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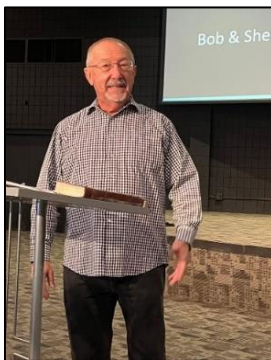
“Encouraging Minnesota Seniors to Pray, Serve and be a Light to this Generation”
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A Note from the Director – Another year has slipped by quickly. I trust it was a good year for you and yours. 2nd Half Ministries has had a busy year. Many of you have participated. Thank You! A quick recap of our events – Spring luncheon in April – Senior luncheon at family camp – Alton Garrison was our speaker. Bus tour to Branson for the National Senior Adult Conference in early September, concluding with our fall retreat at Lake Geneva Christian Center in late September. The Benson Family blessed us with some great music, and Bob Cook and his wife Sherilyn were our featured speakers. Bob is the National A/G Seniors Ministries Director. Many good comments on this retreat. We missed many of you!

Bruce Talso, Director



The Benson Family Singers



Bob Cook



Refreshing time around the altar

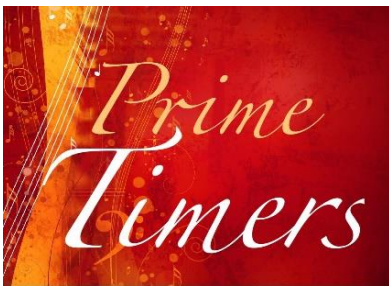
We introduced you to our new “QR” code in our last newsletter. Use your phone camera to scan the code and you will be taken directly to our ministry web page where you can see events, newsletters and senior resources. It is not difficult!



We have encouraged you to consider starting a grandparent ministry in your church. We are hearing that several churches in Minnesota have already done this. As older saints of God, we are called upon to pass along our faith and practice on to generations behind us, especially our own grandchildren. We appreciated Bob Cook taking the time to pray for our grandchildren in one of our retreat sessions. We took a count of grandchildren represented by those in the congregation – we came up with 435! Bob led us in prayer. What a great sound; hearing our seniors praying audibly for their grandchildren! This is something we need to do on a regular basis. Another thought – text your children and grandchildren and tell them you love them and that you are praying for them. What an exhilarating feeling to get a response from them! Here is a resource to help you get started with a grandparenting ministry – or just to assist you in supporting your own grandchildren. They have a great web page of resources!

The LEGACY COALITION has the largest source of Grandparenting resources available and is rapidly growing to equip local churches to begin grandparenting ministries. Its purpose is to foster a greater spiritual impact in the lives of our grandchildren. Find out more about this ministry by going to Legacycoalition.com. There are also free Monday night webinars that feature aspects of grandparenting that you will find helpful. That address is GrandMondayNights.com

A good example of a local grandparenting ministry comes to us from the Waters Church in Sartell. See their report on the back of this newsletter



The Prime Timers Seniors at The Waters church in Sartell helped launch the Intentional Grandparenting life group in 2022. Marie Schutz is the leader of this group which meets once a month on a Saturday morning. The group includes amazing young and older grandparents. Marie and a young grandparent, Brian Majaski, had a vision of planning an event for area grandparents with Dr. Josh Mulvihill as the speaker. Dr. Mulvihill is the Director of Church and Family Ministry at "Renew A Nation" and is the author or editor of ten books on grandparenting. Brian and Marie reached out to a local Grandparenting Collaborative and to other churches who came alongside them to help with the event

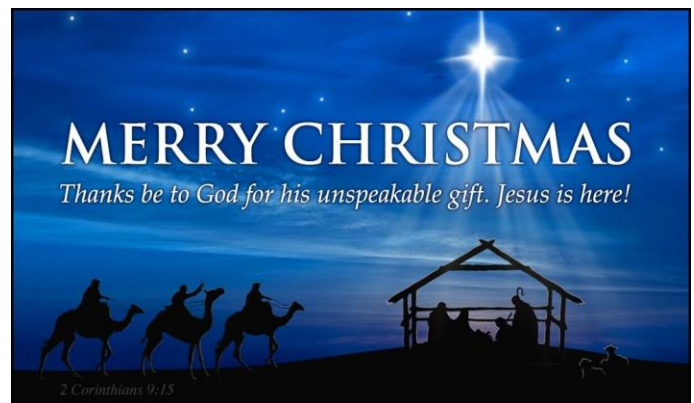
on October 4, 2024. "The Remnant" as the event was called, refers to Romans 11:5 (NIV) which speaks of the 7000 faithful who would not bow a knee to Baal (the worldview of that day.) The topics addressed by Dr. Mulvihill were "**Understanding the Biblical Role of Grandparents,**" and "**Why Every Child and Grandchild Needs a Biblical World View**". We are so grateful to Brian and Marie as well as the more than 25 volunteers from 8 area churches who made this event happen! It is the hope of the planners to promote future events which encourage both Christian parents and grandparents to share their faith and legacy to future generations. May we allow the Holy Spirit to move in our lives and empower us to bring our children and grandchildren to a Biblical Worldview as well as a much deeper faith in Christ

Mary & Vern Lathe - Prime Timers, The Waters Church



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**" written by

Dr. Ray James of the Potomac A/G District. We will mail you a free copy at your request to "**MN 2nd Half Ministry, 1315 Portland Avenue, Minneapolis MN 55404.**"



**2024
2nd Half Ministries
Legacy Scholarship Project**

The Minnesota School of Ministry (MNSOM) is a part of a nationwide Assemblies of God ministry to help men and women 18 or older answer the call of God on their lives for ministry. **We are inviting you to share financial gifts to assist MNSOM in providing scholarships to those interested in seeking ministerial credentials.** The enclosed brochure will give you more information on this ministry and how to give. **We urge you to bless this Minnesota Ministry with your year-end gift now.** You can use their QR Code on the back of their brochure for a convenient online contribution, or send a check to MNSOM, 1315 Portland Ave. So, Minneapolis MN 55404. Thank you!

Our 2nd Half Ministries leadership team would like to extend its warm wishes for a blessed Christmas season to you and your families.

- Bruce & Yvonne Talso, Directors
- Troy Fields
- Larry & Bernice Hale
- Marty & Cheryl Heller
- Jan Hintz
- Jim & Mary Beth Olson
- Dan Parotti
- Esther Sigvertsen



- Saturday, April 12 - Spring Luncheon / Cedar Valley Church
- May 12-16 - Ark Encounter / Creation Museum Bus tour
- September 4-6 - Fall Retreat – Lake Geneva Christian Center
- Fall foliage tour – Northern Minnesota – Date to be determined



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