



SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

"Encouraging Minnesota Seniors to Pray, Serve and be a Light to this Generation"
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A Note from the Director - Our 2nd Half seniors have been active this summer! During Family Camp we enjoyed our senior's luncheon. Rev. Alton Garrison was our speaker. We always appreciate his ministry! On August 10th 63 seniors had a delightful 4-hour cruise out of St Paul on the Mississippi River. We had great weather, beautiful scenery and great fellowship!



Seniors on the Go! – September 2-7, 19 of our Minnesota seniors enjoyed a bus tour to Branson, MO for the Assemblies of God National Seniors' Conference. In addition to the conference, we enjoyed the presentation of "Esther" at the Sight and Sound Theater and one another musical gospel show. We got in some sightseeing and of course shopping!. Over 850 attended the conference from 37 different states and 2 foreign countries.

Our next event will be the Fall Retreat which will be held at Lake Geneva Christian Center in Alexandria, Sept.30 – Oct 2. **There is still time for you to join us!** The retreat folder and registration form are included in this mailing. Please note that all registrations should be sent directly to the camp. Our retreat begins on Monday evening at 7 pm with a musical concert presented by the **Benson Family**. Our retreat continues through Wednesday noon. Four workshops will be available on Tuesday afternoon as well. Rev. Bob Cook, A/G National Seniors Ministry Director will be our speaker. I encourage you to join other Minnesota Seniors for this event. – *Bruce Talso*



We are Introducing our QR code to you - QR Codes are becoming more popular these days. What are they, and how do you use them, you say? Glad you asked! Pictured here is the 2nd Half Ministries QR Code. By using it you will be taken directly to our ministry webpage. Jim Olson, a member of our leadership team, explains its use for us.....

Imagine a QR code like a special kind of barcode, similar to those you might see on groceries, but with more information packed into it. Here's how it works:

- 1. What It Looks Like:** A QR code is a small square with lots of black and white patterns. It might look a bit like a modern art piece, but each part of it has a specific purpose.
- 2. How It Works:** When you use your smartphone camera to look at the QR code, the camera reads the pattern and understands the information inside it. This might be a website link, a phone number, or some other piece of information.
- 3. Using It:** To use a QR code, you simply use your camera (many phones can scan QR codes directly through their camera app). Point the camera at the QR code, and your phone will usually show you a message or take you to a webpage with more information. In short, QR codes are like a digital shortcut that can instantly provide you with information or link you to a website just by scanning with your phone.



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. During 2024, 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.** You can use their QR Code for a convenient online contribution, or send a check to MNSOM, 1315 Portland Ave. So, Minneapolis MN 55404. We seniors want to help support this ministry!

GRANDPARENTING MINISTRY

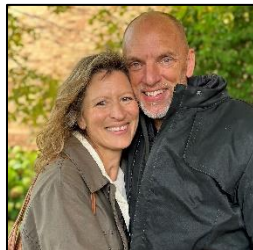
Legacy Coalition is equipping local churches to begin grandparenting ministries. Its purpose is to foster a greater spiritual impact in the lives of our grandchildren. Find out more about this ministry by going to Legacycoalition.com. There are also free Monday night webinars that feature aspects of grandparenting that you will find helpful. That address is GrandMondayNights.com



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 by request to: **MN 2nd Half Ministries, 1315 Portland Ave. So. Minneapolis MN 55404**

YES! YOUNG ENOUGH TO SERVE

Earlier this year, Dan and Shani Parotti became the directors of YES! (Young Enough to Serve). This is a ministry that inspires adults over 55 to engage missionally, and prayerfully, considering ways to serve and make a difference alongside the life of someone younger. Dan and Shani strongly believe that even in our later years, our best and most fulfilling days are always in front of us as we look to use our time, talents and resources to serve, mentor and make disciples. If you'd like more information about YES! or talk more with the Parotti's about this Senior Adult Ministry, call or email them anytime at 612.501.1943. or dan@yestoserve.org.



THE MISSION FIELD IN OUR OWN BACKYARDS

By Chaplain Bill Goodrich
God Cares Ministry

Ever since I started serving in nursing homes, my prayer has been that the Lord would send out more workers to share the Gospel and make disciples in every nursing home. Early on, I sensed the Lord calling me to train such workers, and by His grace, He has enabled God Cares Ministry to train thousands who have served in this mission field. We praise God for the countless residents who have grown closer to Jesus and have been received into His kingdom.

Through the decades, those co-laborers and I have shared in the great joy that Jesus promised in John 15:1-17. Yet, at the same time, there is a gnawing in my heart – a deep longing – because there are still millions of residents passing into eternity without a caring friend to help them find life, hope and peace in Jesus.

Imagine what it would be like to be spending your last days in a nursing home, fearing death because you have no confidence in religion. But then, a humble Christian comes to visit, befriending you and inviting you to look to Jesus for your future.

Imagine that in your despair, this friend helps you to take Jesus' hand, and you begin to experience a peace that you never felt before. Imagine that, in time, you are able to look forward (a little scared, but confident) to passing on into His Kingdom.

This is what is happening in an estimated 3,000 nursing homes in our nation. What a great blessing! Yet, I

believe it is God's will that this would be happening in all 15,000 nursing homes. Therefore, I respectfully urge you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, to prayerfully consider if this is the mission field where Jesus wants you to share His love and Word in your own community.

Nursing home ministry is unique and requires Christians to understand important ministry principles to gain a welcomed presence. God Cares Ministry exists to provide the training and resources to help Christians get started in personal visitation with a few lonely residents and also to help your church adopt a nursing home. You can be part of a growing and flourishing mission field in your own backyard. Visit us at GodCaresMinistry.com to begin learning how you and your church can share Jesus in your own community. May the Lord of the Harvest guide you!

Please Note: "Chaplain Bill will be presenting a workshop during our fall retreat at Lake Geneva. If you would like to find out more about a nursing home ministry out of your local church, I encourage you to attend this workshop." Bruce Talso, 2nd Half Director