



# 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:

Dr. Kinlaw wrote, "The words of Psalm 34 do not mean that whoever comes to Christ and lives for him will have no fear, no trouble, and no need. Instead, the psalmist says that the person who trusts in God will find that fear is never the last word. Trouble is never the final answer. Need is never the ultimate reality. When the story is over, the fear will be conquered; God will have delivered. The troubles will be mastered, and God will have freed the believer. The needs of life will have been met, and God will have provided for every need.

There would have been no impetus to write this song if the psalmist had never had any fear, any trouble, or any need. It is when you have been scared to death and God has brought you out of the trouble, that you can sing God's praise. When you are in a tight place and cry out to Yahweh, who is your only hope, you are in a situation ripe for a miracle. When you have no way to pay the bills and God provides, then you walk away while singing His praises.

Trouble itself turns our minds to Christ and gives him the opportunity to show himself good and powerful in our lives.

## Personal:

Last week we took some time off and traveled to Grants, NM, just to relax, see the property and visit with Archibalds.



## Events:

### Future Pastors

- September 21-23
- Pell City, Alabama

### Ladies Retreat

- September 14-13
- Colorado Springs, CO

### Thanksgiving

- November 23

### Advent

- December 3 - 1st Sunday of Advent
- December 10 - 2nd Sunday of Advent
- December 17 - 3rd Sunday of Advent
- December 24- 4th Sunday of Advent

## Conference Finances:

### July 2023

Operating Receipts:	\$3,514.47
Operating Expenses:	<u>\$4,766.30</u>
Total	<b>\$1,251.83</b>

Sunday we worshiped in Durant. Again thankful for the Lord's help and the peoples patience with us.

This week has included a very important meeting Monday evening. Tuesday included working on vehicles and around the house. Wednesday and Thursday was filled with office work. Friday we plan to drive to Duncan and enjoy a Collingsworth concert with Covingtons and then do a Conference visit Sunday at Duncan.

## Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Servants Heart Chapel, Clovis, NM and Pastor Underwood 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 especially for Muirs and the situation in Mexico.
- Pray for your Conference Leadership and Executive Committee.
- Pray for newly elected Conference Extension Chairman Aaron Johnson and the churches in Mena, Arkansas, Millersburg, Kentucky and Grants, New Mexico.
- Pray for Whitehouse and Duncan as they search for pastor.

## Praise:

- Thank the Lord for His safety as we travel.
- Praise the Lord Jim Beverly's health is improving.
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