



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:

We just concluded Inter-church Holiness Convention in Gatlinburg, TN. The theme was “Walk in the Spirit.” Each speaker, that I heard, was used of the Lord to speak clearly on the subject. Though each of them approached the subject differently and focused on a variety of Scripture, the theme was well articulated.

A highlight for me was the message by Nathan Purdy from Ireland. If you can watch or listen to his message through the IHC connections I would encourage you to do that. He used the fall of Saul’s house because of his disobedience to the Lord and the rise of David because of his heart for God to illustrate the great importance of showing the lack of vengeance and the highlight of grace that rises from walking in the will and way of the Spirit of God.

May each of us open our lives and hearts to the fullness of the Spirit, and walk daily in His presence.

Personal:

Last Sunday, following the evening service, Melba and I drove to Little Rock, AR and slept a few hours. Monday we drove to Gatlinburg, TN to prepare for IHC. Tuesday morning I attended the leadership meeting for IHC and then helped set up the Bible Methodist booth.



Events:

Youth Camp:

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

Family Camp:

- Annual Conference July 25
- Date: July 25-30
- Speakers: Dr. Paul Kaufman and Duane Quesenberry
- Contact LaFreda Roundtree to register; (580) 736-2526 or lroundtreeat@yahoo.com

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

We attended most of the services later in the day. Wednesday I helped man the Bible Methodist booth in the morning, In the evening I spent time at Schmul Publishing signing the book Forgiven and Forgiving that was released during the Convention.

Most of the day Thursday was spent in services or at Schmul booth signing books. Friday we had a late breakfast and drove to Dickson, TN to spend the night.

Thanks to the people from the Southwest Conference attending IHC. Those I saw were The Darrell Stetler II family, The Andrew Blankenship family, The Covingtons, The Todd Hurst Family, The Aaron Johnson family, The Sherwood Johnstone family, and The Ronald Pauleus family.

Sunday morning Melba and I plan to be with Jenkins in Mena, AR.

Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Whitehouse, TX and Pastor Going 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 strength and health.
- Thank the Lord for John Parker’s recovery from surgery.