



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:

Luke 5 contains the story of Jesus and Peter at the lake. Jesus is teaching but asked Peter for the use of his boat as a platform for his ministry. Following the teaching he asked Peter to “launch out into the deep.”

Boating into the deeper water Jesus instructed Peter to let down the net, implying that he would catch fish. Peter’s response was, “Master, we have fished all night and caught nothing.” Now remember these men were fishermen. The knew water, seas and fish.

But in obedience to the Lord’s words Peter moved the net from the boat to the water, and as you know caught so many fish that the net began to break and the boat began to sink.

May I encourage you today, to follow the words of the Master. What ever he says to you do it. You may be as weary and disappointed as Peter, but if the Lord has instructed you to fish, keep fishing! Just respond, by faith to His word. You don’t need the extraordinary times to see God’s power and promise, just do what He has said to you.

Personal:

Last Sunday Melba and I were in Lakewood, Colorado with Pastor Johnson and his congregation. I preached in the morning, enjoyed a



Events:

Lent:

- February 22 - April 8
- Ash Wednesday - Feb 22.
- Good Friday Aril 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

fellowship meal following service. In the evening we attended Bible Study.

Monday Pastor drove us to the airport. We flew to Dallas, Texas., Love Field. Tuesday morning I was at DFW boarding a plane to Charlotte, NC, as a connection to Wilkes Barrie / Scranton, PA; In the evening we began revival services in in Tunkhannock, PA a snow storm.

Sunday the meeting concludes and I plan to return home Monday.

Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Oklahoma City, and Pastors Stetler and Pauleus 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:

- Praise the Lord for strength and grace.
- Praise the Lord for making it possible to bless the needs of others.