



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:

I have been reminded, by the Lord and circumstances, of my deep need for Divine help. As a Conference we are facing a momentous Annual Conference during which we plan to vote to select a person to replace the present Conference President. The goal is to have a person who is preparing to fill the position in one year.

In addition to that situation, we have the incredible opportunity to help Grants, NM and Mena, AR as they work to establish and re-establish churches in their communities. We need pastors for those two ministries as well other places.

Those situations or opportunities create an amazing array of possibilities. As we seek God's will and presence we can face the future with the promise of His leadership and intervention. There is a deep sense of security in knowing that He desires to be involved in the Conference and Churches even more than we want Him involved.

With confidence we pray and intentionally seek His will. Please join me in purposefully asking for Divine help.

Personal:

Last Sunday morning Melba and I were in Mena, Arkansas for service. We enjoyed worshipping with the people there and had dinner and fellowship with the Jenkins. Following the meal we



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 lroundtreectal@yahoo.com

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

drove to Durant, arriving just before Sunday evening service. It was a privilege to hear Chucky Dodd preach.

This week has included two days of cardio rehab (Monday and Wednesday). Monday evening the Conference Executive Committee met via Zoom. Tuesday I worked in the office doing followup from the Executive Committee work.

Wednesday I prepared for mid-week service and did some writing. Thursday morning I met with the cardiologist. He gave me a very good report, for which I am thankful. Later in the day I met Mark Russell for lunch and reviewed some work in preparation for the Society of Indian Mission annual board meeting.

Sunday we plan to worship with the people of Durant.

Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Dallas, TX and Pastor Anaya 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 Whitehouse as they search for a pastor and for Goings as they transition to Pennsylvania.
- Pray for Ronald Pauleus' family as they work through a crisis.

Praise:

- Thank the Lord for a report from Pastor Snodgrass at Sherman of three people seeking and finding the Lord last Sunday.
- Thank the Lord for a report from Pastor Underwood of a new convert and new people attending Servant's Heart Chapel