

Good Wednesday afternoon, New South Family. Welcome to the 48th edition of the Weekly Word – this for the weeks ending June 26, 2020.

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Announcements

1) Annual Conference Ordination Service: The New South BOA met on Friday evening, June 5, and conducted the official business of the conference, as per the delegation of the authority of the elected delegates. I've attached the pertinent paperwork, including the complete conference notebook (which includes many reports, including finances, and the BOA business review for 2019-2020,) the Nominating Team report, the MEG report and the Appointments list for conference year 20-21 as we have it presently.

Elders, you will be receiving your updated cards in the mail in the next couple weeks.

Remember that we will also be gathering for the in-person ordination service on August 29, 10:00 a.m. in Wilmore. We will receive our new local pastors, Conference Candidates and Elders.

2) Bishop Cowart's Message and Announcement regarding a second conversation aimed at ongoing racial relation and reconciliation. [Click here for his introduction and explanation](#) of the "Continuing the Conversation: Disarming Racial Divides in the Church."

3) Please Keep John Slider (Pastor, Louisville Breckenridge Chapel) in Your Prayers as he undergoes knee surgery today and recovers over the next few weeks.

4) 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. I would be especially careful of the very destructive division that disagreement about this issue is causing. Work toward minimizing and preventing that as much as possible.

I'll mention that Wilmore is on our third week of in-person services, in which we are choosing to not sing corporately or chorally. We are sitting by family units at 6' distances and recommending masks be worn, at least in and out of the building. We are continuing to pre-produce worship services for each Sunday and we are also livestreaming our in-person service through YouTube.

Church of the Week: Please keep the Heartland FMC (Greeneville, TN) in your prayers, and especially so as they are without a pastor in these days.

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

July 5:	Installation Service of Charlie and Jane Shoemaker, Bratcher's Crossroads FMC, 1:00p
July 19-26:	NSC Kids and Teen Camp (half the week kids, half teens) – pending restrictions
August 9-11:	ABS Meeting – Indianapolis
August 13:	DL Zoom, 9:30a
August 21	BOA Zoom, 7:00p
August 25-28:	Starting Strong for new pastors - Indianapolis
August 28:	BOA meeting – Wilmore, 6:00p (Superintendent Search Team)
August 29:	NSC Adjourned Sitting / Ordination – Wilmore, 10:00a
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...

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

Resources, Articles and Attachments

- 1) **Free Classes from Wesley Biblical Seminary.** [Click here for all the information.](#)
- 2) **The Latest Edition of the FMC Historical Update** [is available from the World Ministry Center by clicking here.](#)

Job Openings

At this point, we have three churches who need pastors:

Greenville (TN)

Bowen (KY)

Harriman (TN)

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 / July Birthdays (*that we know of)

Sharon Bryson June 27

Tony Headley July 4

Dale Hale July 10

Rick Boyd July 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

This Week's Passage, Quote and Joke

Passage: This week I am continuing to consider the places of Scripture that were “not business as usual,” by looking at our groaning world as Paul explains it to the believers in Rome – chapter 8.

Quote: “Are you letting culture, not scripture, determine your sexuality, how you date, how you present yourself, how you engage in certain relationships with members of the opposite sex? We need to be very clear that the way we do life is different than the rest of the world.” ~ Mark Driscoll

Joke: OK, here are a couple informational pieces regarding weight loss:

This one for men:

And this one for women:



This is Sara. She's 56, has two kids, and she's never exercised a day in her life. She eats anything she wants and occasionally stays up until 3am partying. What's her secret? Nothing, she is the woman in the background.

Blessings on your worship this weekend!

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