



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:

Barbara Crafton, writing about Lent, quotes the Priest saying to a parishioner, "Too bad you can't work your way to heaven." The response was, "If we could we would be there already."

There is so much to do and it seems so little time to do the necessary that we seem preoccupied with the business of serving the Lord, our family and church. The work extends, the resources are limited, the time is short and energy wains and yet stuff must be done.

May I remind you, you can't earn the love of God, the respect of people, the loyalty of family or love of your self. All of those blessings are gifts. God loves you! It is that simple. Your church will follow you. It is that simple. Your family is loyal and will protect you. It is that simple. You can rest in the certainty that God knows you, and has gifted you to be who you are. It is that simple.

Certainly we can improve on each of those facts by loving, living and giving, but you can't do enough for it to ever be enough. Rest in His love, their respect, their loyalty and your gifts. You can't work long or hard enough to deserve more than is offered to you through Christ.

Personal:



Events:

Time Change:

- March 12

Lent:

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

Men's Retreat:

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

Conference Finances:	
February 2023	
Operating Receipts:	\$5,711.74
Operating Expenses:	<u>\$7,417.90</u>
Total	\$1,706.16

Last Sunday I preached at Durant both services. Monday we drove to Denison, TX and I was taken to the surgery section of Texoma Medical Center. The cardiologist preformed a heart Cath and inserted one stent in a blocked vein. Tuesday I rested most of the day.

Wednesday I worked on devotionals for Herald and Banner Press. The material is for September of 2023. Along with that I prepared for mid-week service.

Friday Melba and I are scheduled to fly to Denver in anticipation of being with Johnsons and the Lakewood Church.

Next week I am scheduled to preach a revival for Joel Byer and his church in Tunkhannock, PA.

My deepest regrets for not being able to attend the 1st Annual Men's Retreat!

Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Osage Road, Duncan, OK and Pastors Durr 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 of 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 Pastor Burchett and his serious physical issues.

Praise:

- Deepest thanks to all who have prayed for me during these weeks of heart attack and procedures!
- Praise the Lord for making it possible to bless the needs of others.