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Minnesota Seniors Enjoying the Second Half of Life!

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR - We want to highlight two spring events. The first being our annual spring luncheon which was held on April 23 at Cedar Valley Church in Bloomington. The second was the Ark Encounter bus tour enjoyed by 51 of our friends, May 9 -13. Dan Parotti, one of our 2nd Half committee members gives us his report on the luncheon below. A short report on the Ark trip follows. Our next event will be our 2nd Half Ministry luncheon during family camp at Lake Geneva

Christian Center on **Tuesday, July 5 at noon**. Special discounted meal tickets will be available. Doug Graham, our Minnesota Assistant Superintendent will be our speaker and Todd and Brenda Marshall who serve as our District Worship Arts Directors, will be our musicians. I hope you will plan to join us this year!



Rev. Doug Graham



Todd & Brenda Marshall

On a personal note, my wife and I were involved in an automobile accident on April 20th while on our way to midweek Bible study. The accident was quite serious, and we thank God for sparing us from greater injury than what we sustained. We are healing slowly, trusting God to complete the healing. Thank you for your love and prayers.

Bruce Talso

District Seniors Luncheon Highlight – by Dan Parotti

What a wonderful time we had at the District Seniors Spring Luncheon this year! Sadly, due to a car accident, our Director Pastor Bruce Talso and his wife Yvonne were unable to join us. We thank God that they are doing much better. Yvonne is out of the hospital, and both are recovering well at home.



I want to give a special thanks to **Jeff Kerr**, Lead Pastor of Homestead Church in Farmington. What a fresh blessing to have Pastor Jeff attend our luncheon and lead us in worship. We then heard testimonies



from **Pastor Chris Delaurentis**, of the Life Center in Minneapolis and **Missionary Don Gallagher**, who is home from Turkey, itinerating. Both men are wonderful examples of making a difference for the kingdom of God. We also took time to honor **Harold Kamppi** as our **'Faithful Servant of the Year.'** His lifelong commitment to active ministry and encouraging others in Jesus is an inspiring testimony for all of us. At 91, he still continues to serve in ministry.

Men from MN Adult and Teen Challenge were with us again. After serving our delicious meal, the choir took to the stage and sang two uplifting and beautiful songs. One of the men shared how the birth of his son caused him to reassess his responsibilities as a father, giving his life over to Jesus and seek sobriety through Teen Challenge. All were moved as he shared of being set free, and the difference Christ had made in his life. Praise God! The usual Teen Challenge offering taken at the end of our luncheon amounted to **\$2,038!** Thank you for your generosity! After the offering, our Special Guests, **Sweet Water Revival** blessed us with 10 of their best southern gospel hits. It's no wonder they're considered one of the best female southern gospel groups and a 10 Time Nominee for Female Group of the Year! **Amy, Katie, Lisa, and Nichole** – We can't thank you enough! About 180 seniors enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of worship, testimony, good food and encouraging fellowship!



"Thank you, Dan, for facilitating the spring luncheon in my absence." - Bruce Talso

CREATION MUSEUM / ARK ENCOUNTER BUS TOUR



What a great time we had on our recent bus tour to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter, May 9 – 13. The Creation Museum was amazing as was the Ark Encounter. These sites bring to life the scriptures we have read so often. The road time was great also. We had anointed devotions each morning led by **Pastors Bob and Judy Holmbeck** followed by a time of prayer for safety and healing. Our wonderful bus driver, Allen and his tour guide wife, Naomi kept us busy with videos and games, stopping often for coffee breaks. Our hotels were superb, supplying us with good food for breakfast and supper each day. On our return trip we stopped in Springfield, IL to visit the Abraham Lincoln home. Our feet have recovered, and we are ready to go again! A possible Christmas tour to Branson, Missouri in November is being considered. Watch for an announcement on this. We hope to see you join us for another great travelling experience!



Esther Sigvertsen, Traveler, and 2nd Half Ministry Committee Member.

Other tour comments:

"I enjoyed the tour and the inspiration of the Creation Museum and the Ark. The impressive part of it all was the intense love of God and His order"

"Our driver and tour guide were super!"

"Well organized trip – Devotions with Pastor Holmbeck were an added blessing."

"We have been on other bus tours, but none have been as fun as this one! Glad it was a Christian atmosphere."

"It was a wonderful trip! I looked forward to it for months and am glad I came."

"Allen, our driver was congenial, helpful, and kind with a great sense of humor. The color of the bus was great (bright green) easy to see. The overall tour was excellent!"

"My favorite was the Ark. Abe's place was a favorite too!"

GRANDPARENT LEGACY COALITION

In just a few years Legacy Coalition has seen thousands of Christian grandparents find purpose; having a greater spiritual impact on their grandchildren's lives. This ministry has the largest source of grandparenting resources available and is rapidly growing in its influence to equip local churches to begin grandparenting ministries. **2nd Half Ministry is pleased to sponsor a Legacy Coalition workshop during family camp and our Fall Retreat in September.** Check out 'legacycoalition.com' to find out more information about this growing ministry. Monday evening webinars are also now available beginning at 7 pm CDT on their website.

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Do you want to begin a seniors ministry in your church, or give your present ministry a little more zip?

We invite you to send for the 35 – page manual "**2ND Half Ministries**" authored by Dr. Ray James of the A/G Potomac District. We will mail you a copy by your request to **MN 2nd Half Ministry, PO Box 43953, Minneapolis MN 55443.**



It's been said that if I have an idea, and you have an idea, we each have an idea. But if we share our idea with each other, then each of us has TWO ideas!

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEAYOU CAN SHARE WITH OTHERS?

Give our readers an idea of what you might be using in your church in ministering to seniors.

Send your idea to 2nd Half Ministries, PO Box 43953, Minneapolis MN 55443 or email us at mn2ndhalf@gmail.com mn2ndhalf@gmail.com



WORKING WITH 'BOOMERS'?

Bruce Schoeman, Encore Pastor at the Willmar A/G focuses primarily with this age group. (Ages 57 – 75) He is interested in those who might also be working with this age group.

If you are, contact him at his email: pastorbruce@willmarag.org