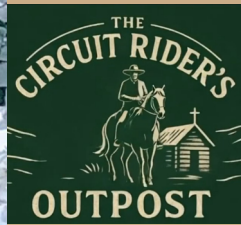


Southern Methodist College

May Newsletter 2026

Sorry about the delay in getting this newsletter out. We attended the 2026 General Conference of The Southern Methodist Church during the first full week of May. The spirit of the conference was great because the Lord was uplifted in both the worship and the business sessions.



As most of you know, Dr. Napier is helping with media productions, and we took advantage of having students and alumni of Southern Methodist College by interviewing a few for the Circuit Rider's Outpost podcast. We interviewed Rev. Timothy Shapley, a Southern Methodist College alumni. Rev. Charles Hines and Rev. Chad Peterson described their current studies at Southern Methodist College. We also interviewed Rev. Bob Waites, the outgoing Vice-President of the Alabama, Florida, Georgia Conference of The Southern Methodist Church. We just posted the Shapley interview.

The others will be coming out over the next few weeks.

Last month we introduced our new English instructor, Mrs. Michelle Lazurek. This month we will introduce you to Dr. Kevin Short. Kevin Short lives with his wife and family in Kentucky. He has earned degrees from Bob Jones University (B.A., M.A., M.A., M. Div.). He holds a Master of Theology in Christian Philosophy from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Ph. D. in Philosophy of Religion from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society, the Evangelical Philosophical Society, and the American Philosophical Society. He has published in the *Answers in Genesis Research Journal* and has just self-published a book titled, "Why Christianity?" You may find this work on Amazon if you like. Please be sure to welcome him into our faculty.



Please pray for Missy Magers. She is recuperating well from knee surgery, but her husband, Dan Magers, had a heart attack the week after General Conference. Doctors determined that he did not need surgery and are monitoring his heart over the next few weeks. Many of you will know Dan as the Leading Layman of the Eastern Annual Conference and General Conference.

Reese Daniel will be submitting applications to SPIN and CHATLOS for grants. Once this task is completed, we will begin working on compiling the data and information we need to create the documents needed for applying for accreditation.

This week Dr. Moses Boosa and I talked about the possibility of Southern Methodist College working with Word India and the Nineni Theological Institute in India. If the Association of Biblical Higher Education accredits Southern Methodist College, our ability to work with our brothers in India would be enhanced. This relationship could require some modifications to our current offerings by creating a Bachelor of Theology and a Master of Divinity. I am excited about this possibility. Please pray about the futures of Southern Methodist College and the Nineni Theological Institute and the Lord's will in this matter.

There will not be a July newsletter because I will be traveling to the four Annual Conferences of The Southern Methodist Church. Pray for traveling mercies not only for me but also for all the delegates and ministers who will also be traveling.

Pray with us as we seek to train Christians to serve God and His Church.