

New South

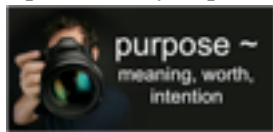
Reaching across Kentucky, Tennessee, the Carolinas & the world, partnering and supporting ministries to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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Aug 27 - Eagle Ridge Workday

What a great way to serve with your family. Spend Friday night at the camp or come out in the morning, but join us and work til lunch or later if you choose, but join us.

Aug 31 "On Purpose Report"
Ends 2nd trimester, reports due by Sept 30



Blank reports can be received by email from Supt. Ron

Sept 9-11 Pastors Enrichment, ER

New South Pastors are invited/expected to attend. Join us at Eagle Ridge as we are enriched by the Mission Society and as our world gets a little smaller and our reach gets a little wider.



Sept 16-17 FMX Young Adult Event
Glenstone Lodge
Gatlinburg, TN
Check us out on Facebook @ FMX

Oct 7-8 Mustering of the Men @ Eagle Ridge

Oct 28-30 Teen Fall Retreat @ Eagle Ridge

Nov 4-6 Fall Women's Retreat @ Eagle Ridge

GC11: What People Are Saying!

General Conference was inspiring and challenging to me. The ministry group sessions were helpful in that we heard from one another and the Lord, identifying areas of strength and weakness in our churches, conference and denomination. In gatherings like these, we are blessed to remember that we are not alone – that many more Free Methodists are out there and doing good for the Kingdom of God. Praise the Lord! **Daryl Diddle, Clergy Delegate, Pastor Wilmore FMC**

Of the many wonderful experiences of GC11, I want to share a 'chance' encounter with Neddie Dengili. As I stepped out of the conference center Saturday morning, I noticed a beautiful young woman dressed in native Kenyan garb approaching me. For some reason we began a conversation only to find out that she was the wife of our Kenyan Bishop and that her passion was working with abused children and widows. "I have found that widows make the best adoptive parents for abused children," she told me, "because they understand pain and loss."

Several months ago because of a newsletter from our missionary to Kenya, Debbie Hogeboom, our church here in Murphy had taken an offering for widows in Kenya, for whom native tradition requires that they go to live with their dead husband's brother --becoming virtual slaves. I shared this with Neddie and her eyes grew bright, "You were that church!" she exclaimed.

Of the 1500 some Free Methodists in New York, God allowed me to meet her, and now I look forward to sharing this with our church on Sunday! God is good. **Lois Huff, Lay-Delegate, Murphy FMC**

Walking, walking, walking, so many steps, but a journey requires movement, and a journey is what we are on. GC11 was especially challenging to me as I heard so many voices echoing the same ideas. As we prepared, we prayed and listened and in a united voice we heard God's call to the Free Methodist Church to rise up. First, to raise the bar for our leaders, equipping, encouraging and inspiring. Next, to increase our reach to the poor in Spirit. Now this sounds like the same message we have heard in the past, but this was somehow different. It was on the hearts and voices of the masses. I think we heard it from the Father, and we listened. The time is now! Get ready for the journey and take the steps. **Ron Balzer, Clergy Delegate, Superintendent New South Conference**

Missions Focus

We enjoyed meeting **Dr. Ken Kaufman and wife Linda** at family camp in June. They have served in Africa most of their adult lives and are now building partnerships in order to serve with the **Free Methodist Church in Iraq**. Many here in the US are pledging \$20 a month as well as prayer support. Would this be a good project for your family, your small group, or your Sunday School class to help serve the Lord in this fledgling democracy where we currently have much opportunity?

Quick quiz!

Q: How many Free Methodists are currently in Iraq?

A: Over a hundred.

Q: How can Ken and Linda be effective in Iraq without speaking Arabic?

A: Since there is only 1 medical doctor in Iraq serving thousands of people, opening a clinic is a most effective way to draw people to our church.

Q: What can you do that might make a huge difference in an Arabic country?

A: Pray for God to lead you into a conversation with a Muslim who lives near you and that an opportunity is given to share why Christianity meets the human need better than Islam. (Study how to do this if you have never learned.) Should this person then be led to go to a Muslim country and share the gospel, he or she could be very effective.

Lois Huff, NSC missions promoter

Praise the Father for His goodness to us!

In June, **Morgantown's, Good News**

Community Center had a community Pig Roast & Auction to raise funds for their walking path they are developing. **Gene & Connie Poole** reported "Greetings from 4 very tired people along with several helpers from the area who pitched in to serve, from

sing and supervise different areas. We had a great time with 95-100 people attending. We had over 100 items to auction. Banks, business', and individuals from the area donated items. We raised \$2838, and will receive a \$2500 matched by Modern Woodmen of America, giving us **\$5338** towards the completion of the walking path. God is good and we are rejoicing.

**FMX - NSC Young Adults
eXtremely different,
eXtremely devoted,
eXtremely driven**

September 16-17, 2011

Speakers: Dustin Morris
& Andrea Tinsley

\$74*/night

To register please send your \$25* non-refundable registration fee by August 16th to Kasey Tinsley 510 W Margaret Dr. Wilmore, KY 40390 make checks payable to NSC

*Each room can sleep up to four people. The more people you room with the cheaper your lodging cost. Please include all roommate requests upon registration. The \$25 registration fee is in addition to your cost for Lodging.

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Coming Events, Mark your Calenders

Now - The harvest fields are ripe
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Feb 3-4, 2012 Pastors & Spouses
Retreat @ Cumberland Falls SP
Soon - Jesus is coming back

FMYC2012 formerly IYC

Check out the website for FMYC2012-**The Beloved Conference!!!** It will be next summer on the East Coast--- Drexel University. **July 2-7th (that's right you'll celebrate 4th in Philly, Freedom Hall, Liberty Bell)** Registration opens in August. Here is the site: <http://www.fmyc2012.org>

FMC Celebrating 150 years

Our denomination is 150 years old! General Conference 2011 brought us a new name. **Free Methodist Church North America** is now **Free Methodist Church USA**.

We have an all new website FMCUSA.org Check it out as well as the General Conference website GC11.org for exciting news, videos, updates and so much more.

It is with great honor to welcomed back for another four years our **Bishops Matt Thomas, David Kendall and David Roller**. These are wonderful men of God. Pray for their continued blessing as they lead the FMC USA. Pray for guidance, wisdom, and discernment.