



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:

Mother's Day is Sunday. A day to honor mothers and their contribution to life, and their influence in family. Mothers mark the family and culture they are part of through their sacrifice, prayers, praise, instruction and love.

The health of each nation may be measured by the presence and influence of mothers. C.K Chesterton said, "American can only remain a democracy as it embraces the Catholic and Christian faith." He understood the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to shape the thinking and morals of a nation. That shaping is done most powerfully and effectively in the family and often it is mothers who fuel that influence.

Schools certainly have power to shape thinking but schools reflect the values of the families who attend the institution. The church should be contributing to the morals of the culture but again they do that through the teaching and practice rising from families.

Thank the Lord for mother's who have a strong and patient sense of Christian life and influence.



Events:

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

Conference Finances:

April 2022

Operating Receipts:	\$4,182.78
Operating Expenses:	\$5,345.29
Total	(\$1,162.51)

Personal:

Last Sunday I rose early and drove about 2 1/2 hours to Mena, Arkansas for morning worship. It was a privilege to worship with the Jenkins, my friend from BMI, Carl Smith, his wife and grand child as well as another family. Following the service I drove home and enjoyed hearing Chucky Dodd preach at Durant in the evening service.

Monday evening the Connectional Committee met via Zoom and finalized work on memorials for General Conference, the agenda and other necessary matters connected to Conference.

Tuesday and Wednesday I worked on the next issue of The Bible Methodist. Melba and I also attended IHC in Sherman. We enjoyed worship with the Sherman people as well as the Fultons, Goings and Mayhle family.

Thursday morning we participated in the National Day of prayer through the kindness of James Dunegan and the Durant Kiwanian Club.

Sunday we plan to worship at Durant.

Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Jollys and the church in Millersburg, KY to the Lord.- I would like us to use this time to remind our people of the other churches in the Conference.
- 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 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:

- Rejoicing in the report Lord's presence at Grant, NM Sunday. They enjoyed Pastor Underwood being with them.
- Thank the Lord for the people who were at Mena, AR last Sunday.
- Praise the Lord for the report of God dealing with people in the morning service at Durant