



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:

Sunday highlights a Church Calendar event known as Pentecost and a national observance that is actually Monday, known as Memorial Day.

On the national level, Memorial Day honors the people who lost their lives in the service of this nation. If I'm not mistaken March 29th of this year was a remembrance of the 50th anniversary of the last Americans leaving Vietnam following a long and dreadful conflict. Since that time our nation has lost people in conflicts around the globe and especially in the middle east. The memory of men and women who have sacrificed their lives for the nation should cause us to pause and give thanks.

The church calendar celebrates Pentecost Sunday which is held 50 days following Easter. Remembering Pentecost is a valuable to each of us. On that day the Holy Spirit was given in all his fullness, the church was birthed, believer's hearts were purified, unbeliever's were convicted and responded by repenting and the Lord allowed people in Jerusalem to see and sense His presence. May we worship and rejoice for the Lord's interaction in our lives and churches.

Personal:

Last Saturday we drove to Kansas. Sunday Melba worshiped with Pastor Mahin and the people of Heber, Bible Methodist in Miltonvale, Kansas. We enjoyed a fellowship meal and interaction with the people of the church and Pastor and his wife.



Events:

Father's Day:

- June 18

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

Monday we drove to Pierre, South Dakota. Tuesday and Wednesday was occupied with board meetings for Society of Indian Missions and SIMc (which is an umbrella organization over SIM and All Tribes New Mexico. It was a privilege to work with the people who compose the board and to interact with some of the missionaries.

Thursday we drove to Wichita, Kansas. Today we drove home. Tomorrow the men of Durant meet for breakfast, and with ladies meet for a luncheon. Sunday we plan to worship at Durant.

Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Heber, Miltonvale,, Kansas and Pastor Mahin 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.
- Pray for Pastor Aaron Johnson. He is recovering from surgery to remove a tumor behind his eye.

Praise:

- Thank the Lord for the progress at Grant, NM!