



Fwd: 21. New South Weekly Word, November 8, 2019

Good evening, New South Family, and welcome to the latest issue of the Weekly Word.

-----The Critical-----

Announcements

- 1) Some changes have been made for employee overtime - [please check this out via this link](#).

- 2) A reminder of the upcoming Free Methodist History and Polity Class...FM H&P is necessary for ordination and really a great way to understand Free Methodist history and the ways and whys of our denomination.

Cost is \$150.00 to the instructor (Dr. Craig Saunders.)

Details:

Friday, February 7, 2020 - 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, February 8, 2020 - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday, February 21, 2020 - 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, February 22, 2020 - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 7, 2020 - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Wilmore FMC, Room B103

Sign up by e-mail to me - ddiddle@wfmc.net.

Deposit of \$75.00 due by January 1, then the balance due on the first day of class."

3) You might think of this as a little editorial from me:

One of the most substantial ways we (Wilmore FMC) have been able to reach into our community and build trust is through the schools. We have done this in a variety of ways - in official and unofficial capacities. We have taken treats to teachers and staff, served as mentors to students, remembered the bus drivers at holiday times...things like that. Consistent, but small things, really, that anyone can do, that are making an impact in our community.

The days are gone when the church gets to minister to simply those people who show up at our doors. If you're waiting for that to happen, your church will be closed before long. To engage our culture, build trust, and introduce Christ to our communities, we have to take Him to them...and that takes work and intentionality. It can be done simply and quite inexpensively, but it will never happen without intentionality.

Two great questions that all of our churches should ask is, "What are we doing to actively take Christ and His love to our neighbors?" and, "If our church was no longer here, would our community notice?"

Calendar

November __: MEG South Meeting - Scottsville(?)
 December 11-14: Daryl at Superintendents' Retreat
 February __: Strategy Day
 February 7: FM History and Polity class begins
 March 20: District Leaders – Wilmore, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
 March 20: BOA – Wilmore, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
 March 21: MEG/MAC – Wilmore, 8:00 a.m. - noon
 May 29-30: New South Annual Conference, Oakdale Christian Academy
 June 15-20: NSC Teen Camp
 June 11-14: NSC Family Camp
 June 22-26: NSC Kids' Camp
 September 23-25 New Room Conference, Nashville, TN
 And now...

-----The Important-----

Resources, Articles and Attachments

1) Attached is a conference reimbursement form for use for conference meetings, approved expenses, etc. Just so you have one handy. In both .xls and .pdf formats..

2) Also attached is the latest newsletter from the Free Methodist Chaplains Association...check out the good things going on in chaplaincy in our denomination.

3) This note from Mark Driskill, pastor at Oakdale FMC: *"I have a pastor friend in Jackson, Bill Scott, who is also an accomplished musician. He has a house full of quality drum sets that he would love to sell or possibly donate to churches who need them. If you know of any churches or church plants that could use them let me know and I'll get them in contact with pastor Bill."*

4) Attached you'll also find an encouraging article by Ross Douthatt on the sort of Christianity that is actually diminishing.

Job Openings

We are still looking for lead pastors for the following churches:

McMinnville

Gallatin

Pray the Lord would provide the right shepherds for these good people.

This Week's Passage, Quote and Joke

Passage: This past Sunday, I spoke from 1 Samuel 15 and the relationship between Saul's disobedience and his attitudes toward worship...making the points that in order for true worship to exist, we must first be honest with Him and obedient to Him.

Quote: "Only God is capable of telling us what our rights and needs are. You have to surrender that privilege to Him. ~ Joni Earekson Tada

Joke: A little boy wanted \$100 badly and prayed for two weeks but nothing happened, so he decided to write a letter to the Lord requesting the \$100.

When the local postal authorities received the letter addressed to, "The Lord, USA," they decided to send it to the IRS. The agent who opened the letter was so impressed, touched, and amused that he sent the little boy a \$5.00 bill, thinking this would appear to be a lot of money to a little boy.

The little boy was delighted with the \$5.00, and sat down to write a thank-you note to the Lord. It said: "Dear Lord, Thank you very much for sending me the money. However, I noticed that for some reason you had to send it through the IRS and as usual, those guys took most of it."

Peace and Blessings Friends,

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"We must always be ready to make sacrifices for the great causes; only in that way shall we live to keep our souls alive." ~Winston Churchill

4 attachments



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Autumn 2019 STAYING CONNECTED.pdf

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The Overstated Collapse of American Christianity.pdf

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