

Happy Friday, New South Family. Welcome to the 67th edition of the Weekly Word – this for the week ending October 30, 2020.

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Announcements

- 1) **Sunday, November 1, is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.** Join us in praying for brothers and sisters worldwide who face daily persecution. [Click here for a resource to help guide your prayers.](#)
- 2) **Daylight Savings Time Ends** Remember...we “fall back” this Saturday night.
- 3) **A Word From Our Board of Bishops** regarding the national elections [can be found by clicking here.](#)

Church of the Week: Let’s keep the Pastor Joe Ritter at our Waynesville church plant project in prayer.

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

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| October 30 – November 1 | NSC Fall Youth Retreat |
| November 11 | Superintendent Search Team |
| 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 Free Methodist Historical Center** newsletter can be found [by clicking here.](#)
- 2) **The Global Prayer and Praise Guide** assembled by our own Lois Huff, can be found below. Use it to pray for our missionaries and mission causes around the world.

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.

November Birthdays (*that we know of)

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| 7 – Anne Wilbanks | 13 – Earle Bowen | 15 – Phil Webster |
| 22 – Dick Keep | 29 – Lenore Sweigard | |

*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 conclude our series, “Jesus, Provocateur,” looking at the Greater Team Jesus assembles from Matthew 10.

Quote:

John Wesley wrote about voting, in his journal in October, 1774, "Upon meeting those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, I advised them,

- 1) To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy – don't sell your vote,
- 2) To speak no evil of the person they voted against, and,
- 3) To take care that their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side – keep a generous spirit toward those who may disagree.

Joke:

When your holiday has been cancelled by the coronavirus but don't want to give up the dream



Blessings on your worship this weekend!

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November 2020, Global Prayer & Praise Guide



Sunday, November 1 - Mekebib Desta, Superintendent of the Emmanuel Light & Life Church in **Ethiopia**, recently traveled with 2 colleagues for 10 days. He praises the Lord for how God is working there saying, “We trained church planter pastors, visited 6 churches and started one church plant.” New church buildings are going up, and he asks for prayer and support to complete these projects as well as prayer for each pastor and church.



Monday, November 2 - Missionaries care about all those whose lives they touch. For example, as career missionaries to **Brazil**, Dan and Hope Owsley (far left) are ‘stuck’ in their apartment building right now, they’ve gotten to know the workers who, even though they are not all Christians (yet!), invite them to their special occasions and ask for a prayer of blessing. The Owsleys also had an overwhelming positive response from the 50 students who just went through their Zoom class on John Wesley’s teachings –one saying, “Wesley is now my friend.”



Tuesday, November 3 Missionary Cindi Angelo (11th from left) praises God for those who just participated in their Peniel Retreat. The church in **Portugal** continues to grow despite difficulties with multiple

restrictions. They particularly praise the Lord for the young man to Cindi’s right, Matheus Goncalves, one of their most committed youth, whose upcoming plans include serving with the FMC and YWAM in Sao Tomé, Africa, for 8 months.



Wednesday, November 4 - This Zoom screen shot shows the annual meeting in **Nicaragua** last month. Although many attended in person, enjoying the fellowship and delicious food, others came via Zoom: a handful from El Salvador, Area Director Ricardo Gomez from Colombia, Mission District Leader Dr. Huiberth Zapata from Costa Rica, and Ministry Mentor Dr. Casto Rojas from Venezuela. Beth Gomez writes, “What a great blessing it is to work as part of this wonderful team!”



Thursday, November 5 - Prison ministry continues as an important part of the work in the **Middle East**. Doksh, an evil prisoner, condemned for life, began watching a pastor as he visited Christian prisoners. Seeing how much the pastor loved and encouraged them, he began asking for prayer each week even though he was of the majority religion. He watched the pastor offer to pay for a lawyer for a man who had lost all his money, but the prisoner refused saying he had found Jesus in prison and didn't want to return to his old life. Doksh became a believer and was even baptized in prison. The next time the pastor returned, Doksh had died –but as a believer in Jesus!



Friday, November 6 - Tim and Lily Kinkead (left) serve in **Taiwan**. Prayers for Tim's continued health from his surgery to remove a tumor in his thyroid. They write about Sally, one of their former English students who came to church with Ms. Hsie (right) who once was a devout Buddhist. She had become discouraged with her religion, and when Sally met her, she rejoiced that Ms. Hsie had become a Christian and was eager to know more about Jesus. Ms. Hsie had invited her older sister to come with them, who that day also became a believer.



Saturday, November 7 - Rodrigo and Tanya Rosado are enjoying their time of partnership building as they look forward to serving in **Argentina**. During a trip to Michigan they met with a pastor friend who supports the work in Argentina and had been in Buenos Aires several years ago. While there he had prayed both for the couple who would come and lead the project where the Rosados plan to serve as well as the purpose God wanted for the building where they will live. How wonderful to be an answer to someone's prayers!



Sunday, November 8 - The work in the Mosaico Culture Center in a Madrid, **Spain** suburb continues even with constantly changing Covid regulations. It borders one of Europe's largest slums, La Cañada Real. Recently, the electricity to this slum was cut off as the government believed power was being used for illegal marijuana plantations. This led to protests, and hundreds of police swarmed the area seizing over 520,000 Euros in drug money plus cocaine, heroine, and illegal firearms. Residents swarmed the highway blocking traffic until the police intervened. Please pray as those who serve at Mosaico want to do no harm as they move forward.



Monday, November 9 - Vannick, pictured here with his family, served with ICCM in **Cambodia** at the House of Peace since 2007. Before his passing, he was the house manager and was so helpful as he loved and cared for the children. Pray God will reveal a faithful replacement who has both a good heart and integrity. May God comfort his family and the House of Peace children during this time of grief and loss.



Tuesday, November 10 - Prayers for a creative access couple who have been ‘on hold’ in the US since March and are excited that they may soon be cleared to return ‘home’ (since they have served there for 15 years) in a very large **Asian** country. Their children were so excited that they might soon be leaving that they were almost jumping up and down. They hope to celebrated Thanksgiving with colleagues and friends in Asia.



Wednesday, November 11 - Al Mellinger reports not only that they were able to open a second ‘Around the World’ shop in a Michigan mall, but that the first couple days of sales exceeded expectations even with little to no local advertising. Handmade items sold here in the US make a big difference for refugees, widows, families and churches in many places –not just in the **Balkans**, where the Mellingers have been serving for over 13 years.



Thursday, November 12 - Darin and Jill Land face multiple unknowns as they look at 2021. With Darin’s appointment as assistant **Asia** Area Director, they’re asking prayer for wisdom. Finishing up work at the seminary in the Philippines, they have now purchased tickets to come to the US next month for their regular home assignment rotation. Then they will need to decide where to make their home base in Asia. Since their work will involve interactions across Asia, they are trusting in God’s faithfulness and His perfect timing.



Friday, November 13 - Newlyweds, Hany and Joanne Estmalek are setting up their home in **northern Iraq** and are working with the Noor Center team. Major issues with heat, electric and appliances may be coming from spiritual forces; so we pray with them for God to give victory and allow their minds and spirits freedom to work with their colleagues and the refugees. Joanne, as a midwife, has a passion to see women experience health and healing. She hopes to do health education to equip locals to reach their communities. Hany continues mentoring a number of new believers and emerging leaders. He also thanks God for Bishop Kendall’s investment in training Iraqi leaders.



Saturday, November 14 - Vickie Reynen was instrumental in starting Tumaini Women of **Kenya**, a Free Methodist NGO that provides low interest loans and other services helping families grow small businesses. These men are busy putting a fence around 5 plots of land purchased to build a training center for TWK. Vickie and her husband, Africa Area Director Mike now live in the US with trips to Africa on a regular basis.



Sunday, November 15 - Rich and Laurie Sheriff are praising God for the opportunities they’ve just had to share with 12 churches in 3 states, that Laurie’s follow-up mammogram shows no evidence of any further cancer, and that the start-up costs for living in **Chile** are much lower than expected. Why? A furnished, economical home awaits their arrival –hopefully in early 2021. They ask for prayer as they look forward to arriving in Concepcion, Chile to begin the work of planting a church there.



Monday, November 16 - TCK stands for Third Culture Kids. Most missionary kids fall into this category as they are growing up outside the culture of their parents as well as the culture where they live; thus they experience something of a third culture of their own. This comes with unique gifts and opportunities, but may also be difficult to navigate. Recognizing this, the **Latin America** area team organized a care group where all the TCKs (and usually a parent) meet together via Zoom on the first Saturday of the month to talk, grow and pray for each other. Pictured here is Ellia Rosado.



Tuesday, November 17 - Phyllis Sortor has returned to **Nigeria** and her work with Fulani Muslims. Here she explains to these men the importance of their children's schooling as terrorist groups use young uneducated Fulani to do their dirty work. If a man has no school certificate, no chance of ever being rightfully employed, he will accept any work if money is

offered to him. Thus we pray that Schools for Africa, now enrolling some 1,000 students, prospers and also shares the hope only found in Jesus.



Wednesday, November 18 - **Costa Rica** Mission District Leader Victor Quesada (pictured here) writes how God has been at work there in the midst of the pandemic. Unable to meet together for the past 6 months, their on-line services have reached people who would not normally come to church, but who now are eager and excited for churches to reopen so they can attend. One couple, after accepting Christ, decided to honor God by getting married. Community Church Planting is bringing new vision to this mission district established in 1990.



Thursday, November 19 - A believer in Egypt shares his testimony saying his life's goal was to get rich thinking money would bring happiness and freedom to do whatever he wanted. He worked hard for 25 years and then became angry at God when diagnosed with a debilitating condition with no cure. He joined many different religious groups hoping their prayers could bring healing. Then in an **Impact Middle East** house church, he sensed something like a hand touching his head, scales came off his eyes, and he saw what truly gave life meaning. Now, even without physical healing, he has the joy and freedom that come from helping others as he visits and prays with them and shares his testimony.



Friday, November 20 - Asia Area Assistant for Ministry Development David Clemente rejoices in news from a video call with a pastor in **South Asia**. The work of God there is not on hold because of the pandemic. People are coming to Jesus and being baptized. One weekly fellowship grew from 10 to 25! National pastors in Asia are not surprised with the difficulties brought about by the pandemic. Yes, they are suffering. Some of them are probably starving because delivery of food and other basic services are limited. And yet, they continue to share the gospel. "Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good." 1 Peter 4:19. ESV



Saturday, November 21 - Andrea Tinsley currently serves as the youth pastor at the Wilmore, Kentucky FMC, but plans on becoming an associate VISA missionary in **Columbia** in 2021. She is an ordained elder in the New South Conference and a graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary. She asks prayer for language study as she increases her knowledge of Spanish, for the establishment of strong prayer and financial partnerships, and for grace and peace as she navigates the details and transitions involved in moving to Medellín, Colombia. She will assist Latin America Area Director Dr. Ricardo Gómez and partner with missionary families there providing pastoral care to missionary teens.



Sunday, November 22 - Cida Matos serves the **Portugal** FMC with Eduardo and Cindi Angelo. She has been the lead pastor of one of their churches and now teaches in their Bible college while overseeing the 10 cell groups. She and Cindi did ministry together in Brazil years ago before Cindi met Eduardo. Cida asks prayer for 3 people (Vitor, Moica and Anabela) who come to the cell groups, but are not yet believers; for her health as she deals with serious arthritis issues; for 2 ladies in the cell groups who are battling breast cancer; and for her family members in Brazil. Then, like so many of us, she asks for prayer that the pandemic will end.



Monday, November 23 - Africa Area Director Mike Reynen congratulates Rufus Kahn, newly elected superintendent of the first Provisional Annual Conference of the Free Methodist World Mission Church **Liberia**. The work has been a Mission District led by Rufus since 2010. Mike says, "Congratulations also to all the clergy and lay delegates of the conference for work well-done." The Nigerian FMC originally oversaw the work, and Liberia now has nearly one thousand members. When Dr. Art Brown was head of the FM missions department he said, "It's hard to keep up with the statistics as our leaders just keep crossing borders to start new work in other countries."



Tuesday, November 24 - Ken and Letty Myers serve in **Kenya** by coordinating VISA teams and ministering among the rural churches throughout the country. Specifically, they assist the Kenyan church through development and discipleship while living in western Kenya giving them proximity to many villages and churches. Besides their visitation to churches and schools to encourage pastors, church members and school staff, they also use the Jesus Film as an outreach/evangelism tool. Prayer for Ken whose father recently passed away and especially for Letty who has just been diagnosed with cancer.

Wednesday, November 25 - Feminine hygiene supplies are not readily available to many women around the world causing great embarrassment and shame monthly. SEED, ICCM and the Set Free Movement are trying to create solutions. Pray for a pilot livelihood project beginning in Africa in the coming months that will sew reusable feminine hygiene products. Pictured here are Rose Brewer, SEED, Alma Thompson, ICCM and Kevin Austin, Set Free Movement.





Thursday, November 26 - Whatever our Thanksgiving Day celebrations look like today, may we find time to rejoice that the Good News is being shared around the world through the multiple ministries of the Free Methodist Church. Approximately 6% of Free Methodists live in the United States, but with so much opportunity in this Land of Plenty, we can fulfill the words, "It is more blessed to give than receive." (Acts 20:35) These words of Jesus are not in any of the Gospels, but Paul quotes our Lord as saying them while he addresses the Ephesians. Those of us who are blessed to give know they are true!



Friday, November 27 - Students and staff at Evert Bible College in **Tanzania** have returned to their homes to work toward their harvest. They plant crops in September and October using a hoe, a pickaxe, and a lot of energy. To cultivate

and plant a small area may take a month, and the family's livelihood depends on these crops. This from Thom and Sherry Cahill who ask, "Will you join us in praying for the students and staff as they work for the harvest?"

Saturday, November 28 - **Haiti** Providence University began in October, 2012 with 35 students. Now current enrollment is over 200. This kind of growth results in a significant need for more and larger buildings. Pray for Haiti's Bishop Devariste



as he leads a membership of nearly 35,000 members. The Haitian church means so much more than Sunday morning worship services as it is also a social safety net for church families in need.



Sunday, November 29 - Dennis and Kyle Leon serve **Costa Rica** in what is called the 360 Mission District. During the pandemic hundreds of baby chicks were given away, which turned out to be an amazing blessing to many families. As they worked closely with community leaders who helped with the distribution, they were able to share the Good News of Jesus and pray with people. They have been able to restart in-person church again meeting in their carport as they are not yet allowed to meet back at the school. Their children are Selah, Lucas, Cyrus and Elias.

Monday, November 30 - The season of Advent provides us with opportunities to share financially with so many ministries. May we prayerfully consider where God would have us use our resources. No doubt your mailboxes will be full of pleas for donations to good causes. But I would ask, "If Free Methodists don't give to Free Methodist ministries, who will?"

