



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:

In today's selection of This Day With the Master by Dennis Kinlaw, he reference a discussion with a fellow during air travel. The passenger asked if Dr. Kinlaw thought the conversation was an accident. Both of them agreed it was not, neither of them has scheduled flights on that aircraft.

Dr. Kinlaw then reminded the Lord that he would like more time with the fellow but the flight was over. The Lord said, "I am doing very well." which was a reminder of the Lord's investment in the fellows life.

That incident reminded me of a happen stance meeting last night at church. A woman with Turkish back ground "accidentally" arrived at our church just as service was beginning. Several of us talked with her, including Pastor Snodgrass - by phone, and ultimately the ladies from Durant church prayed with her. Before she left she testified that she has sensed peace and safety at the church. Our ladies helped her find a safe place for the night.

Only the Lord knows her story and her future, but He reminds us that He is at work in every life.

Personal:



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:

August 2023

Operating Receipts: \$9,160.45

Operating Expenses: \$12,744.50

Total **\$3,584.05**

Sunday we enjoyed worshipping at Durant. Monday we had the privilege of participating in a church picnic for Labor Day! We hosted about 40 people in the Annex building.

This week I have been occupied with some office work, as well as preparations to travel and speak. Friday Melba and I plan to fly to Cincinnati for a Connectional Missions Committee meeting. Sunday I'm scheduled to speak at Ft. Wayne for Mike Eavey.

Melba will fly home Monday and I will stay in Ohio and speak at Men of Integrity which is scheduled for Thursday through Saturday. The following Sunday, September 17th, I'm scheduled to be with Jolly's at Millersburg. Then the plan is to fly home Monday.

Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Caldwell, ID and Pastor Bork, 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.
- Pray for the Beverly Family - Jim is very low.

Praise:

- Praise the Lord, some of our and some people from Sherman are planning to be baptized.
- Praise the Lord for the men who serve on the Executive Committee.