



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Minnesota Seniors Enjoying the Second Half of Life!

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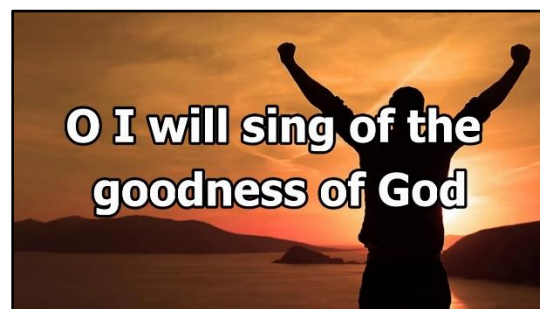


A Note from the Director - Well, here we are, approaching the end of 2022. I trust it was a good year for you and your family. Back in April, Yvonne and I experienced an auto accident while we were on our way to our Wednesday Night Bible study. I am pleased to announce that we have mended and have now resumed our regular schedule of activities. During these last six months, I have gained a new appreciation of the **Goodness of God**, and the song by that name. While I had heard the song before, it has now become a very special testimony song to me. When I look back at this past year and, certainly, at all the years of my life, I can truly relate to the words of this song. I am grateful for God's goodness to me and our family! Here are the words of "The Goodness of God" produced by Bethel Music. (You can hear the song on YouTube. I see that there have been over 7 million 'hits' by people listening to this inspirational song, from all over the world) As seniors this can be a testimony song for each of us!

*I love You, Lord - For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up, Until I lay my head,
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.*

*I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire.
In the darkest night, You are close like no other,
I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend,
And I have lived in the goodness of God*

*And all my life You have been faithful, - And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able, - I will sing of the goodness of God.*



I would like to introduce two new members of our 2nd Half Committee to you – **Jim and Mary Beth Olson**. Both are very involved in their church – the Life Assembly Church in Maple Grove. We are pleased that they have decided to join our committee. In a recent meeting, our discussion centered on how we can reach out to more of our Minnesota seniors. Jim and Mary Beth are well acquainted with the Internet and so our discussion became more interesting when they introduced the possibility of setting up a Facebook page and enhancing our web page to keep in touch with existing friends and bring along some new friends. I asked Mary Beth to write something up for our newsletter, which she has done. So read on.....here is her article.

- Bruce Talso



Jim & Mary Beth Olson

What would it be like if more people over 50 years old, who attend AG churches in Minnesota knew about our "2nd Half Ministry" and the wonderful retreats, events, and fellowship that we offer? I have a feeling that if the

word got out, interest would grow, and we would experience a revival of sorts in this ministry and in our local churches.

After meeting with the Second Half Leadership Team this past month, we discussed how very important it is for us to have more of an online presence. This will ensure good communication, as well as reach out and help us get our younger seniors interested in what is happening. For this reason, we will be busy creating our very own MN AG 2nd

Half Ministries Facebook page! On it we will be able to communicate the various activities that are happening in our group, list prayer needs, post pictures of our events, and enjoy encouraging scripture verses to build us up! This will also give us the opportunity to get to know each other, so that when we do attend an 'in person' event, we will know each other! So, be watching for an invitation in the coming weeks to join us on Facebook! I am looking forward to meeting all my fellow "Second Halfers!" *Mary Beth Olson, Care Pastor, Life Assembly Church, Maple Grove, Mn*

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email us at mn2ndhalf@gmail.com*

Since we are not planning a 2nd Half Ministry Christmas event this year, we thought you might consider some other events for your holiday celebration. Registration should be done directly with these events.



"I Heard the Bells" is the inspiring true story behind the beloved Christmas carol and its author, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. The film is being shown in various theaters in your area. Check the Internet for locations and times. The film is being shown on **December 1, 3, 4 only**. Perhaps your church senior's group could make

this a Christmas event by attending together, or you could attend with your family. More information can be found at "I heardthebellsmovie.com"

Emmanuel Christian Center Christmas Luncheon

TIME OF YOUR LIFE

Christmas Lunch

COST: \$30.00 per person

DATE: Thursday, December 8th, 2022

TIME: 12:00pm

LOCATION: BANQUETS OF MINNESOTA
6310 HWY 65 NE FRIDLEY, MN. 55432

RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE EMMANUELCC.ORG/EVENTS OR
CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE 763.784.7777.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS NOVEMBER 29!




MINNESOTA GOSPEL OPRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday, December 17, 5:00 pm

At Crossroads Church

17671 Glacier Way - Lakeville

Tickets (\$20 – \$45) are available

through iTickets.com or by

Phone 800-965-9324

**For more information
call 952-292-3126 or visit
www.MinnesotaGospelOpry.com**

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!

SENIORS ON THE GO!

Our Minnesota seniors enjoyed a delightful Branson Christmas bus tour Nov. 9-14. In addition to seeing "The Miracle of Christmas" at the Sight and Sound Theater, we were treated to six other Christmas shows. Upon returning we were welcomed with some Minnesota cold and snow!



A REPORT ON THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD NATIONAL SENIORS' CONFERENCE – Branson, September 8-11, 2022, by Larry Hale

Bernice and I along with some very special friends, MaryJo and Gene Strande, had the privilege of attending the National Senior Adult Ministries Conference in Branson. Here are MaryJo & Gene's reflections:

"This was the first time my husband and I attended the Senior Adult Conference, and we really enjoyed it. We were not familiar with all the speakers and singers but were impressed with them and their message. As seniors, we sometimes feel we have done our 'jobs', raised our family, served in the church, lived well, and now we can 'relax'. We came away with a very different message! We have a lot of work yet to do. Our families need us to encourage, motivate and support them. Our church always needs workers and servers and encouragement as well. We left the conference in energized along with friends and new people in our lives feeling, that together we are still a big part of the Body of Christ who have an obligation along with the opportunity to not only our families but to continuously reach the lost. Thanks for all the work that went into making this weekend special and for the impact it had on me and my husband"

We joined seniors from across the nation. It was a time of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and wonderful worship. Among the four general sessions, the speakers were Rick DuBose, Asst. Superintendent, Ruthie Edgerly Oberg an ordained AG minister, Wes Bartel the retiring National Senior Adults Ministry Leader, and the newly appointed Leaders Bob and Sherilyn Cook. Each of these sessions had a similar focus: 1) May all those who come behind us find us **FAITHFUL**. 2). May they find us **THRIVING**. 3) May they find us **BEARING FRUIT**, even in our old age!

A statement quoted from Dick Brogden, Veteran AG World Missionary is well worth repeating: "How depressing is the grumpy veteran, but oh how glorious and gladdening is the scarred-up man or women who limps into the room, but leaps in the light. When a veteran of Jesus-centered living is unaware and oblivious to their obvious wounds, they rub joy on all they meet. The next Senior Adult Ministries Conference sponsored by the Assemblies of God National Office will be in September 2024. We highly recommend you consider attending. You won't be disappointed.