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Minnesota Seniors Enjoying the Second Half of Life!

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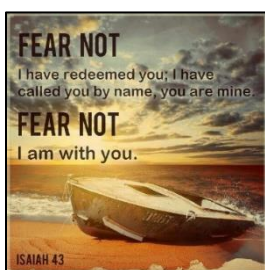
A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR - I trust you had a delightful Christmas with friends and family. Now a new year presents itself to us. While the world is becoming a scary place, we have the confidence that God is with us. We continue to schedule events this year. Our next event is the Spring Luncheon which will be held on Saturday, April 23rd at Cedar Valley Church. Our special musical guests will be Sweetwater Revival (Flyer enclosed) You will enjoy their gospel music. The bus tour to the Ark Encounter is filling up fast. The senior luncheon during family camp is scheduled for Tuesday, July 5th. MN Asst. Superintendent Doug Graham will be our speaker. Our Fall Retreat is scheduled for September 8 - 10. I hope you will join us for these events. Support your local seniors ministry as well.

ONE OF THE GREATEST, IF NOT 'THE' GREATEST THING you can do for others is to pray for them, especially your children and grandchildren. Several months ago, I attended a "Grandparent Legacy" conference where the emphasis was on beginning a grandparenting ministry in local churches. These are springing up all across the country. The ministry is not only **for** grandparents, but more importantly, it is designed for grandparents to minister **to others**. We have enjoyed a lifetime of church services, Bible studies and Christian fellowship. Now in our golden years we can use the knowledge we have gained to minister to younger generations in practical ways. One special thing I took away from this conference was the importance of grandparents supporting their children and grandchildren. There are many ways to do this, of course, but a simple note or text; just to say 'Hi, *thinking of you*' or "Grandma is praying for you," or "Grandpa loves you" can be an encouragement to them. Letting them know that they are in our thoughts will be a positive step in developing a loving relationship with them. After the conference I texted several of my grandkids telling them that "I was thinking of you today and prayed for you." What a thrill to get a text back from them saying, "Thank you, grandpa, I love you too."



A handout at the conference listed ways we can pray for our children and grandchildren. I received permission to duplicate the enclosed handout and send it to you. Use it to remind you to pray for those precious children and grandchildren. The world in which they are growing up is far different than the one you and I grew up in. They certainly need our prayers! "The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results." (James 5:16 LB) You will be hearing more about a grandparent ministry in the near future.

- Bruce Talso



THE YEARS 2020 - 2021 with the Coronavirus pandemic have certainly been unlike any other years, haven't they? Or... have they? The H2N2 avian influenza A virus killed millions worldwide in the 1950s, and several strains followed triggering a pandemic. One of those strains, the Dk/HK391/79 virus, classified as having a high pandemic potential, was isolated in 1979 from a duck in Hong Kong. New diseases have emerged throughout human history, including two other coronavirus outbreaks in the last two decades: SARS and MERS. So, for those of us who have lived through these past several decades, we are well aware of the fulfillment of Jesus's words when He said that in the last days, "nations will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places." Matthew 24:7 (The

coronaviruses are just a portion of the pestilences we have seen. According to 'theguardian.com' the world as a whole has not been at peace since a very brief period in 1914. Famines have encapsulated the globe, and earthquakes have been felt on every corner of planet Earth.) We "seniors" have seen all of these things for many years; and, as blood-bought, Spirit-filled Christians, we are **not fearful, but faithful** and excited to see God's word being fulfilled. With a "peace that passes understanding" we echo John's words, found in Revelation 22:20, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." If there has ever been a time when we should be telling our friends, relatives, business associates (past and present) and neighbors of the rapture of the church - it is today. May those who come behind us find us **faithful, not fearful!** - Dr. Ray James (Dr. James is a 2nd Half Ministry supporter from the Potomac District A/G)

GREAT SENIOR RESOURCES - VISIT OUR WEB PAGE

mnaog.org/2ndhalf Helpful information for all Seniors - Check us out!



Interested in beginning a senior's ministry or, do you want to give your present ministry a little more zip? Then send for the 35 – page manual "Taking Your Senior Ministry to the Next Level" authored by Dr. Ray James of the Potomac District. Great ideas are included on how to begin and maintain a dynamic senior's ministry in your church. We will mail you a copy by your request to **2nd Half Ministries, PO Box 43953, Minneapolis MN 55443.**

NO LONGER WISH TO RECEIVE OUR MAILINGS?

Or would you like to receive them by e-mail?

Notify us by writing to: MN 2nd Half Ministries, PO Box 43953, Minneapolis MN 55443

Or by email at: 2ndhalf@comcast.net Thank you!

I AM BUILDING A LIST OF 'SPARK PLUGS'



These are friends who will be the 'go to' person for me to keep in touch with the local church level for the purpose of developing and invigorating the senior ministry in your church. Might that be you? If so, contact me at brucetalso@comcast.net or write me at PO Box 43953, Minneapolis MN 55443. Thank you!

MUSIC FOR THE MASTER PRESENTS



The Booth Brothers in Concert

Saturday, March 19 @ 3:00 pm
At Constance Evangelical Free Church
16150 Crosstown Blvd NW - Andover
Reserved tickets are \$25 (\$30 artist circle)
Buy tickets online / musicforthemaster.com
or call 651 – 638 – 6333

FEEDBACK.....

To those who attended the "Mourning to Morning" groups at the retreat last fall, Pastor Kampfi and I would like to thank you for taking time to attend our workshops. We hope our sessions helped you. If you need prayer or would like to connect for any reason do not hesitate to call me at 763-425-7515 - Linda Enno

SPRING TOUR TO THE ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM MAY 2022

As of this writing, 45 friends have signed up for our bus tour to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in May. If you are seriously thinking of joining us, you need to get your reservation in



ASAP! The flyer we included in our last mailing will give you the information you need. If you have disposed of it, simply send a check in the amount of \$100 for each traveler - marked "ARK" to secure your reservation. Send it to our address indicated on the heading of our newsletter. You will then be placed on a list to receive further information and itinerary for the trip. Pictured here are our travelers from 2017. We would love to include you this year!

THANK YOU LADIES OF SUMMIT CHURCH!



The ladies of Summit Church in St Paul help us with stuffing and labeling 1,000 envelopes for each mailing. We appreciate their help. During our last mailing former MN Superintendent, Clarence St. John even pitched it!

"TRUE BLUE"

This term was once identified with the blue cloth that was produced at Coventry, England during the Middle Ages. The town's Dexters (those who dye cloth) had a reputation for producing cloth that didn't fade with washing, that is, it remained 'fast' or 'true'. This 'true blue' expression eventually became a term that identified a person who was always the same, one who was 'steadfast' or 'unwavering.' This reminds us of 1 Cor. 15:58 - "Therefore, my beloved brethren be ye steadfast, unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord." As we enter a new year let us determine to be **"TRUE BLUE in '22."** Our unwavering dedication to serving God has great blessings and wonderful rewards! A blessed New Year to you and yours!

