



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 is Trinity Sunday.. Trinity Sunday always follows Pentecost Sunday.

What a focus. Last Sunday we celebrated the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Disciples, the birth of the Church and thorough him the purifying and empowering of Believers.

This week we attempt to wrap our minds around the incredible thought introduced to us in Scripture. The concept of the Trinity is amazing. One God in three persons. The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit, three in one, equal, united and yet distinct.

The amazing interaction of the Triune God, who at creation said, "Let us make man in our own image." At the baptism of Jesus the Father spoke and the Spirit appeared as a dove. Through the Scriptures we see glimpses and hints of the planning and preparation they have invested in the human endeavor.

Imagine their communication. From before the foundation of the world the planned for our redemption. All through time they have been preparing a place for eternal residence and involvement. We can only imagine the depth and beauty of their interaction.

May we worship the Lord with a heart filled with the Holy Spirit and a love for God.

Personal:

Last Sunday we worshiped with the people at Durant.



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

This week has been a little sideways. A couple projects stressed body and patience. I attempted to move my trailer with the tongue lift down which caused the spending of a significant time just adjusting it so it could be used. A day later the power washer wouldn't start. About the 75th pulls and a little starter fluid got it running. That seems to be the way the week went.

We did have a good number of people for mid week service, and the later part of the week has gone smoothly.

Sunday morning we are planning to be with Pastor Anaya and the people in Dallas.

Next week Melba and I plan to use Pastor Snodgrass' place in the country for some time away.

Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Lakewood, Colorado and Pastors Johnson and Hughes 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 Vilamore Cumilong in the Philippines. He is very ill with cancer.
- Pray for Pastor Aaron Johnson. He is recovering from surgery to remove a tumor behind his eye.

Praise:

- Thanks to a team from Rincon for their work on the property in 2 Grants, NM
- Thank the Lord for new members at DeRidder, LA.