



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 church calendar indicates we are in what the formal churches refer to as Eastertide. This section of the church year focuses on various aspects of the Scripture and Church. For instance this coming Sunday would be focused on Divine Mercy.

I am not trying to move any of the churches toward a deep focus on the liturgical calendar, simply offering thoughts that might encourage the church to an understanding of Scripture and Church life that delves into the richness of God's presence.

For instance, a study of Divine Mercy would likely open with a consideration of Lamentations 3 and the promise of God's mercy being new every morning. You might on the other hand dig around in the Psalms for a word picture of God's mercy, or read the Prophets to catch a sense of mercy toward the people of Israel.

May our preaching and services honor the Lord whom we worship and teach, encourage, instruct and occasionally correct the people we pastor.

Personal:

Resurrection Sunday found us worshipping with the people of Durant, Oklahoma. We had a blessed time honoring the memory of



Events:

IHC - Sherman, Texas

- May 3-4,

Pentecost Sunday

- June 5

General Conference:

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

Youth Camp:

- Dates: June 27 - July 1
- Location: Whitehouse, TX

Annual Conference

- Dates: July 25-26

Family Camp:

- Dates July 27-31
- Location: Arrowhead Camp

the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It was a joy to welcome 30 people some of them new and some family members of our people.

Sunday evening we looked at Jesus' cry from the cross, "My God my God..." The Psalmist in the 22nd division captured the event of the cross graphically.

This week has included celebration of Melba's birthday, and office work.

Saturday and Sunday we plan to be with Pastor Johnson in Lakewood, Colorado.

Prayer:

- Pray for Living Hope, Salina, KS and Pastor Todd Hurst.
- 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 Mike Covington, Shirley Fogleman, Holly McCarthy. They have or will soon be traveling back to the US.
- Pray for your Conference Leadership and Executive Committee.
- Pray for General Conference. We will be electing some new officers, working on some memorials and worshipping together.
- Pray the people of Ukraine.

Praise:

- Praise the Lord for the beautiful renovations at OKC they hope to have their renovations finished by Sunday. They also rejoice in some 128 people in service Easter Sunday.
- Praise the Lord for report from Pastor Going at Whitehouse of new people in church Easter Sunday.
- Praise the Lord for the report from Living Hope of a good service at Salina.
- Praise the Lord for the report from Sherman of a special time Easter Sunday.

Conference Finances:

March 2022

Operating Receipts:	\$10,628.39
Operating Expenses:	\$11,326.85
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