

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:

Isaiah's writing in chapter 6 reminds those who read his work of the incredible and overwhelming presence of God. The writer said, "His train filled the temple." Dr. John Oswalt commented that the Lord's clothing in the sense of His presence was the power that invaded the place of His dwelling and seemed powerful enough to cause the posts to tremble.

In that amazing atmosphere the prophet sensed his own uncleanness. A man who had been ministering in the name of the Lord, saw himself as God saw him and was intentionally and thoroughly cleansed of his impurity.

After the purifying power of God's fire Isaiah made himself available for ministry according the God's will.

Though God pronounces the Prophet's ministry will not seem successful by human standards, he was used to pronounce God's message. Out of Isaiah's writing we have one of the major prophets which give incredible insight into the heart of the Lord.

May we be challenged to minister through the power and purity of the Spirit in our generation

Personal:

Sunday Melba and I worshiped with the people of Durant.



Events:

Family Camp:

- Annual Conference July 25
- Date: July 25-30
- Speakers: Dr. Paul Kaufman and Duane Quesenberry
- Location: Arrowhead Retreat Center 5236 N FM 199, Cleburne, TX 76033
- Cost: \$50.00 per day room and meals for those over 18.
- Contact LaFreda Roundtree to register; 580) 736-2526 or <u>Iroundtreectal@yahoo.com</u>

Conference Finances:

June 2023

Operating Receipts: \$7,658.37

Operating Expenses: \$\\$\text{Total}\$

\$4,229.35 \$3,429.03 This week has included office work in preparation for Annual Conference and Family Camp, as well and yard work around the house.

Wednesday we were at Durant for midweek services.

Sunday we plan to in Durant again.

Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Moberly, Missouri
 and Pastor Johnstone, 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 Duncan as they search for pastor.
- Pray for Pastor Hurst's father-in-law who has suffered a broken hip.
- Pray for Heartland Conference President, Chris Cravens who is still hospitalized.

Praise:

- Thank the Lord Patsy Taylor is home recovering.
- Thank the Lord for his healing strength.