

# 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:

In Amos 3: 7 you will read, "For the Lord GOD does nothing owithout revealing his secret to his servants the prophets."

What a thought. As the Lord was chastising the nations for Israel and Judah for their idolatry and sin, he announced to them that he would let them know through the his prophets that his purpose was not simply punishment but discipline designed to restore their faith in the true God.

What a word picture of grace! While holding back rain, and bring discomfort to the nations, his underlying goal is to open for them a door of repentance, and an opportunity for restoration.

My prayer is, Oh, Lord please do what is necessary in my life and church to keep me close to you. Please remind me to intentionally focus on your face, and bask in your presence. If my mind wanders, if temptation calls, if the business of life draws me away, please have a prophet, speak to me to remind me of your love.

May we be people whose underlaying goal is God's glory and grace.

Personal:



#### **Events:**

#### 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 Iroundtreectal@yahoo.com

#### **Conference Finances:**

#### June 2023

Operating Receipts: \$7,658.37

Operating Expenses: \$4.229.35 Total

\$3,429.03

Sunday we rejoiced in the privilege of living in the United States of America. We spent some time thinking about independence, the proper balance of dependance and the marrying of the two.

Monday and Tuesday we enjoyed having Melba's sister, Janie, and her husband with us. Wednesday I worked on preparations for Annual Conference and preparations for evening service.

Thursday we drove to Minco, OK and attended a day at Heartland Holiness Camp. Friday included office work

Sunday we plan to be at Durant again.

## Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Millersburg, Kentucky and the Jollys, 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 Troyers while the research a possible place of ministry.
- 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 and Duncanas they search for a pastors.
- Pray for Patsy Taylor, who has suffered strokes and is in hospital.
- Pray for Pastor Hurst's father-in-law who has suffered a broken hip.
- Pray for Conference President, Chris Cravens, who is hospitalized with serious blood clot issues.

### Praise:

- Thank the Lord Patsy Taylor is home recovering.
- Thank the Lord for people who are hungry for the Gospel!