

# 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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*Ladies Spring Retreat  
Glenstone Lodge in  
Gatlinburg, TN*

*Ladies you are encouraged to have a special fund raiser for the Sister Connection offering at retreat to help us build a home for a widow*

*and her children. Also bring your silent auction items and be prepared to bid high to help recent Tornado Victims. And don't forget \$ for SEED which helps women all over the world provide for their families.*

*Reaching Farther!*

**Annual Conference  
May 18-19  
Wilmore FMC**

Attention Treasures, Delegates and Youth Workers breakout sessions are being plan just for you so be sure to come. Your pastors have all the details on cost housing and reservation information.

**Who wants the best marriage ever?**

**Marriage on The Rock Retreat  
May 3-4**

**Deer Ridge Lodge**

**\$125/couple**

**Contact Lloyd & Debbie Lewis to register. (618) 267-7419**

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## Holiness for me

### Part II

Is there really more to talk about, is holiness a big enough topic to spend another five minutes reading about it. Holiness is big enough to spend the rest of our lives learning and living it.

I recently read a devotional on 2 Chronicles 7:14. The Lord spoke to King Solomon and told him if you want to fix your homes, first fix your heart. In fact the Lord tells Solomon to tell the people to get their hearts right and He will hear from Heaven and heal their land.

This is "Holiness for Me." It would seem to reason that, if their land needs healing, that God would have told Solomon to have the people fix the problem or at least pray for others. But God tells Solomon to tell the people to seek his face and turn from their wicked ways. I think this is holiness, seeking God and do what He says.

This is maybe way over simplified, but I think we have over legislated holiness to a place where rules become our focus and our way to God (Wow, even writing this, it sounds way off).

God wants you and me, our hearts, our minds, He wants us. From the beginning He asks us not to put anything before Him. He wants this place in our lives and when we give Him that place and live out that relationship, it's holiness.

God could have told the Israelites not to dance or don't go to movies ☺ (you know what I mean). He could have

left them under the law. But we were made for more than that, we were made to be in relationship with Jesus, not in relationship with the law.

I live in Tennessee where I found the most unusual speed limit sign, it says "resume safe speed." What in the world does that mean? I have to consider the road conditions, the curves, my own ability, the other drivers ability, even the condition of the car. It would be a lot easier for them just to tell me what speed I should not exceed. No, they put me in relationship. (We consider all the other stuff when we see a speed limit sign, don't we?)

*2 Chronicles 7:14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*

For more read 2 Corinthians 3:7-18

Ron Balzer, Superintendent New South Conference

**Come join us at  
Annual Conference  
for the Missions  
Break Out Session**

America has been called the Land of Opportunity. We talk about 'windows of opportunity', and NASA even named the Mars space rover Opportunity. It is almost a synonym of the word freedom since if it weren't a choice, it could hardly be called an opportunity. So I want to thank Supt. Ron for giving me the opportunity to direct one of the breakout sessions at this year's annual conference and invite you to come. When faced with an opportunity, we often ask, "What's in it for me?" Good question! Entitled, What in the World I Can Do, the group will share ideas they have and discuss things we can do in the future at both local and conference levels with regard to missions. Although it's such an enormous task, it is exciting to see how lives are being changed around the world because of the power of the gospel. Since reaching out to the nations is a tremendous opportunity dear to God's heart, I hope you can join us! **Lois Huff, NSC missions promoter**

**Praise & Prayer Requests**

**Congratulations to Pastor Randy & Alisha Scarborough (Scarborough Memorial, Harriman TN) on the birth of their daughter Melessia Lynn Feb. 3, 8lbs 4.3 oz**



**Freedom Sunday Reports**

**Pastor Kevin McAmis, Heartland FMC, Greeneville TN** - We participated in Freedom Sunday and raised \$160, more importantly eyes were opened. Most of my church had no clue of what is going on outside the town of Greeneville. Most people were shocked to hear that slavery exists right here in America. I think it will open some doors and we committed to pray for this ministry.

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**Mark your Calenders**

**April 11- 15** Fairview FMC  
Gainesboro, TN Revival meetings w/  
Evangelist Arthur Yates

**April 13-14** Bratchers Cross Roads  
FMC, Yard Sale for Missions 9a-4p

**April 27-29** Ladies Spring Retreat,  
Gatlinburg, TN

**May 4-5** Marriage Retreat, Deer Ridge  
Lodge, Bowling Green KY- contact  
Lloyd & Debbie Lewis for info. (618)  
267-7419.

**2012 New South Annual  
Conference  
May 18th & 19th  
Wilmore FMC  
1200 Lexington Rd.  
Wilmore Kentucky**

**ALL NEW BREAKOUTS**

- Pastor's - Best Practices for Momentum (Nuts & bolts for every church)
- Delegates - Roles & Responsibilities (I was elected by the church, now what?)
- Treasures - Best Practices & Q&A (Practices, policies & please don'ts.)
- Missions - What in the World Can I Do? (Raising missions awareness in my church.)

**All are invited to attend.**  
Contact your pastor for cost housing and reservation information.

**Gear up for Eagle Ridge Camps:**  
June 6-10 Family Camp  
June 17-24 Teen Camp  
July 2-6 Kids Camp