



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:

C.S. Lewis wrote in *Screwtapes* comment on gluttony:

“Now you patient is his mother’s son. While working you hardest quite rightly, on other fronts, you must not neglect little quiet infiltration in respect to gluttony. Being a male, he is not so likely to be caught in the ‘All I want’ camouflage. Males are best turned into gluttons with the help of their vanity. They ought to be made to think themselves very knowing about food, to pique themselves on having found the only restaurant in town where steaks are really ‘properly’ cooked. What begins as vanity can be gradually turned into to habit. But, however you approach it, the great thing is to bring him into the state of denial of any one indulgence - it matters not which, tea, *sole colbert* ...’ puts him out’, for then his charity, justice and obedience are all at your mercy.”

from The Screwtape Letters

Personal:

Last Friday we attended the Collingsworth Concert in Lawton, Oklahoma. Covingtons took us to dinner before the concert. followed by the concert we drove to their home. Saturday we spent with them and Sunday we worshipped were with the people of Duncan.

Monday following breakfast together we drove home.



Events:

Future Pastors Conference:

- 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

Wednesday included mid week service at Durant. Thursday we host Dr. R.G. Hutchison. Friday he will plans to drive to DeRidder to begin the Missions Tour.

Sunday we are scheduled to be at Durant. Sunday evening the people of Durant plan to join with Sherman for Missions service.

Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Sherman, TX and Pastor Snodgrass 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:

- Praise the Lord Pastor Snodgrass reports a man in his 90s found the Lord as his savior last week!
- The Lord's grace is abundant, his mercy is new every morning and his love is eternal.

Conference Finances:

July 2023

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