



Thoughts & Travels

Southwest Conference of the Bible Methodist Connection of Churches:

Serving Churches in:

Arkansas

Colorado

Idaho

Kansas

Kentucky

Louisiana

Missouri

New Mexico

Oklahoma

Texas

Thoughts:

The past two weeks have been interesting and enlightening. As I was experiencing the heart attack Friday the 13th :), the Lord gave me a deep sense of peace. In the midst of the deep pressure from the physical issue, beneath that was a deep sense of spiritual and emotional peace. Again Sunday a few hours following the heart Cath, as they were removing the shield, my blood pressured heart rate dropped dramatically and again in the crisis the Lord gave a sense of peace.

As I have struggled emotionally with the adjustments through this time, there has been a constant and that is the affirmation of peace from the Lord. To me that sense of rest has great value. I know I'm not perfect, and have areas of my life that need adjustment and growth, but to have a conscience that is clear and undefiled before God and people is of great value.

My desire is to live with short accounts between myself and the Lord and the people with whom I interact.

Personal:

Melba and I want to thank each of you and your churches for your prayers and kindness following the medical crisis, January 13th. The doctor diagnosed my condition as a mild heart attack. He has asked to see me February 14th to reevaluate my condition.



Events:

Ministerial:

- February 23-25, 2023
- Oklahoma City Church
- Rev. John Peabody

Men's Retreat:

- Date: Mach 17-18, 2023
- Speaker: Dr. David Boardman
- Contact: Pastor Snodgrass - 903) 816-0175

My deepest thanks to the Conference Executive Committee, and the church at Durant for giving me two weeks off. I have read, walked, tried to work on a puzzle and done some painting. Darrell Stetler II as Conference Vice President has taken care of Conference matters. Thanks as well to Chucky and Jamie Dodd for their ministry at Durant.

Wednesday, Darrell joined Melba and me on a drive to Miltonvale, Kansas for Pastor David Mahin's mother's funeral. Today Melba and I are driving home from OKC.

Sunday I plan to preach in Durant. Next Wednesday I am scheduled to fly to West Palm Beach, FL and connect with Ministerial students for breakfast and attend Hobe Sound Bible College's student fair.

Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Lakewood, CO and Pastors Johnson and Hughes 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, Michael Avery and Bob Blankenship.
- Pray for Missionaries: Brennan and Ivon Muir, Shirley Fogleman, Maricka Herrer and David Martinez.
- Pray for a possible opening in the ministry for the Troyers.
- 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..
- Pray for Dr. RG Hutchison, Shirley Fogleman, Mike Covington, Covington's daughter and Shirley's granddaughter as they soon travel to New Guinea.
- Pray for the family of Rex Bullock.

Praise:

- Praise the Lord Sarah Hutchison has received a very good report from the Doctor.
- Thanks again for your generosity to us.
- Praise the Lord for more new people attending church at Durant.

Conference Finances:

December 2022

Operating Receipts:	\$5,564.40
Operating Expenses:	\$4,707.51
Total	\$ 856.89