

Happy Friday, New South Family. Welcome to the 66th edition of the Weekly Word – this for the week ending October 23, 2020.

-----**The Critical**-----

Announcements

1) **New South Fall Youth Retreat – From Andrea Tinsley, NSC Youth Camp Director:**

Dear NSC Churches and Youth Groups,

I hope you are doing well these days and enjoying the early days of fall!

Please find the attached / below information for the upcoming fall youth retreat at Eagle Ridge. The dates are October 30-November 1, 2020. We are making plans in light of Covid-19, changing a few things about how the retreat will go. If you have any questions, please contact me at atinsley@wfm.net.

Church of the Week: Let's keep the Pastor Bob Ritter and the Bowen Free Methodist Church (Stanford, KY) in our prayers this week.

Conference / Superintendent's Calendar

(all times eastern; in-person schedule subject to COVID restrictions)

October 30:	NSC Fall Youth Retreat - ER
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...

-----**The Important**-----

Resources

- 1) **The Latest Pastors and Leaders' Newsletter** from FM Communications, is available [by clicking here](#).
- 2) **A Word About World Missions Giving** of the New South churches, from Lois Huff, our World Missions Promoter, is attached.
- 3) **One More Article** that's well worth reading, on Alexander Solzhenitsyn and his "Forgotten God," is also attached.
- 4) **Finally, An Article** that I found helpful from Francis X. Maier, senior fellow in Catholic studies at the Ethics and Public Policy Center and senior research associate in constitutional studies at the University of Notre Dame. Here is the gist of the theme, with the full article attached:

A truly "new order of the ages" can only come about through our humility and conversion to the God who created and loves us. He's the only reliable builder.

Since the 2020 election is unlikely to produce any leader distinguished by either humility or conversion, the rest of us might profitably focus our attention, prayers, and efforts further down the road, on those key elements of our shared life that somehow—but urgently—need to be "made new..."

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)

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

This Week's Passage, Quote and Joke

Passage: We here at Wilmore continue on with our series, “Jesus, Provocateur,” taking a look at the confession of faith of Peter in Matthew 16:13-20.

Quote: *Actually, here are several words of wisdom, from Winston Churchill that speak to our day:*
“You will never reach your destination if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks.”
“A nation that forgets its past has no future.”
“There is nothing government can give you that is hasn’t taken from you in the first place.
“However beautiful the strategy, you should occasionally look at the results.”
“We contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.”
“Life is fraught with opportunities to keep your mouth shut.”

Joke:



Blessings on your worship this weekend!

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