



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:

Daryl Muir is composing a manuscript titled "Reality." In the writing he quotes atheist Sam Harris as saying, "Lying is the royal road to chaos."

Another quote Muir offers is a complimentary thought is from Jose N. Harris writing, "There is beauty in truth, even if it's painful. Those who lie, twist life so that it looks tasty to the lazy, brilliant to the ignorant, and powerful to the weak. But lies only strengthen our defects. They don't teach anything, help anything, fix anything, or cure anything. Nor do they develop one's character, one's mind, one's heart, or one's soul."

The Psalmist wrote in 15:2, "*He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart*" It is that person who abides in the Lord's mountain and lives in His tent. In other words, the Lord cares deeply about integrity, righteousness and truth.

Our culture, seems to have abandoned the constrictions and freedoms of truth and embraces what many consider the liberating ability to prevaricate without a twinge of conscience. The results of dishonesty is always confusion and chaos.

May we purposefully guard our thoughts and lips.

Personal:

Saturday we drove to Tyler, Texas and enjoyed dinner with Andrew and Angie Blankenship. Sunday we had the privilege of



Events:

Mother's Day

- May 14, 2023

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

Conference Finances:	
April 2023	
Operating Receipts:	\$7,899.71
Operating Expenses:	<u>\$5,411.27</u>
Total	\$2,488.44

worshipping with the people of Whitehouse, Texas. Following dinner we drove home.

Monday I attended cardio rehab and worked in the office. Tuesday evening we attended IHC at Sherman, Texas. Wednesday following cardio we attended the morning service at Sherman's IHC. Several Durant people attended the IHC including about 16 Wednesday evening. Melba and I enjoyed hosting John and Julie Copeland Wednesday evening.

Thursday was occupied with yard and office work. Friday we plan to drive to Duncan, Oklahoma to attend revival service.

Sunday we plan to worship at Durant.

Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Duncan, OK and Pastor Crouch 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 Jamie Gremillion - son of Richard. Jamie has advanced cancer.

Praise:

- Thank the Lord the Conference treasury is in the black this month.
- Thank the Lord for reports of good revivals in several of the churches.