

Happy Friday, New South Family. Welcome to the 63rd edition of the Weekly Word – this for the week ending October 4, 2020.

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## Announcements

**1) Please Keep the Superintendent Search Team** in your prayers. The team, made up of myself, Bishop Cowart, Kasey Puckett, Scott Clark and Reed Wilbanks.

**2) From The FM World Ministry Center:** “I am pleased to announce that Rev. Keith Tanita was elected as superintendent at the Pacific Coast Japanese virtual annual conference on Saturday, September 26, 2020. Rev. Tanita has been a pastor, church planter and assistant superintendent in the Pacific Coast Japanese Conference. We pray God’s blessing on Keith and Lisa and the family as they transition into this new role.

I also want to express appreciation to outgoing superintendent Jason Garcia. Jason’s 6-year tenure as Pacific Coast Japanese Conference Superintendent was marked by growth and expansion in the conference. Jason will continue to work for Pacific Coast Japanese Conference as a consultant.” - Matthew H. Whitehead, Bishop

**Church of the Week:** Let’s keep the Pastors Al Buckta and Harry Rogers, along with New Life FMC in Scottsville (KY) in our prayers this week.

**Eagle Ridge Retreat Center Update:** First impressions are so important! Many thanks to Michael Signs (son of former caretakers Dale and Shirley Signs) for his recent overhaul of the entrance to Eagle Ridge. Mike did major repairs and repainting of the ERRC sign, and also upgraded the surrounding landscape. Mike was generous to donate his time, and most of the cost of supplies for this much needed upgrade. Thanks so much for giving some love to Eagle Ridge Retreat Center! If you would like to donate to ERRC, please mail your check to: Eagle Ridge Retreat Center 8744 Barren River Road Bowling Green, KY 42101

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

October 7-8:	Superintendent’s Leadership Team (SLT) - Zoom
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
June 17-20:	NSC Family Camp – Eagle Ridge (tentative dates)

And now...

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## Resources

**1) October Global Prayer and Praise Guide Attached** Unity is a precious commodity that pleases God. Thankfully, whatever other differences we may have, we can unite in prayer as we remember the Free Methodist Church around the world. As you pray, perhaps the Holy Spirit will also move your heart to

encourage someone serving Jesus in a difficult place with an email letting him/her/them know you are praying. Years ago, when on tour for Oakdale Christian Academy, a godly man told me that he prayed for Oakdale every day. What a blessing! Obviously, I never forgot those encouraging words. May God bless you as you pray! – Lois Huff

## Job Openings

At this point, we have two churches who need pastors: Greeneville (TN) and 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.

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

7 – Ray Gill  
12 – Timothy Thomas  
13 – Lynne Fuller  
15 – Andrea Tinsley  
16 – Craig Saunders  
24 – Diane Munoz

\*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:** With our World Mission Week over, I'm returning to the series, "Jesus, Provocateur," taking a look at the fishermen's response to Jesus' call in Mark 1.

**Quote:** "I have rightfully no other business each day but to do God's work as a servant, constantly regarding His pleasure. May I have grace to live above every human motive, simply with God and to God." — Henry Martyn

**Joke:**



Blessings on your worship this weekend!

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