore we should live pious and carefully as well as confidently.

## Personal:

Last Sunday we welcomed a new person to service in Durant. This week has been occupied with preparations for this weekend and next week. I begin meeting Friday in Ft. Wayne, IN with Pastor Mike Eavey. Next week we are in central Pennsylvania at a Brethern in Christ Church.

We appreciate your prayers as we travel and minister.

## Prayer:

- Pray for Dallas, Texas and Pastor Pedro Anaya.
- Pray for Missionaries: Keep, Hutchison, Muir, Shirley Fogleman, Maricka Herrer and David Martinez.
- Pray for Sarah Hutchison as she works through treatment for cancer.
- Pray for Troyers. They are taking indefinite furlough.
- Pray for Conference Leadership.
- Pray for General Conference. We will be electing some new officers, working on some memorials and worshipping together.
- Pray the people of Ukraine.
- Praying for Crouches

## Praise:

- Thank the Lord for traveling grace.
- Thank the Lord for the report from Whitehouse of the purchase of a van for ministry.
- Thank the Lord for the report of pastors working new people.

### Conference Finances:

#### January 2022

Operating Receipts:	\$5,826.10
Operating Expenses:	\$6,994.81
Total	(\$1,168.71)