



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:

As our culture and world devolve into social crisis, war and moral confusion the people who follow the Lord Jesus can be tempted to see the darkness and be discouraged.

May I remind you of the words of Edward Mote's song that begins with the phrase, "My hope is built on nothing less." He reminds us that we can trust, "Jesus' blood and righteousness, I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name."

The second verse reads this way, "When darkness veils his lovely face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil."

Verse 3 focuses on, "His oath, his covenant, his blood Supports me in the 'whelming flood When all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay."

The concluding verse reminds us; "When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found, Dressed in his righteousness alone Faultless to stand before the throne."

The refrain invites us to the unfailing place of safety; "On Christ the solid rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand."

May we be reminded that our foundation for faith and life rests in the Lord Jesus and His covenant to His people. He will never abandon or fail us.



Events:

Time Change

- November 5

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:

September 2023

Operating Receipts:	\$4,458.85
Operating Expenses:	<u>\$ 6,386.85</u>
Total	\$1,928.00

Personal:

Last Sunday we worshipped at Durant.

Wednesday Melba and I attended the funeral for Sister Tietheoff, who was Mark Russell's Mother-in-law and Connie Snodgrass' grandmother.

This week has included work in the office, and around the house.

Melba and I are planning take vacation next week which includes flying to Portland, Maine Monday and spending some time enjoying the fall colors in the North East. Next weekend we plan to be at our daughters place in Providence, RI.

Note:

The church at Grants, NM could use a pulpit, if one of the churches has an extra! Also Roy Archibald is available to hold a few services in interest of Conference Extension and Grants. Also, a cleaning team would be a blessing. Just contact CE Chairman Aaron Johnson 970 749-3864.

Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Durant, OK and Pastor Sams 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 Aaron Johnson and the churches in Mena, AR, Millersburg, KY and Grants, NM
- Pray for Whitehouse and Duncan as they search for pastor.
- Pray for Russell and Snodgrass families as they grieve the loss of Sister Tietheoff,
- Pray for the Todd Hurst family through the loss of his Father-in-law.

Praise:

- ²• Praise the Lord for mercy and grace.