



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:

Today the Church celebrates Maundy Thursday, the day of Christ's final Passover. The Lord went directly to the Garden of Gethsemane, and from there was arrested, falsely tried and Friday was crucified.

From all appearances the crucifixion was the greatest defeat in history. All the teaching, healing, and beauty of the Gospel was lost in an ignominious death of God's Son.

But as is often the case, appearances are not always reality. While the world and the soon to be church waited, the Lord was announcing His victory in the underworld and was preparing to make public his power over death, hell and the grave.

Sunday morning the women and Disciples found that what had appeared as defeat and loss was actually eternal victory. Christ the first fruit of the resurrection announced first to Mary, then to the Disciples and finally to a large group of people His victory.

Christ the Lord is Risen - He is Risen indeed!

Personal:

Sunday we closed revival with M.R. and Pansy McCrary. The meeting began Tuesday and though McCrarys are wrestling some physically the Lord helped them in every service. Sister McCrary



Events:

Lent:

- Good Friday April 7
- Easter April 9

Youth Camp:

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

Conference Finances:	
February 2023	
Operating Receipts:	\$5,674.50
Operating Expenses:	<u>\$12,253.27</u>
Total	\$6,578.77

played piano for each service and “Mac” preached in his personal and powerful way.

This week has included three mornings doing cardio rehab. I have worked at getting ready for the trip to IHC Gatlinburg, TN, and done yard work. Saturday we anticipate hosting our Grandson, Nolan for the weekend.

Sunday we anticipate celebrating the Resurrection with the people of Durant.

Sunday evening, following the evening service, we plan to turn the car toward the east and drive toward Tennessee. Our goal is to arrive in Gatlinburg Monday evening.

Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Sherman, TX and Pastor Snodgrass 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..

Praise:

- Thank the Lord for His presence in revivals in the Conference
- Thank the Lord for John Parker’s recovery from surgery.