



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:

Dr. Dennis Kinlaw wrote, "I remember in my younger days on occasion I had to read by a kerosene lamp when I traveled for preaching engagements. I was used to electricity and it was hard to make the adjustment back to kerosene. I remember going over and turning the wick up so I could get more light to see. I also remember soot dripping off the ceiling and the shade turning black when I turned the wick too high and left it too long.

Too much wick meant soot. That is a parable for life. If someone pushes you too far, does the greasy, dirty, soot of self begin to overshadow the light in your life? People will recognize that is tis getting dark in your soul. I used to watch Grand mother take her scissors and cut that wick and clip off the extra that was creating soot. Does God need to do some clipping on us?

There is a contamination that comes when we refuse to allow God to cut away the soot-producing, self-absorbing aspects of our lives. There is a defilement that comes when God's scissors have not been able to do their work. The Cross made it possible for him to transform us so we are free to be used in a way the glorifies Christ. He does not use a pair of scissors; he uses the nails of the Cross that pierce our ego until we are pure. When he cuts away the wick in us we are clean, happy and free."



Events:

Youth Camp:

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

Annual Conference

- Dates: July 26 - 10:00 AM

Family Camp:

- Dates July 27-31
- Location: Arrowhead Camp

Personal:

Last Sunday we worshiped at Durant. The Lord gave us a day of His presence as we focused on God - The Divine Father. It was a privilege to preach to an attentive and responsive congregation.

Sunday evening Melba gave the congregation an update on change in Missions Director and an overview of Missions from Tim Keep's report. I have an overview of General Conference and used some of Dr. Avery's report to challenge us to be focused on Christlikeness.

This week I relaxed a little. Also worked on a special issue of The Bible Methodist in conjunction with Michael Avery.

Friday we plan to visit Junie Covington as she recovers from knee surgery.

Next Sunday morning we plan to host a group from HSBC.

Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Pastor Eric Going and Whitehouse, Texas to the Lord.- I would encourage you to mention the highlighted church during your pastoral prayer. It is a good time to remind your people of the other churches in the Conference.
- Pray for new Connectional Leadership: Blake Jones, Jack Hooker, R.G. Hutchison, Chelle Durr, and Bob Blankenship.
- Pray for Missionaries: 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 the Cassidys with IHC. They both are wrestling with cancer.

Praise:

- Praise the Lord the operating balance for the Conference is in the black!
- Praise the Lord for His intervention in life.

Conference Finances:

May 2022

Operating Receipts:	\$6,227.43
Operating Expenses:	\$4,154.38
Total	\$2,073.05