



# 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: “The way we continually talk about our own inability is an insult to the Creator. The deploring of our own incompetence is a slander against God for having overlooked us. Get into the habit of examining in the sight of God the things that sound humble before men, and you will be amazed at how staggeringly impertinent they are. “Oh, I shouldn’t like to say I am sanctified; I’m not a saint.” Say that before God; and it means – “No, Lord, it is impossible for You to save and sanctify me; there are chances I have not had; so many imperfections in my brain and body; no, Lord, it isn’t possible.” That may sound wonderfully humble before men, but before God it is an attitude of defiance.

Again, the things that sound humble before God may sound the opposite before men. To say – “Thank God, I know I am saved and sanctified,” is in the sight of God the acme of humility, it means you have so completely abandoned yourself to God that you know He is true. Never bother your head as to whether what you say sounds humble before men or not, but always be humble before God, and let Him be all in all.

There is only one relationship that matters, and that is your personal relationship to a personal Redeemer and Lord. Let everything else go, but maintain that at all costs, and God will fulfil His purpose through your life. One individual life may be of priceless value to God’s purposes, and yours may be that life.”

## Personal:

We were in South Carolina last week with our sons Tim and Larry and their families. Thanksgiving was spent enjoying the boys their



spouses as well as grandchildren and great grand children, eating too much and playing games as well as watching children expend large amounts of energy.

Sunday we worshiped with the Larry, Martha, Tim and Sue at Easley Bible Methodist Church.

Monday we had the joy of having dinner with Melba's brother Gary his wife Jackie and some of their family.

Tuesday we flew home and are now catching up on preparations for Christmas.

## Events:

### 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

### Ministerial

- Dates: March 14-16, 2024
- Location: Prothro Center 269, Methodist Lane, Pottsboro, Texas 75076

## Prayer:

- Pastor, during your Pastoral prayer, please lift Mena, Arkansas and the Jenkins 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 (chairman), Jack Hooker (Vice-Chair) R.G. Hutchison (Missons Director), Chelle Durr (Treasurer), Michael Avery (Communications Director) and Bob Blankenship (Secretary).
- Pray for Missionaries: Brennan and Ivon Muir, Shirley Fogleman, Maricka Herrero, David Martinez and Troyers.
- 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.

## Praise:

- Pastor, thank you for faithfully ministering to your congregation and community.
- Thank the Lord for strength and safety
- Praise the Lord for this season of the year.

### Conference Finances:

#### October 2023

Operating Receipts:	\$7,657.91
Operating Expenses:	\$15,1365.96
Total	\$7,478.77