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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 – 2025 is underway! Where did 2024 go? It seems like the older we get the faster time goes. In Ephesians 5:16 and Colossians 4:5 Paul reminds us to "Redeem the time." The word 'redeem' is the Greek word exagorazo which describes "buying up the opportunity." Used along with the Greek word for time (Kairos) it describes "making the most of every opportunity, since the opportunity afforded cannot be recalled if missed." It certainly challenges us to use every opportunity God gives us to be active in serving the Lord. May God help us to use the opportunities He was given us wisely. We may be "just older youth" but we have a lot to give to our families, our churches and to society around us.

Yvonne and I were able to attend the A/G Leadership Conference in Branson earlier this month. Several hundred District leaders of the various A/G departments gathered to strategize and share ideas. Senior leaders from thirteen Districts attended our departmental meetings. We were able to share what we were doing in our Districts. We were told that Minnesota was among the leaders in senior ministries in our nation. Also, in the Tuesday evening missions banquet Minnesota was recognized as being #1 in BGMC giving. 'Way to go Minnesota!!



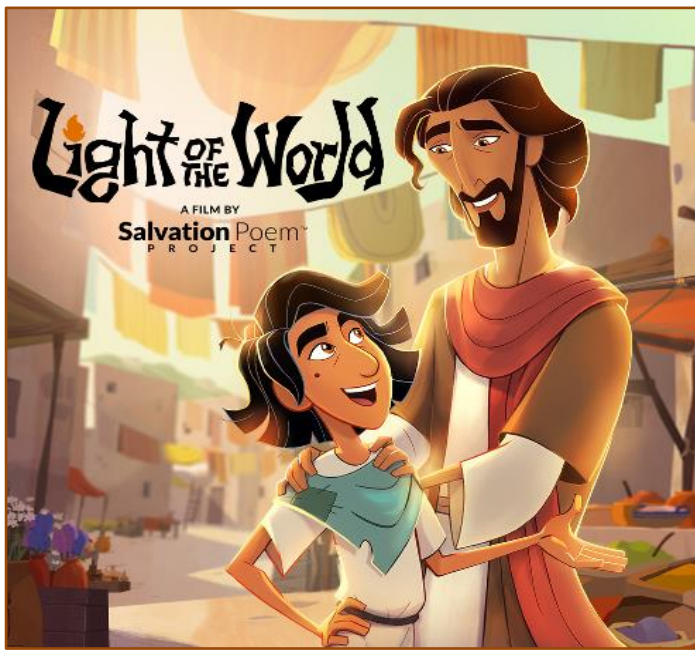
One common concern among our senior leaders was the need to interact with younger generations. I was pleased to see that the Assemblies of God has introduced a new "Intergenerational Discipleship Ministry" for that purpose. I will share that ministry with you in the future. I appreciated comments from Ken Pippin who, along with his wife Susan, are Directors for the Pen Florida Adult Ministries Department. He wrote recently; "I don't believe it is our responsibility as senior adult leaders to reverse the trend to reach younger generations; I believe it is our responsibility to keep the value and capabilities of senior adults constantly in the forefront of church vision. Mentoring the younger generations must never be seen as a suggestion from the scripture, but it must be understood as a direct command from God. We should share realistic ideas and even demonstrate how a senior adult can come to know someone younger and become invested in their life." That's exactly what the focus of the new A/G ministry is - **"It is the intentional relationship development between two or more generations for the purpose of spiritual growth, information and spiritual maturity.** It is defined as the current generation laying the foundation for the generations to come." As you have opportunity, be sure to interact with young adults, teens and yes, even children. Your encouragement might just 'make their day!' Our next event is the spring luncheon. The enclosed flyer will give you the information. I hope you will plan to be with us this year. Bring someone with you! God bless!
- Bruce Talso



We have previously introduced you to our new "QR" code. 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 articles. Also, be sure to check out the 'senior resources.' These will assist you in many aspects of our senior experience! It is not difficult! Try it! Also, check out our **Facebook page: (Minnesota A/G Second Half Ministries)** We invite you to 'post' items of inspiration there.

We would like to begin sending our mailings to more people by email. It saves us postage and we can get information out faster that way. If you would like to begin receiving emails, contact me at brucetalso@comcast.net or send me a note indicating your wishes. Send your note to: Bruce Talso, Director – 2nd Half Ministries – 1315 Portland Avenue So. Minneapolis MN 55404. Thanks!





Mark your calendar and invite the grandkids!

Light of the World arrives in theaters on September 5, bringing the story of Jesus to life like never before. This beautiful film in stunning 2D animation honors the biblical account of Jesus' life and ministry through the eyes of his young disciple, John. Purchasing theater tickets will help the non-profit company making the film (Salvation Poem Project) translate the movie into over 20 languages around the globe by Christmas. The proceeds from the box office will all go back into the mission and ministry.

Light of the World kids' ministry curriculum will be available for FREE later this year. For now, you can download the bonus Easter lesson for churches or Family Devotions for use at home. Check out the website at www.lightoftheworld.com for more information and resources. You will be able to watch the movie trailer at the 2nd Half Ministries luncheon on April 12! We can't wait for you and your family to experience *Light of the World* this September!



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.

*"They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing".
Psalm 92:14*

MINNESOTA 2nd HALF MINISTRIES 2025



- Spring Luncheon – April 12**
- Family Camp Luncheon – June 30**
- Summer Bus Tour – TBA**
- Fall Retreat – September 4-6**

HOW SENIORS CAN SERVE THE NEXT GENERATIONS

Supporting and encouraging younger generations is a ministry in itself! Our churches' older generations should not keep their faith to themselves. They should look for opportunities to deposit the precious truth entrusted to them into the lives of the younger generations. (2 Timothy 1:14) Check out ignite Parenting and Senior Adult Ministries for resources, IgniteParenting.com Here are a few ideas of how we can "reach out and touch" these lives.

- Read or share a story in kids church
- Offer to help in kids / youth ministry
- Become a kids church or youth group door greeter, acknowledging each one as they walk into church.
- Share some old photographs and special childhood memories from your own life along with your testimony of faith.
- Adopt families as your 'prayer partners.'
- Send birthday cards along with a word of encouragement.
- Offer to help kids with their homework at the church or other public place
- Teach the kids a new skill during craft time
- Offer to help kids/youth memorize scripture.
- Offer to help with group meals and activities



Do you have questions about your estate, wills, trust, power of attorney, medical directives, Social Security? If so, give Paul Freitag, our Minnesota District Stewardship Director a call at 952-406-2835 or email him at doctorclub@aol.com