

Happy Friday, New South Family. Welcome to the 86th edition of the Weekly Word – this for the week ending March 26, 2021.

## **Announcements**

- 1) **Local Church Annual Reports** The World Ministry Center is re-configuring the normal annual / statistical report to better accommodate our past year due to Covid. Those should be released in the next week or two. You haven't missed it. 😊
- 2) **New South Annual Conference** Annual Conference is scheduled for May 21 – 22, essentially noon Friday to noon Saturday, at Wilmore FMC. Business sessions from noon to 5:00p on Friday, and 8:00a to noon on Saturday and the ordination service at 7:00p on Friday evening. The schedule will be coming soon, but plan now to attend.
- 3) **Spring Conference Women's Retreat:** April 9-11, Murphy, North Carolina. Please note the flyer attached / below.

## **Resources**

1. **Leadership In Tumultuous Times Video Series** The conference superintendents from Bishop Cowart's area have been creating these video discussion / training sessions from a few months now. We have completed three so far. Simply click on the title below. (The first one is a little over an hour, but the next two are shorter!)

#1 – Title: [Self-Differentiated Leadership](#)

#2 – Title: [Responding to Reactivity](#)

#3 – Title: [Managing the Herd Mentality](#)

2. **Wabash Institute** Below you will find registration information for the Wabash Institute Spring Semester 2021. Class size is limited, so register as soon as possible. Cost: \$100.00 per class. Questions? Contact Judy Kinnick, Office Manager/MEG Coordinator - Wabash Conference of the Free Methodist Church. Cell: 317-442-1631

**Homiletics:** Professor: Rev. Dr. John Lane

This class will meet via Zoom on Monday evenings for 7 weeks beginning Monday, April 19, 2021. The first class, on Monday, April 19, will meet from 5-7 p.m. (ET) All other classes will meet from 7-9 p.m. (ET)

[Click here to register for Homiletics](#)

**Genesis, An Old Testament Bible Course:** Professor: Rev. Russ Veldman

This class will meet via Zoom on Saturdays for 7 weeks beginning Saturday, April 17, 2021.

Time: 10:00 am - 12 noon (ET)

[Click here to register for Genesis, an Old Testament Bible Course](#)

3. **NSC Free Methodist History and Polity Class** – We have had to re-schedule this class for the following dates. This class meets the requirement for ordination in the FMCusa, and costs \$150.00. If you're interested, [please e-mail the professor, Dr. Craig Saunders.](#)

The class will be held in Wilmore, but will also offer a Zoom / video component.

Dates / Times:

April 9-10 - Friday - 6:00-9:00 p.m.//Sat - 8-4

April 23-24 - Friday 6:00-9:00 p.m.//Sat - 8-4

May 1 - Saturday 8-3

## Articles

- 1) **The Importance of Spiritual Family** I've attached a very good, short article on the importance of spiritual family, especially to Christian singles, and especially to those who have struggled with sexual identity. It is part of a larger book, which I'd also recommend, by Christopher Yuan, entitled, "Holy Sexuality and the Gospel." Dr. Yuan writes from the perspective of one who has struggled with those very things. He has taught Bible for over ten years at Moody.
- 2) **Pastors and Co-habiting Couples** An article for pastors and the challenge of standing for marriage in our "living-together" culture is also attached / below.

## Regular Free Methodist Newsletters / Communications (click the links below)

[This Week's Issue of the Light and Life Magazine](#)

[This Week's Free Methodist Foundation Financial Newsletter](#)

## New South Conference Calendar

April 9-10 History and Polity Zoom Class Begins  
May 21-22 NSC Annual Conference – Wilmore  
June 17-20 NSC Family Camp  
June 21-27 NSC Teen Camp  
June 28-July 2 NSC Kids Camp

## March / April Birthdays

Ryan, Roger – March 27

Ritter, Joe – April 22

Anderson, Neil – April 19

\*I'd love to know your birthday, so the conference can send you an expensive present...or maybe just a "Happy Birthday" wish. If yours is not listed, [please e-mail it to me](#).

## This Week's Passage, Quote and Joke

**Passage:** This Sunday, Palm Sunday, I'll be looking at Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as told by John 12.

**Quote:** "If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself." ~ Augustine

**Joke:**



Blessings on your worship this weekend!

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