



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:

Daniel 9 reminds one of the heart of a great man of God. On the threshold of the people's return to Jerusalem Daniel cries out on confession and repentance to the Lord God. Daniel's heart's desire was that the people return to the land of promise with a clear understanding of the need for Divine guidance. They had forsaken the law and covenant thus forfeiting their land and families. Now, on the cusp of their return Daniel is seeking the Lord's face and modeling the attitude that would recommend their return with God's favor.

May we, in a wicked world, seek the Lord's face with the same sense of repentance and humility. Scripture highlights Daniel's righteousness yet in this chapter he is repenting as though the sin, the broken covenant is his responsibility. Daniel so deeply identified with the people and their need that he interceded as though it were his need.

May we too carry the sins of our people, community and nation to the Lord in repentance! Living in intentional righteousness yet crying to the Lord as though we were active in the culture's brokenness.

My prayer is oh, Lord have mercy. Please send an awakening. Forgive us our blindness, our preoccupation with the culture, our disregard for human life, our clear disobedience of your Word, our greed and selfishness. Please allow our Pastors and Churches to be models of truth, righteousness, repentance and holiness. May we walk humbly, filled with your grace and mercy.



Events:

Men's Retreat:

- Date March 17-18, 2023

Ladies Retreat:

- September 23-24, 2022
- Colorado Springs, CO

Youth Camping:

- November 11-12

Personal:

Last Sunday we worshiped at Durant. It was a privilege to welcome a visitor to the morning service.

Monday, I prepared for an Executive Committee meeting. Thursday, I had the privilege of riding with Pastor Snodgrass to Soaring Eagles Ranch. Wednesday was occupied with office work and preparations for mid-week service.

Thursday, we plan to drive to Louisiana and attend the IHC in Westlake.

Sunday we are scheduled to worship with Pastor Steele and the people of DeRidder.

Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift the church at Millersburg, KY and Pastor Jolly 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 Connectional Leadership: Blake Jones, Jack Hooker, R.G. Hutchison, Chelle Durr, and Bob Blankenship.
- Pray for Missionaries: Brennan and Ivon Muir, Shirley Fogleman, Maricka Herrer and David Martinez.
- Pray for RG and at team in Zambia - they are working with Africa 85.
- Pray for your Conference Leadership and Executive Committee.
- Pray for Conference Extension Chairman Todd Hurst and the churches in Mena, Arkansas, Millersburg, Kentucky and Grants, New Mexico..

Praise:

- Praise the Lord for another month the Conference has operated in the black!
- Praise the Lord new people attending the churches.
- Praise the Lord for a report from Servant's Heart Chapel of opportunities to minister to people wrestling with addictions.

Conference Finances:

August 2022

Operating Receipts:	\$6,33064
Operating Expenses:	\$5,161.41
Total	\$1,169.23