

Happy Christmas Eve Eve, New South Family. Welcome to the 74th edition of the Weekly Word. We'll connect again in the new year, but if you need me before then, you know where to find me. ☺

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

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- 1) **An Advent Message From Bishop Keith Cowart.** [Click here to watch.](#)

- 2) **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.](#)

- 3) **GRACE Training – For the Prevention of Abuse** A couple weeks ago, the Superintendents Team participated in this training session on preventing abuse, and especially child abuse, in local churches. This is excellent information that would be very helpful to your church leadership.

Below is the link and passcode for you to access the GRACE training. Note that the recording begins with some conversation so feel free to forward to the presentation that begins with Bishop Matt's comments.)

[Training Link](#) Access Passcode: Km+^wH8V

- 4) **Training Session** If you missed the training session on envisioning and developing God's calling on your specific church that was offered to us by Wabash Conference earlier this week, it was recorded and [can be watched by clicking here.](#)

- 5) **May the Lord give you all a great, great Christmas. Thank you for your service to the Lord and to His Bride, the Church.**

December Birthdays (*that we know of)

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: Throughout Advent, I've looking at the different ways God promised Jesus to our world – as Light, Bread, and Lamb, so far. On Christmas Eve, we'll look at Jesus as Gift – taking cues from John 3:16-17. Then, on Christmas Sunday, December 27, we'll look at Jesus as the Rock from 1 Corinthians 10.

A Couple Christmas Quotations:

“The earth has grown old with its burden of care, but at Christmas it always is young, the heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair, and its soul full of music breaks the air, when the song of angels is sung.” – Phillips Brooks

“I like to compare the holiday season with the way a child listens to a favorite story. The pleasure is in the familiar way the story begins, the anticipation of familiar turns it takes, the familiar moments of suspense, and the familiar

climax and ending.” – Fred Rogers

Joke:

One night, a Viking named
Rudolph the Red was
looking out the window
when he said, "It's going to
rain."

His wife asked, "How do you
know?"

"Because Rudolph the Red
knows rain, dear"

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Blessings on your worship this weekend!

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