

Happy Friday, New South Family!  
Welcome to the 93rd edition of the Weekly Word – this for the week ending May 14, 2021.

## **Announcements**

### **1) First, Some Annual Conference Details:**

**A) New South Annual Conference Logistics** Annual Conference is scheduled for May 21 – 22, essentially noon Friday to noon Saturday, at Wilmore FMC. Business sessions from 12:00 noon to 5:00p on Friday, and 8:00a to noon on Saturday and the ordination service at 7:00p on Friday evening. You should have received an electronic version of the notebook – print copies will also be available. (Thanks very much, Charlie Fiskeaux, for all your work on this!)

Due to the revised CDC guidelines (and expected Kentucky guidelines) we can now be mask optional / mask free. While I realize the new guidance is for vaccinated persons, the church cannot / will not be the “vaccine police.” So please do what is best for all involved. Certainly, if you feel more comfortable wearing one, or if you have invested heavily in masks that accessorize your outfits and feel you’ve not yet gotten your money’s worth, you’re welcome to continue to wear them. 😊

Visitors and family welcome, especially for the ordination service. We will be livestreaming the ordination service, but not the business sessions.

**B) Delegates Names / Contact Information Needed** Please submit your delegate's (or delegates') name, address, phone number and e-mail address to Charlie Fiskeaux ASAP for this year's annual conference. [You can do that via e-mail by clicking here.](#)

**2) Local Church Annual Reports** The World Ministry Center has not yet sent the annual / statistical report to local churches. I’ve promised you that for several weeks, but so far, they’ve not released it. I’ll certainly pass it along when they do, so again, you haven’t missed it. 😊

## **Resources**

**1. Tony Headley** Our own Dr. Tony Headley is retiring this year from his role as professor of counseling at Asbury Seminary. He is also beginning a more focused ministry involving coaching, counseling, mentoring and training persons in vocational ministry. He is also devoting more time to speaking / teaching and preaching. Check out his website here: <http://anthonyjheadley.com/>

**2. Oakdale Christian Academy Opportunities:** Oakdale Christian Academy is looking for short and long term ministry partners. If you are ready for a two-month, a one-year, or a long-term ministry opportunity contact us and explore Oakdale as a place to invest your energies, gifts, and skills! We are hiring for the roles of cook, dorm deans, admissions director, and teachers. <https://oakdalechristian.org/employment/>

In addition to salary, the following living expenses are fully covered:

- Campus Housing
- All utilities (gas, electric, water, trash pickup)
- Lawn care and building maintenance
- High speed Internet
- Washer and dryer
- Home phone service
- Meals in the dining hall for the employee and household while school is in session (10½ months of the year)
- Free tuition for staff children in grades 7-12

Please contact Will Mosier-Peterson ([advancement@oakdalechristian.org](mailto:advancement@oakdalechristian.org)) with any questions you may have related to the ministry of Oakdale Christian Academy or the attached annual report.

**3. The Center for Pastoral Formation** The Free Methodist Center for Pastoral Formation presents: [A Brief Introduction to the Center for Pastoral Formation](#) with all FMC-USA Conference personnel. This is a new ministry in the FMC that covers pastoral care of pastors, credentialing and connections.

## **Articles**

1) **A Great Reminder of the Importance of Sabbath** – from the Wall Street Journal, of all places, is attached / below.

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

[The Latest from the Free Methodist Historical Society](#)

[The Latest Free Methodist Chaplain's Newsletter](#)

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

[The Latest Issue of the Free Methodist Foundation Financial Newsletter](#)

[The Latest Issue of the FM Pastors and Leaders' Newsletter](#)

## **New South Conference Calendar**

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

## **May / June Birthdays**

Tim Huff, May 17

Scott Clark, June 4

Joy Ireland, June 11

James Demaray, June 19

Sarah Baldwin, June 21

Jan Coleman, June 24

Sharon Bryson, June 27

\*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 I return to studying the earthly interactions of the resurrected Christ, looking at the Great Commission - Matthew 28:16-20.

**Quote:** "Many things I have tried to grasp, and have lost. That which I have placed in God's hands I still have." ~ Martin Luther

**Joke:**



Blessings on your worship this weekend!

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