

Happy Friday, New South Family. Welcome to the 79th edition of the Weekly Word – this for the week ending February 5, 2021.

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

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- 1) **The Latest Issue of Light and Life Weekly Magazine** [is available by clicking here.](#)
- 2) **Superintendent Search Update Meeting** The Superintendent Search Task Group (Bishop Keith Cowart, Daryl Diddle, Reed Wilbanks, Kasey Puckett and Scott Clark) invite all interested to a Zoom video meeting on Thursday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m. eastern time to present our proposal for leading the conference, listen to your concerns and answer your questions. [Simply click here to join.](#) The meeting ID is: 826 9308 8731, and the Passcode is: 955295
- 3) **All Conference Candidates, Elders and Deacons, and appointed Licensed Pastors** should have turned in their annual reports to me by last Sunday. If you have not done that, please get those in.
- 4) **A Note About Annual Conference** AC for us is scheduled for May 21 – 22. At the moment, our Bishops are trying to decide whether or not in-person conference events should be encouraged / held. Of course, the situation changes week to week, so we will not likely know for sure about how conference will take place for a month or more. Just the same, please note the May date on your calendar.
- 5) **A Great Word From Timothy Tennent: “Do This in Remembrance of Me”**  
One of the most important phrases in Scripture is the phrase, “Do this in remembrance of me” (Luke 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:24). It was, of course, spoken by Jesus on his final night on earth when he instituted the Eucharist in the Upper Room. It has become an almost universal line in the various liturgies of the Lord’s Supper or Communion celebrated by Christians around the world. This line has also become the most common phrase to be found on communion tables in churches. However, do we know what it actually means?

Most of us will recall the historic encounter between Luther and Zwingli in the 16th century which took place in Marburg Castle in the little town of Hesse, Germany. It was October, 1529 and Martin Luther and Ulrich Zwingli sat at opposite ends of a table with several guests gathered around listening. Here were the two great leaders of the Protestant Reformation gathering to resolve their differences regarding the Lord’s Supper. It must have been an electrifying moment!

Luther believed that when Christ ascended, he rose from “here to everywhere” meaning that when Christ arose, he re-assumed his eternal omnipresence. Therefore, he not only sits at the right hand of God in heaven, but he is also truly present at the Lord’s Supper, or whenever two or more are gathered in his name.

Zwingli, in contrast, believed that once Christ ascended and took his place at the right hand of the Father, He could not be “present” on earth. Their views of the ascension had an enormous impact on their view of the Presence of Jesus in the Lord’s Supper. Luther’s view has become known as “Real Presence,” (Jesus really shows up at the Table) whereas Zwingli’s view is known as the “Memorial View” (We remember what Jesus did at the cross when we take communion).

According to one person who was there in the room, at a particularly heated moment, Luther picked up a piece of chalk (some say a knife) and scrawled into the table: “hoc est corpus meum” meaning “this is my body.” Zwingli took the chalk from Luther and wrote: “hoc facite in meam commemorationem” meaning “do this in remembrance of me.” Both were quoting Jesus. Both were quoting the very words Jesus used in the institution of the Lord’s Supper. Yet, Luther and Zwingli saw the two phrases leading them to two different views of the Lord’s Supper.

Perhaps, if they had looked more carefully at the Greek rather than the Latin, they might have seen that the Biblical position is much clearer than those two phrases might imply. The key word in the passage is the Greek word, anamnēsin from the word anamnesis meaning “remembrance.” However, the word is not limited to merely us thinking about the

past or remembering an event from long ago as we think of the word. The word is not just about bringing your mind back but bringing your sins forward. When God does not “remember” our sins, it does not mean that he has forgotten them in the sense that his mind cannot recollect our sins. Rather, it is that your sins have already been brought to the final judgment day and have already been forgiven and, therefore, God does not “remember” your sins, because they have already been dealt with on the cross.

The Lord’s Supper invites us into a sacred space where our sins are transported to the future judgment, where Christ is. It is precisely because Christ has accomplished our redemption, paid for our sins, and declared us “not guilty” that there is no more remembrance. When we come to the Table and “remember,” we, too, are being transported to the future Eschaton where our sins are rendered forgiven, never to be brought up or “remembered” again.

As our world becomes increasingly thrown into turmoil, let us not forget that, as Christians, we occupy that “sacred space” known as Jesus Christ. Wherever you go, whatever you do, and in whatever situation you find yourself in, keep standing in that sacred space which is Jesus Christ. The future has already broken into the present. We are to embody all the future realities in the present evil age. It is true at every moment, but particularly when we approach the Lord’s Supper.

## February / March Birthdays

Wilbanks, Reed – Feb 8  
Wheeler, Bobby- Feb 10  
Cook, Dean – Feb 24  
Diddle, Annette – Feb 29  
Kidwell, Brian – March 1

Hale, Myrna – March 11  
Fiskeaux, Charlie – March 14  
Wittenberg, Christopher – March 21  
Ryan, Roger – March 27

## This Week's Passage, Quote and Joke

**Passage:** Continuing in our series, “A Time For...” this Sunday I look at the concept of rest and our need for it, from Hebrews 4.

### Quote - Actually a Poem:

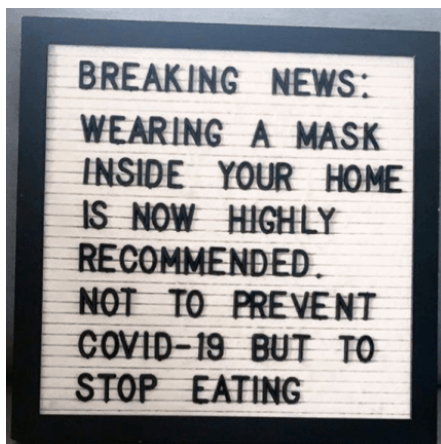
*And I said to the one who stood at the gate of the year:, “Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.”*

*And he replied, “Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God – that shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way.”*

*So I went forth, and finding the hand of God, walked gladly into the night.*

~ Minnie Haskins

### Joke:



Blessings on your worship this weekend!

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