



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:

Ministerial is just around the corner. This event is one of the most important functions of the Conference year. The pastors and ministers of the Conference are integral to the Lord's work in the churches and conference.

The purposes of Ministerial are several. One is to offer encouragement and strength. Pastoring is often stressful and tiring and we hope to provide some help. Another purpose is for instruction. And fellowship among other people in ministry is one of the most important facets of the event.

Conference President John Peabody is our scheduled speaker. Brother Peabody served a growing church in Syracuse before being elected as the Conference President. He has served a number of years in Conference leadership. He and his wife have 5 children and live in Albany, New York.

Your attendance, participation and prayers are deeply appreciated. Some are scheduled to sing other will lead devotional times but most of all let's just gather and worship!

Pastor, please ask your congregation to lift an offering to help defer the costs for your travel and for the Conference to cover hosting the event!

Personal:

Last Sunday I preached at Durant.



Tuesday was an appointment with the cardiologist. His report was good. He said my heart action seems strong. He has scheduled another heart Cath for March 6th. During that procedure he plans to insert one or two stints. He told me one artery is blocked but has built a bypass, two other arteries have blockage that he plans to address.

This week has included an extended counseling session connected to the church and other normal activities.

Sunday we plan to minister at Durant again.

Events:

Ministerial:

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

Lent:

- February 22 - April 8
- Ash Wednesday - Feb 22.
- Good Friday April 7
- Easter April 9

Men's Retreat:

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

Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Mena, Arkansas to the Lord. They need a pastor. 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 Herrero and David Martinez.
- Pray for a possible opening in the ministry of Troys.
- 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 and granddaughter, Mike Covington and Covington's daughter as they travel and minister in New Guinea.

Conference Finances:

January 2023

Operating Receipts:	\$8,303.25
Operating Expenses:	<u>\$6,564.95</u>
Total	\$1,738.30

Praise:

- Praise the Lord for the Conference financial report being in the black in recent months.
- Thank each of you for your prayer for my health and strength.