



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 *The Great Divorce*, “The good man’s past begins to change so that his forgiven sin and remembered sorrow take the quality of Heaven, the bad man’s past already conforms to his badness and is filled only with dreariness. And that is why, at the end of all things, when the sun rises here and the twilight turns to blackness down there, the Blessed will say, “we have never lived anywhere except in Heaven,” and the Lost, “We were always in hell.” Both will speak truly.”

What an amazing thought! We are even now by our faith and obedience building the character and personality that embraces the Lord’s Kingdom, or by our unbelief and selfishness creating delusion that embraces the darkness.

Lord, Please let me see the Light, embrace it and live in its illumination. May it so mark me that eternal light will be a continuation of what I’m now living.

Personal:

Melba and I had a great time in Maine and Rhode Island. A week ago Monday we flew to Portland, Maine and following some time in the city drove to Bethel. During the week we toured some of Portland, and Bar Harbor as well as viewing . One day we rode the cog rail train up Mount Washington (as far as it went this time of year). We took pictures of the foliage, had some relaxing meals together and enjoyed each other.



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

Saturday we drove to North Providence, RI to our daughter's home. We enjoyed time with Laurie and Brian and their daughters. Monday evening we flew back to Dallas and then drove to Durant.

Saturday is Men's Breakfast at Durant, Sunday we plan to worship together with the people.

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 Grants, NM and The Archibald's and people to the Lord. Pray for a pastor! 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.

Conference Finances:

September 2023

Operating Receipts:	\$4,458.85
Operating Expenses:	\$ 6,386.85
Total	\$1,928.00

Praise:

- Praise the Lord his protection and mercy.
- Praise the Lord for the progress being made in Grants, NM and for the team that is on the way out to help!