



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:

Next week at this time, we will be in the heart of family camp. Wow, does that seem possible? I appreciate your prayers and sacrifice for camp! It is an incredible time of worshipping the Lord God, Biblical instruction, spiritual interaction, social connection and focused prayer.

May I encourage you? We need your attention to a financial gift for camp. Certainly, many of you have pledged and will pay your pledge as well as the registration fee, but the costs are consistently more than we charge for room and meals. Along with that the prices have risen 10% this year. The Executive Committee choose to leave the charges \$50.00 per adult per day, with children under 18 being free. As I'm sure you can tell that means we need to raise a good offering before and during camp.

A few highlights we anticipate. We are scheduled to ordain three men. Ronald Pauleus, Sherwood Johnstone and Zane Hurst, Saturday morning.

Missions focus is Friday evening, with Dr. R.G. Hutchison, the Muirs, Brendel Macadangdang (Filipino) and four men from Papua New Guinea will be in that service. Thursday evening the service will begin with a focus on Conference Extension. Saturday evening the service will begin with a focus on the Youth Department. Sunday afternoon we will close with communion.

Personal:



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.
- Gate Code is 3546
- Contact LaFreda Roundtree to register; 580) 736-2526 or lroundtreectal@yahoo.com

Conference Finances:	
June 2023	
Operating Receipts:	\$7,658.37
Operating Expenses:	<u>\$4,229.35</u>
Total	\$3,429.03

For Melba and me, week has included, services at Durant Sunday. and will conclude with preparations for services at Durant next Sunday.

I have been occupied with preparations for Annual Conference and Camp. Thanks very much for each one who has completed forms and sent them in a timely manner.

Monday we plan to drive to Cleburne. Melba will drive the pickup with the trailer and I will drive the car, stopping to pick up Dr. Paul Kaufman from Love Field, Dallas, TX.

Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Pastors Stetler and Pauleus, 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 they 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.

Praise:

- Thank the Lord Heartland Conference President, Chris Cravens is much improved and is home.
- Thank the Lord for His hand on each church and pastor.