

Happy Friday, New South Family. Welcome to the 72nd edition of the Weekly Word – this for the week ending December 11, 2020.

-----**Announcements and Resources**-----

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1) FM History and Polity The conference is planning to offer FM H & P in Wilmore or via Zoom this spring in a Friday evening / Saturday format. The dates/times are:

Friday - February 5, 6 - 9p

Saturday - February 6, 8a – 4p

Friday - February 19, 6-9p

Saturday - February 20, 8a - 4p

Saturday - March 6, 8a - 3p

Interested? [Please email me for more information or to sign up.](#)

2) FM Apparel On Sale The World Ministry Center is having a Free Methodist Logo Year-End Apparel Sale. The sale is for in-stock items only making quantities limited. If you are interested, please place your order as soon as possible. See the information below / attached.

3) I Have Reluctantly Accepted the Resignation of Dr. Timothy Thomas as Conference Administrator. Timothy has faithfully worked in many, many ways and for many, many years for the good of the conference and for the glory of Christ. Although his preservation of his health needs to take a higher priority in these days, he continues to do all he can in service to Christ's bride. Thank you Timothy.

4) December EPP Reimbursement Pastors, you and/or your treasurers should have received a note from the Conference Finance Office which included two important things.

The first is the announcement that, due to lower conference expenses (and especially travel) the BOA approved the Finance Team's proposal to waive every church's December 2020 EPP payment. You will NOT receive an invoice for December EPP nor will your bank account be drafted on December 15th (if you are set up for auto-draft payment.) Also, the proposal came with a request that the "saved" December EPP money might be used to bless your pastor(s) in what has been a challenging and stressful year and / or sending a year-end love gift to a missionary you support. In other words, please consider "passing it on" however the Spirit would lead you.

The second item included in that note was your church's EPP monthly amount for next year, 2021. That amount is calculated using annual report data submitted to headquarters for calendar year 2019.

December Birthdays (*that we know of)

Joe Wang	12 / 17	Randy Scarborough	12 / 19
Dwight Winter	12 / 20	Al Buckta	12 / 21
Chris Cole	12 / 21	Bea VanValin	12 / 27

*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 newsouthconference@gmail.com

This Week's Passage, Quote and Joke

Passage: This Sunday our children lead us as we celebrate the coming of Jesus, the King.

Quote: "We like to control the map of our life and know everything well in advance. But faith is content just knowing that God's promise cannot fail. This, in fact, is the excitement of walking with God."

Joke: The following is from the Babylon Bee. If you're not familiar with the Bee, think "satire."

*People More Likely To Believe In Hell After Shopping At Walmart
December 13th, 2019*

U.S.—A lot of people don't believe in hell anymore, thinking the concept of a place of eternal torment is archaic.

But one new study suggests people are much more likely to believe in the concept of hell after shopping at Walmart, especially during the Christmas season. From waiting in eternal lines to dealing with hundreds of not-quite-right customers throughout the store, people start to get what hell might be like.

After enduring the hellscape of a busy Walmart, people tend to be able to better conceive of a place where people are tortured for eternity.

"Honestly, it would be unjust for there not to be a hell," said one man after he waited for 30 minutes for someone to come unlock the Xbox games in the electronics department. "God is love, but He is also justice, and whoever runs this place needs to pay."

Representatives of hell confirmed they are getting some "pretty great ideas" for torture from Walmart's setup. Some theologians now believe hell is just waiting in a line for the one open register for all eternity.

Blessings on your worship this weekend!

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