

# New South

*Reaching across Kentucky, Tennessee, the Carolinas & the world, partnering and supporting ministries to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

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## Freedom Sunday, Feb 26

Register at [freedomssunday.org](http://freedomssunday.org)

*"The Lord's Spirit has come to me, because he has chosen me to tell the good news to the poor. The Lord has sent me to announce freedom for prisoners, to give sight to the blind, to free everyone who suffers, and to say, 'This is the year the Lord has chosen.'"*

Luke 4:18-19 CEV

**Our Goal 100% participation**

## Spring Youth Retreat

March 23rd - 25th

Come join us for our annual Spring Youth Retreat at

Eagle Ridge

Cost: \$30 per teen

Registration materials will be emailed soon. RSVPing on Facebook **is not** the same as registering.

Lloyd & Debbie Lewis, ministers

at Deer Ridge Lodge, will be

sharing during worship & Bible

study. Come prepared to share

how God's at work in your

location during SPOTLIGHT

ON YOUTH! DIME WARS is

on! So remember to keep

collecting for Eden Reforestation!

## Annual Conference

May 18-19

Wilmore FMC

Everyone is invited to attend. Housing is being arranged through Asbury University. More info to come.

## Holiness for me

We talk about holiness and being part of a holiness church and we hear the stories of the great holiness preachers and their revivals. I wonder if we see holiness as a historical event or an institution? Or, is holiness for me?

For some, the very mention of holiness congers up some horrible memories of legalistic homes and churches. Christian perfection was some how defined as a flawless, fun-less, frill-less existence of faithful freedom-less following. But for others it was passionate, powerful and liberating.

And right or wrong almost everyone talks about it in the past.

I know I can't define holiness in a few sentences on the front page of this newsletter. However, I want this statement to burn in our hearts and minds and stir us to find answers. Here it is "HOLINESS FOR ME". God called, is calling and will continue to call men and women, boys and girls to holiness.

God seeks/desires His followers to faithfully follow Him with self surrendered and self examined lives. Holiness is God's call for our lives, we can not super-impose exclusive external values on others for a condition God seeks in the heart. This is why it's "holiness for me". We have no problem stating what it looks like in an institution or in others, but when it comes home to me, wow.

"Holiness for me" calls for the expression of personal holiness. My cry for the Holy Spirit to do all He can in and with my life, and my willingness to let Him and then my following His personal leadings.

I will promote God's corporate leadings for His church, but they equate to no more than fruitless activities unless they are executed by "holiness for me" kind of followers. Social holiness and fellowship beckons for "holiness for me" first.

Will you answer this call?

"Holiness for me."

*Ezekiel 11:18-20 "They will return to their land and remove all its vile images and detestable idols. [19] I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. [20] Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God."*

## Missions Focus

Our language is full of acronyms like FEMA, SCUBA and PC, all of which are probably familiar. But try these: MSA, CSA and SP. Hint: they are related to missions and giving.

In a recent conversation with **Jerry Coleman, the European area director**, we discussed how easy it is for people to give to SPs, special projects, and neglect the MSAs and the CSAs, missionary share accounts and country share accounts. It's normal to want other people to have clean water, milk for their family and an education for their children. In fact, our church recently purchased a Sawyer water filter for Haiti, two cows for pastors' families in Rwanda, and another ICCM sponsored child, this time from Jordan.

So what is the point? Special projects are wonderful, but let's compare them to having a soup kitchen at the local church. If we didn't pay the pastor and the light bill, there would be no local church to reach out to the community. Our giving must first of all cover the expenses of our missionaries and what they need to keep the facilities open where they serve. And if this challenges your view, I'd love to dialogue with you at [loismhuff@kih.net](mailto:loismhuff@kih.net).

If you are currently not supporting a missionary or a mission field, you might consider our missionaries in **Portugal, Eduardo and Cindi Angelo**. Jerry Coleman says they are probably the most successful European missionaries; yet they are the least funded. Since they are from Brazil and are still learning English, it is difficult for them to raise funds in the US. You can read about them by typing "portugal eduardo cindi angelo" into your search engine. So PUSH and PTL and God bless you!

**Lois Huff, NSC missions promoter**

## Praise & Prayer Requests

Please pray for Smyrna FFMC as they go through a difficult transition. Pray for **Pastor Chris & Betty Curry** and the leadership team.

Continue to pray for **Denise Clark, Simmons Chapel, Bradyville** as she suffers from chronic pain.

Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers go out to **Pastor Kevin McAmis, Heartland FMC, Greenville TN** in the passing of his mother.

We praise God for His continuing healing of **Pastor Al Buckta, New Life Bowling Green, KY**. Continue to pray for complete healing.

Praise God for the work He is doing in healing **Supt Ron Balzer** after ankle surgery. Doing well and feeling better everyday.

Praise God for the great **Brave Heart Weekend at Eagle Ridge** as dad's and son's and friends came together learning and growing together. So thankful for the help of **Denny Underwood, Lloyd Lewis, Brandon & Kasey Tinsley, Bobby & Tracy Higgins**. You guys are awesome!!!

Please continue to pray for **Mike Miller's** (Smyrna FFMC) dad who is recovering from a stroke.

Your Pastors and their spouses along with some of the MEG/MAC board spent time being refreshed and renewed at Cumberland Falls State Park. Our guest speaker was Bishop David Roller. **Thank you so much for providing much needed time away.**

**Girl Talk is over.** A great big thanks to **Christine Ward** for her awesome cooking, to **Franki Neeley** for planning it with me and for the many, many parts she played in it, for the moms and youth leaders for bringing the girls here, for **Wendy and Kim** for sharing their testimony, and to the girls who came and hopefully, had some seeds planted in their hearts. Thank you Lord because the bible says that your word will not return void. And that is our prayer.

## Coming Events, Mark your Calenders

Feb 26 **FREEDOM SUNDAY**

### Revival Meetings with Lucien Behar

Mar. 9th, 10th & 11th  
6p Fri. & Sat. and 11a Sun  
**Forrest Chapel  
Westmoreland, Tn**

Mar. 10 - 9 am  
**Pastor's Breakfast**  
at Cathy's Country Cupboard in  
Westmoreland

Mar. 11th - 14th  
PM Services Sun - Wed  
**Murfreesboro First  
Murfreesboro, Tn**

March 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>  
Fri & Sat PM  
& Sun AM service  
**New Life Fellowship  
Scottsville, KY**

March 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>  
PM Services Sun - Wed  
**Simmons Chapel  
Bradyville, Tn**

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- General Evangelist for FM Church
- Executive Director Men's Ministries International
- Missionary to Belgium
- Visiting professor at Wesley Biblical Seminary in Jackson, MS., for seven years.