

Happy Friday, New South Family!
Welcome to the 97th edition of the Weekly Word – this for the week ending June 11, 2021.

Announcements

1) Free Methodist Youth Conference - A Message from Zach Fleming, the new FM:Infuse Director:
FM:Infuse is the Free Methodist Church's national youth ministry organization that exists to encourage, resource, and equip youth workers across the united states.

We have worked hard in this past year to try and reestablish lines of communication with those serving students and families on the "front lines." Through avenues like the Free Methodist Youth Workers Facebook Group, and other forms of digital communication, we have successfully created spaces where we can resource and equip youth workers, even in the midst of a global pandemic.

One of the choices that was made last year was to move FMYC (Free Methodist Youth Conference) from the Summer of 2021 to the Summer of 2022. We knew that with restrictions, lockdowns, and COVID protocols, there would be no guarantee that churches would be permitted to gather in the summer of 2021, and they certainly wouldn't be able to fundraise the necessary funds to send their students to Colorado.

I'm happy to report that we've officially locked in dates for FMYC 2022 in Ft. Collins, Colorado. June 27-July 2, 2022 Free Methodist high school students from around the united states will gather together at Colorado State University for a week of worship, teaching, service, and community-building.

I'd love...to reach out to your churches and make sure they're aware of FMYC '22. We want this event to be a glorious celebration of being together after a very long 2020-2021. With this letter you'll find a PDF flyer to help inform all conference churches.

Grace and Peace.

2) NSC Family Camp Information:

Theme: *The God Who always meets us, and never fails us, in our times of crisis.*

Registration begins at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 17th.

Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Evening Service at 7:00 p.m.

Camp concludes on Sunday, June 20th, with a worship service at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch at the Diner.

Speakers: Thursday, June 17th - Rev. Scott Clark
 Friday, June 18th - Rev. Buffy Cole
 Saturday, June 19th - Rev. Wayne Neeley
 Sunday, June 20th - Rev. Al Buckta

Teachers for Friday and Saturday morning Bible Study: Rev. Chris and Rev. Buffy Cole

Youth and Teen Ministry Directors: Rev. Roger and Rev. Debra Ryan (for children potty trained to teens.) If you are coming with young people please let Family Camp Director, Scott Clark, know how many are coming and their ages.

If you are planning on staying overnight please contact Scott Clark with your lodging needs.

There are no fees required to attend Family Camp. We operate on a free will offering basis. So y'all come, ya hear!

If you have any questions, need more information, or want to make lodging arrangements and inform us about young people attending, contact Scott Clark at 270-796-5017 (camp), 615-801-0500 (personal) or email at sctclrk777@aol.com. You may also submit the registration form (attached / below) to indicate lodging needs either via e-mail or by USPS to 8744 Barren River Rd., Bowling Green, KY 42101.

Please be praying for Family Camp, Teen Camp, and Kids Camp in the days ahead that god would be glorified and people's lives will be formed in the image of Christ. Amen! In His service, and yours, Scott Clark, Family Camp Director

3) Annual Conference, 2021 Follow-Up Last weekend, the Wabash Conference unanimously approved the ongoing superintendency / merger arrangement between New South and Wabash, which means John Lane will indeed become our new Conference Superintendent on July 1. Please pray for John and he assumes this responsibility and for all involved in the transition process. Pray also for John and Jill, whose daughter, Jenna, gets married this weekend.

4) Summer Vacation If ever you've needed one, it's probably this summer. Pastors, please do what you can to get away for a week or two, and you who are laypeople, please encourage and go the extra mile financially to help your pastor to do that.

Resources

1. The Free Methodist Way These resources were highlighted at Annual Conference and can be very helpful in understanding who we are as Free Methodist and the contribution we want to make to Christ's Kingdom.

Click below for the Free Methodist Way videos:

- [Life-Giving Holiness](#)
- [Love-Driven Justice](#)
- [Christ-Compelled Multiplication](#)
- [Cross-Cultural Collaboration](#)
- [God-Given Revelation](#)

Purchase a 25-pack of brochures in ENGLISH here: <https://freemethodistbooks.com/product/fmway-25pk>

Purchase a 25-pack of brochures in SPANISH here: <https://freemethodistbooks.com/product/eml-25-pq>

Purchase the book "The Free Methodist Way: Learning and Living the Five Values That Shape Our Identity" here: <https://freemethodistbooks.com/product/fmwaybook>

Visit the dedicated page for *The Free Methodist Way* on the FMCUSA website here: <https://fmcusa.org/thefmway>

Visit the Light + Life Magazine site for all articles and discipleship materials: <https://lightandlife.fm/>

Be sure you've subscribed to Light + Life Weekly – the new digital format of our magazine here: <https://us2.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=be2950225b51b17969c7ddf64&id=c5a288fb84>

The Latest Free Methodist Newsletters / Communications (click the links below)

[From the Free Methodist Historical Society](#)

[From the Free Methodist Chaplains](#)

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

[From the Free Methodist Foundation](#)

[FM Pastors and Leaders' Newsletter](#)

New South Conference Calendar

June 17-20 NSC Family Camp

June 21-27 NSC Teen Camp

June 28-July 2 NSC Kids Camp

Upcoming Birthdays

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: Due to an unexpected eye surgery this week, I've not been able to read or study, and so Pastor Dwight will be speaking this week at Wilmore, taking Titus 2:1-15 as his text.

Quote: "Faith must be tested, because it can be turned into a personal possession only through conflict."
~ Oswald Chambers

Joke: The new pastor was startled to learn that the wealthiest member of the congregation never gave a dime. So she stopped by to ask him why.

"The annual report of your corporation lists your salary at \$750,000, and yet you never have given to the church," she began. "May I ask why?"

"Well," he began, "Did the corporate report mention that my mother is ill, with extremely expensive medical bills? Or that I have three children in expensive private schools? Or that my brother, who has a wife and three children, was disabled in an accident and can't work?" He asked again. "Was any of that in the corporate report?"

"No," said the pastor. "So sorry."

"Well," he concluded, "If I don't give them any money, why would I give any to the church?"

Blessings on your worship this weekend!

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Website registration opens June, 2021.



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Workers group on *Facebook*


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