



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:

Next Sunday is one of two most significant Sundays in the Christian Calendar. Easter or Resurrection Sunday is at the heart of the message of our faith.

The bodily resurrection of our Lord is the precursor to the faith each of us carry that one day we will be resurrected and stand before our Lord in the newly regenerated body.

Job, written very early in the history of Jewish and Christian faith, wrote, "I know my redeemer lives," then he continued, "Though skin worms destroy, I know that in my flesh I shall see God." Now that is an incredible testimony by the man of great integrity.

Paul reminds us that there was and will be a resurrection. We have the most incredible message and hope! Let's lead our people in anticipating that message. This Sunday can help lead them to understand and celebrate next Sunday.

Personal:

Sunday past, I preached at Durant, OK. Monday evening, we drove to Sherman to attend their revival with Pastor Don Steele.

Tuesday while I was visiting cardio rehab and taking care of a ¹ vehicle, Melba drove to Love Field, Dallas to pick up the McCrarys in anticipation for revival at Durant.



Events:

Lent:

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

Youth Camp:

- Date: June 26-30, 2023
- Speaker: Marc Sankey
- Contact: Pastor Crouch - (812) 734-6946

This week we have been privileged to host Mac and Pansy and to introduce them to the people of Durant. Mac and preached effectively and Pansy has helped with music by playing piano each evening.

Sunday, we plan to enjoy a fellowship meal following the morning service. During that time, we will celebrate birthday of K.J. who is one of our small children.

Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Servant’s Heart Chapel, Clovis, NM and Pastor Underwood 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..
- Please pray for John Parker who is suffering complications from his recent surgery.

Conference Finances:

February 2023

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

Praise:

- Thank the Lord for His presence in revivals in the Conference.
- Praise the Lord for His help at YCW and the influence that has on our young people.