

2nd half MINISTRIES

Minnesota Seniors Enjoying the Second Half of Life!

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Those sun-splashed days and warm temperatures we dreamed about this past winter are finally here! Now is the time to get outside and be active! Hopefully, seniors in your church are not only participating in activities, but finding ways to minister to others in your church or community. Jesus said that we are 'salt and light'..... we are an influence! Let's use our influence to "Simply share Jesus" with others.

Family Camp is approaching and I hope you will join the hundreds of friends who will gather at Lake Geneva Christian Center between June 29 and July 8. Remember to include our **Senior Luncheon on July 3** in your plans. Then, of course, we want to see you at our **Fall Retreat September. 7 – 9**. The retreat brochure and registration form are enclosed in this mailing. Housing is done directly with the camp. They request no phone calls – they are busy with kids and teen camps during summer months.

During the recent EQUIP Conference I conducted a workshop entitled: "RE-ENGAGING YOUR SENIOR SAINTS!" It had a two-pronged approach; **1) Church leadership**; Recognize – Re-engage – Re-activate your seniors. **2) Seniors**: realize that you are not too old to provide ministry in your church and in your community. Many seniors are lonely and discouraged; needing encouragement, many do not have a relationship with Jesus. Many are hungry for fellowship; needing a close friend to come along side them. **YOU** can be used by God to minister the love of Jesus other seniors, especially those in your neighborhood – those in your housing complex – those who might have just lost a mate. **Simply share Jesus** and what He has done for you! Then let the Holy Spirit work with them as He desires. We just need to do it! Two things you and I still have to give to others- especially our children and grandchildren - **our wisdom....and our prayers!** *Bruce Talso, Director*

A STORY ABOUT NOBODY



Fred Everybody – Tom Somebody – Pete Nobody and Joe Anybody were neighbors. All four belonged to the same church. The appeal went out from their church for needed ministry. **Everybody** had things to do, thinking that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did. **Somebody** got

angry because ministry was **Everybody's** responsibility. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** would do it and **Somebody** thought **Everybody** should do it, but as it turned out – **Nobody** did it. It so happened that a fifth neighbor came to live among the four. He was a non-believer. **Everybody** thought **Somebody** should witness to him. **Anybody** could have at least made an effort, but guess who finally won him over to the Lord? **Nobody!**

"But sanctify the Lord in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you."
- 1 Peter 3: 15

SIMPLY...SHARE JESUS!

2ND HALF MINISTRY SENIOR LUNCHEON

Tuesday, July 3rd at Noon at Lake Geneva Christian Center

Plan to join us again this year for our senior luncheon during Family Camp. Special discounted tickets are available for \$7.50 from the camp office. (\$9.00 at the dining center) Our speaker this year will be **Pastor Howard Googins**, currently serving along with his wife Myrna as Executive Pastors at Summit Church in St. Paul. Both Howard and Myrna serve on our 2nd Half Ministries Committee. Before

entering full time ministry in July 2010, Howard had served for 34 1/2 years in the United States Air Force, serving his country and Lord around the world, as well another 4 years as the Administrator of the 120 bed long term care facility, at the Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home in Bellevue, Nebraska. There he was privileged to take care of America's heroes in their last days. With his military calling, he credits the Air Force with the **physical** assignments of his career and, God with the **spiritual** assignments, knowing there would never be moves until the assignment was completed. Howard and Myrna have been married for 45 years and they have 2 wonderful children Shawn (1982-2017) and Crystal Blixt who has blessed them with two wonderful grandsons,



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- Bruce Talso

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTRY!

Pastor Jeff Saxton is looking for those who will help support the new church plant in Brooklyn Park. You can be a blessing and support to this pastor and his wife Sylvie. You can help in three ways **PRAYER SUPPORT** - **FINANCIAL SUPPORT** - **JOIN THEM ON SUNDAYS** serving as a part of the "LAUNCH TEAM."



Give Pastor Jeff a call at 952-270-5632 or email him at jeffsaxton@juno.com. The Church Website is www.authentikchurch.com. Thank you for your prayerful consideration! Jeff Saxton, Lead Pastor **AUTHENTIK CHURCH**

A New Senior Adult Ministries Leadership Manual is now available!

- Authored by Dr. Ray James of the Potomac District Assemblies of God.
- What you need to conduct a successful senior's ministry in your church.
- The manual will be sent to those requesting a copy - free and postage paid.
- Request your copy from Minnesota 2nd Half Ministries at PO Box 43953, Minneapolis, MN 55443



The Minnesota School of Ministry (MNSOM) is a part of a nationwide A/G ministry to help men and women answer the call of God on their lives for ministry. There are over 30 District Schools across the United States. If, as a lay person you desire to dig deeper into ministry and the

Word of God, MNSOM offers a lay ministry program just for you. Knowledge gleaned from the classroom experience becomes a valuable tool that the Holy Spirit can use to further the purposes of God in your life. MNSOM integrates spiritual formation, relationship building, and academic achievement to provide a unique learning experience; helping you to develop character and skills essential for effective ministry in your local church and community. Many find success within MNSOM's study format, offering an ideal blend of both self-study and a one-day-a-month classroom experience. We welcome students of all ages from 18 and above. If you are interested in knowing more about us we would love to chat with you. Contact us at the District Office 612-332-2400 or visit us on the internet at MNSOM.org.
- Rev. Pam Lund, Dean



We had to cancel our June Brown Family Concert / Iowa tour due to low response for this venue. Our next "On the Go" event will be on **Saturday, August 11 for the St. Paul Gangster Tour**, a guided bus tour of some famous gangster hideouts including the Wabasha Caves in St Paul. At the conclusion of the tour we will have lunch at a local Olive Garden restaurant. Church groups are given special attention, so there is nothing sinister about this tour. Get your reservation in ASAP. We are limited to 52 people on this tour. The enclosed flyer will give you the information. Be sure to indicate your desired pick-up point from among the four church stops.

On **Saturday, October 13**, we are planning a **Fall Foliage Cruise on the Mississippi River**. Our cruise was very popular last year, so we decided to go again; this time scheduling in the fall so we can enjoy the fall foliage. Cost: \$40 which includes a buffet meal aboard ship. More details on this event will be coming in our August newsletter. Have a great summer! - **Sue Werneke, 'On The Go' Director**

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Over the past 4 1/2 years our team has been able to raise \$675,000 in cash donations. These donations went to local churches, North Central University, Chi Alpha and numerous missionaries overseas. We have visited 15 churches at this point in time; with many Sunday morning sermons targeted at God's economy vs. man's economy, and tithing from a lay person's perspective. In addition to the Sunday morning presentations, our team has conducted workshops about nursing homes, probate, as well as how to protect family assets to make sure children and charities come first. The team has had over 150 wills, power of attorney and health care directives to help A/G people protect themselves and their families. Over 70% of the U.S. population does not have a will, or the will is outdated. The stewardship team tries to emphasize the "final tithe" during the family consultations. Presently our team is booked until September. We do have openings for October and November to speak from pulpits or conduct workshops on Wednesday evenings. If we can be of help to you personally or your church, please contact Darrel at 612-310-1660 (**Darrel will be conducting a workshop on the "Changes in Social Security" during the fall retreat**)

