

Good Friday afternoon, New South Family. Welcome to the 46<sup>th</sup> edition of the Weekly Word – this for the week ending May 29, 2020 - Pentecost weekend edition.

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## Announcements

**1) Annual Conference 2020 Update:** As per the delegates' vote, our conference BOA will meet via Zoom to review all the materials and to vote on necessary matters via Zoom on Friday, June 5 at 7:00p. We are also scheduling a conference-wide, in-person gathering (if COVID restrictions permit) in Wilmore on August 29, which will serve as our ordination service. Please mark your calendar, but at this point, in pencil. 😊

Following that BOA meeting, all materials will be distributed to all conference members/officers/delegates and appointees.

**2) Resources Regarding Reopening Your Church:** Since there are many states and localities involved in our conference, and many different approaches to worship and size of congregations, my best counsel to you is to follow your state and local guidelines for your worship gatherings.

Just for your information, you can learn how Wilmore is handling this [by clicking here](#).

**Church of the Week:** Please keep our work in Bradyville (TN) – Simmons Chapel with Pastor Josh Huff in your prayers in these days.

## Conference / Superintendent's Calendar (all times eastern; in-person schedule subject to COVID restrictions)

June 5:	BOA Zoom, 7:00p – Conference Business
June 8:	ABS (Area Bishop and Superintendents) Zoom, 3:00p
June 11:	DL Zoom, 9:30a
July 19-26:	NSC Kids and Teen Camp (half the week kids, half teens) – pending restrictions
August 9-11:	ABS Zoom, 3:00p
August 13:	DL Zoom, 9:30a
August 21	BOA Zoom, 7:00p
August 25-28:	Starting Strong for new pastors - Indianapolis
August 29:	NSC Adjourned Sitting / Ordination – Wilmore (Proposed)
September 10:	DL Zoom, 9:30a
September 11-13:	NSC Family Camp – pending restrictions
September 23-25:	New Room Conference, Nashville, TN
October 6-8:	Global Overseer's Team, Indianapolis
October 16:	DL Meeting – Wilmore, 2:00p
October 16:	BOA Meeting – Wilmore, 6:00p
October 17:	MEG / MAC Meeting – Wilmore, 8:00a
November 12:	DL Zoom, 9:30a
December 10:	DL Zoom, 9:30a
March 19:	DL Meeting – Wilmore, 2:00p
March 19:	BOA Meeting – Wilmore, 6:00p
March 20:	MEG/MAC – Wilmore, 8:00a

And now...

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## Resources, Articles and Attachments

**1) An Important and Inspirational Pentecost Resource:** Our own Rev. Jerry Coleman is producing and hosting a Pentecost event for the Francis Asbury Society. The half hour recording will feature a message from

president, Stan Key, and a personal story from one of FAS' board members, Joy Griffin. It will premiere live on the Francis Asbury Society Facebook page on Saturday at 4:00 pm ET. [Click here for that link.](#)

**2) Also This Sunday, a Call to Prayer From Anne Graham Lotz:** [You can click here for that link and information.](#)

**3) Some Insurance Information:** Here is another option for insurance coverage that may be beneficial to your local church. This program is called Missio Benefits Plan and is under the umbrella of the Missio Nexus organization. Our FMC World Ministries Center is beginning their second year of enrollment with this program and has been very happy with the coverage.

They have medical, dental, vision, life, short term disability, long term disability, accident coverage, additional life insurance, ID Shield (new this year), a FLEX Section 125 Cafeteria pre-tax program, and travel coverage. They have a dedicated customer service center, and utilize PlanSource as their third-party administrator for online enrollments, billings, and administration.

Open enrollment starts June 1, and their plan year is July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. Groups or ministerial individuals may come on at other times, but underwriting takes place with a proof-of-health general questionnaire.

The following link provides lots of information and an area to submit interest in enrolling in the group: <https://missiobenefits.com/open-enrollment-resources/>

## Job Openings

At this point, I know that we will have four pastoral openings in conference churches over the summer. I am also conducting interviews with potential pastors. Please keep this process in your prayers – that the Lord would provide shepherds for His flock.

Remember too that [if you click here](#), you will find job opening listings at FMC Human Resources.

## June Birthdays (\*that we know of)

Scott Clark – June 4

Joy Ireland – June 11

Ryan Bigham – June 14

Burnie Reynolds – June 18

James Demaray – June 19

\*I would love to know the birthdays of all those related to the NSC who receive this communique – pastors, elders, delegates, special friends, etc. Please send month and day to Timothy at [newsouthconference@gmail.com](mailto:newsouthconference@gmail.com)

## This Week's Passage, Quote and Joke

**Passage:** This Sunday I'm continuing the series on some of the "not-business-as-usual" events in the Bible, looking at the event of Pentecost – certainly the most significant not-business-as-usual event of the New Testament. I'm taking my text, of course, from Acts, chapters 1 and 2.

**Quote:** "Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences." –John Wesley

**Joke:**

"Mister, why doesn't this cow have any horns?" asked the young lady from a nearby city.

The farmer cocked his head for a moment, then began in a patient tone, "Well, ma'am, cattle can do quite a lot of damage with horns. Sometimes we keep 'em trimmed down with a hacksaw - which doesn't hurt the cow, of course. Other times we can fix up the young ones by putting just a drop or two of acid where their horns would grow in, and that stops them from growing. There are also some breeds of cattle that never grow horns – Angus, for example.

So there are many reasons why cows may not have horns. But the reason this particular cow doesn't have any horns, ma'am, is because it's a horse."

Blessings on your worship this weekend!

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