

2nd half MINISTRIES

Minnesota Seniors Enjoying the Second Half of Life!

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Did you get to family camp? As usual, we enjoyed days of blessing and fellowship with some of Minnesota's finest seniors! Our senior luncheon was held on July 3rd and was well attended. Howard Googins, in full military uniform was our speaker. Howard served for 34 1/2 years in the United States Air Force before entering full time ministry. Our next event will be our **2018 Fall Retreat**, September. 7 – 9 at Lake Geneva Christian Center in Alexandria, MN. **There is still time for you to join us!** We have placed the retreat brochure and registration form in this

newsletter once again, hoping you will take advantage of this opportunity to join other Minnesota seniors for a week-end of blessing and fellowship. Remember, Housing is done directly with the camp. They request no phone calls. If you have not yet joined us for our yearly retreat, I urge you to make a special effort to attend. You will not be disappointed!



Our Fall Foliage Cruise is scheduled for Saturday, October 13. We enjoyed this cruise last summer and decided to schedule it again as it was so well attended last year. This year we have planned to go in October when the color along the Mississippi River is dazzling. The enclosed flyer will give you the details. We hope you will join us! The deadline for sign up is October 6th.

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 and fellowship. Many do not have a relationship with the Lord. **YOU can be used by God** to minister the love of Jesus to them, especially those in your neighborhood – in your housing complex – those who might have just lost a mate. **Simply Share Jesus** with them! Pray for them. Tell them what He has done for you! The testimony below is a perfect example of how we can still be used by God to bless others.

- Bruce Talso, Director

SENIORS CAN STILL MINISTER THE LOVE OF JESUS TO OTHERS!

God still want to use seniors! We do not have to lay our gifts aside as we grow older. A couple of months ago I spoke with Cliff Jones at a local senior's luncheon. God has been using Cliff in a ministry of prayer and healing. He shared a folder of healing testimonies with me documenting how God has used him to **“Simply Share Jesus”** with others. This particular testimony is about a man Cliff met in a park who was walking his dog. Here is his account:



“Our church had a prayer meeting in the park in St Paul. We would meet on Tuesday mornings at 6 am and pray until 10. There was a man who walked his dog every morning. He was a retired school teacher. He had emphysema causing him to gasp for air; he would have to stop in the middle of a sentence

to get his breath. I told him about salvation and how God still heals and answers prayer. In the fall we left the park and moved the prayer meeting back to the church. God reminded me one day that I had not prayed for this man's

*health and salvation. One morning I got up at 5 am and went to the park to pray for him. The man once again came to the park as was his habit. I asked him if I could pray for him and read scripture. He agreed. The next spring we moved our prayer meeting to the park again. The first two weeks I did not see the man I had prayed for. During the third week, as we were leaving the park, Pastor Howard said; “Look who is coming.” It was the man I had prayed with. As he walked up to me, I put my hand out to greet him. He took my hand and placed it on his chest and said; **“No more emphysema! I had a miracle!”** He looked at Pastor Howard and repeated; “I had a miracle!” We both noticed that the man was breathing normally. God had healed him and saved his soul! We give all the glory to God!*

- Cliff Jones / Pastor Howard Googins

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If you wish to be included in an email format, email me at brucetalso@comcast.net or contact me with a card or letter, sending it to our **PO Box** printed on the top of this newsletter. You will be added to the e-mail list.

- Bruce Talso



MINNESOTA GOSPEL OPRY



Spence Schnacky
Emcee / Host

THE GUARDIANS

Saturday, September 1 • 5 pm

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Leon Landstrom
Director

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On **Saturday, October 13**, we are planning a **Fall Foliage Cruise on the Mississippi River**, out of St Paul. The cost is \$40 which includes passage and a full buffet meal aboard ship. Details and sign-up are enclosed. In December we are planning our annual "**Sounds of the Season**" dinner and concert at North Central University, also a favorite of our seniors. Watch for details in our next newsletter.

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 churches, with many Sunday morning sermons targeted at God's economy vs. man's economy. 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. Our 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 us at 612 -310-1660 (**Darrel will be conducting a workshop on the "Changes in Social Security" during the fall retreat**)

A New Senior Adult Ministries Leadership Manual is now available!

- Authored by Dr. Ray James of the Potomac District Assemblies of God.
- This 35 page manual will give you all you need to begin and conduct a successful senior's ministry in your church.
- The manual can be downloaded from our 2nd Half Ministries web page. (www.mnaog.org) or,
- The manual will be sent by mail to those requesting a copy. Send your request to: **Minnesota 2nd Half Ministries, PO Box 43953, Minneapolis, MN 55443**



Strange BUT TRUE

Though coffee has been around for about 700 years, instant coffee was not invented until 1906....by George Washington. Not

"that" George Washington. The man who made coffee more convenient – and less palatable – was from Belgium.

It's not clear why lawmakers in Alabama once thought it necessary to pass a law forbidding the operation of a vehicle while wearing a blindfold.

If you are like the average American, you will eat about 35,000 cookies in your lifetime.

If you enjoy summer picnics, you might want to know that there are 1,500 species of fleas and 9,500 known species of ants. Then again, you might want to forget this!



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*There are three things you and I still have,
that we can give to others – especially our children
and grandchildren;*

OUR LOVE – OUR WISDOM – OUR PRAYERS

