



# 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:

Oswald Chambers wrote, "Beware of not acting upon what you see in your moments on the mount with God. If you do not obey the light, it will turn into darkness. *"If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!"* The second you waive the question of sanctification or any other thing upon which God gave you light, you begin to get dry rot in your spiritual life. Continually bring the truth out into actuality; work it out in every domain, or the very light you have will prove a curse.

The most difficult person to deal with is the one who has the smug satisfaction of an experience to which he can refer back, but who is not working it out in practical life. If you say you are sanctified, show it. The experience must be so genuine that it is shown in the life. Beware of any belief that makes you self-indulgent; it came from the pit, no matter how beautiful it sounds.

Theology must work itself out in the most practical relationships. *"Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees..."* said Our Lord, i.e., you must be more moral than the most moral being you know. You may know all about the doctrine of sanctification, but are you running it out into the practical issues of your life? Every bit of your life, physical, moral and spiritual, is to be judged by the standard of the Atonement."



## 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

## Conference Finances:

### July 2023

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

## Personal:

Sunday morning we worshipped at Durant. In the evening we drove to Sherman for the missions service with Dr. Hutchison. This week we have had the privilege of hosting him as he waits to go on the remainder of the tour.

Sunday we will be in Durant. Monday we plan a cook-out with the people, enjoying burgers, and home made ice cream.

## Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Whitehouse, TX and Brother Andrew as he fills the pulpit, 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 for his help with the missions services Dr. Hutchison is leading.
- Praise the Lord for each pastor and their faithfulness.
- Praise the Lord for the men who serve on the Executive Committee.