

MINNESOTA SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

This is the first newsletter for 2015. Where did 2014 go? Time flies! We trust that the Lord Jesus Christ became more precious to you as you celebrated His birth. We know that several of you had loved ones missing at your Christmas table this year and we pray that you experienced a special measure of the peace that only God can give you. Sadly, we must report that another one of our former faithful Senior Adult committee members, Barbara Tollefson went home to heaven to join her Lord, and husband Dale on December 24th. We are thankful for her years of service and now rejoice that she is enjoying her eternal reward.

Senior Adult Ministries (SAM) enjoyed a great 2014 and we look forward to an exciting 2015. The first Minnesota District event will be the annual Spring Luncheon on Saturday, March 28th. This is a great opportunity to fellowship with friends you have not seen for a while. We have received favorable comments about Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge (MNATC) sharing briefly in testimony and song last year and we have received requests to hear more from them. Therefore, a small group of both male and female MNATC clients will bless us in testimony and song at this luncheon. MNATC Executive Director, Rev. Rich Scherber will be sharing about the new opportunity to expand the ministry to teen boys. We look forward to seeing you there! All the details are contained in this mailing.

Wes & Nancy Vagle, MN Senior Adult Ministry Directors



MN SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY SPRING LUNCHEON SATURDAY, MARCH 28 AT NOON CEDAR VALLEY CHURCH, BLOOMINGTON, MN

Our Minnesota District Senior Spring Luncheon will take place on Saturday, March 28th, 2015, at Cedar Valley Church. We are excited to tell you that Rev Rich Scherber, the Director of MN Adult and Teen Challenge will be ministering to us. Pastor Rich is a gifted speaker and I am sure that you will enjoy hearing

him. We are also expecting 14 ladies and 14 men from Teen Challenge to be singing for us. The meal this year will be a delicious Salisbury steak dinner. Cost will be \$18. Make plans to come and enjoy the fellowship, the good food, the inspirational music and a message from Pastor Scherber. It is always good to share a meal with your friends; reuniting with those you have known in the past. **Please put this date on your calendar NOW!** **Send your reservations to me ASAP: Myrna Gunderson, 6632 Edgemont Blvd. North, Brooklyn Park MN 55428,** or you can call me at **763-533-2278.** Registration deadline is **March 20th.** Make checks payable to MN District Council AOG.

Love, Myrna Gunderson, Luncheon Coordinator

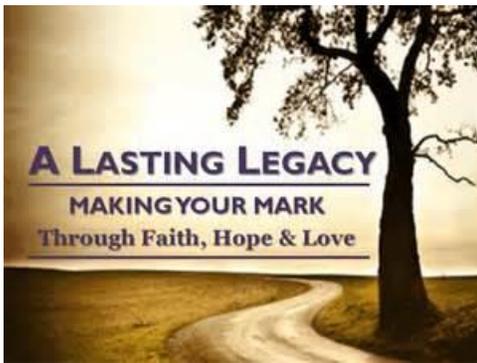


Pastor Rich Scherber has been the Executive Director of Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge since 1992. When he came onboard, the non-profit was \$20,000 in debt and had been forced to suspend operations. Today, MNATC is one of the largest drug rehabilitation programs in the state and has the ability to serve 750 people on any given day across nine locations. The program now employs more than 150 people and has assets exceeding 20 million dollars. Pastor Rich earned his B.A. from Northwest University in Washington and his M.A. in Psychology and Counseling from the University of Wisconsin.

Prior to his work with MNATC, he served as the Missionary Representative for all the Assemblies of God Churches in the Orange Free State area of South Africa, and as a pastor and counselor in Virginia, MN. He and his wife, Lynette have been married for more than 35 years. They have two grown daughters; both are physicians with the Mayo Clinic.



Leaving a Spiritual Legacy by Sherman Buschow, MNSAM Committee Member



The dictionary defines 'legacy' as "leaving an amount of money, or property to someone in a will". Money cannot buy what will last forever - your spiritual legacy. The Christian life is not a 100 yard dash, it is a marathon. It's a long race, that doesn't require speed, but determination to finish well. A tangible inheritance leaves something *for* others, but a spiritual legacy leaves something *in* others. Not everyone can leave an inheritance, but all of us have the opportunity to leave a spiritual legacy.

My sister enjoys searching the genealogy of our family. She recently has learned of a relative on my mother's side, that as early as 1667, is documented by a letter, to have prayed earnestly for his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and generations to come. His name was Samuel Tenney. For many generations before I was born, Samuel's prayer life made an impact on our family's spiritual legacy. These prayers have directly affected my life.

On Father's Day 2014, my wife, Charlotte went to be with the Lord. At Charlotte's Home going service, each of our grandchildren spoke of the many prayers they knew Grandma had said for each of them. One of our granddaughters shared, "I know that Grandma's prayers will never expire". What a spiritual legacy she has left for her family, and those who knew her! As we pray, our prayers never expire. These prayers are of eternal value. 2 Timothy 4:7-8 says "*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but **unto all them** that love his appearing.*" It has been said, "We must hold lightly earthly things, and hold tightly eternal things". Applying this truth will help us to leave a lasting spiritual legacy.



EQUIP CONFERENCE - Friday / Saturday - April 17-18

Emmanuel Christian Center – Minneapolis, MN

Sessions to equip you to fulfill your purpose within your local church.

See www.equipconference.org for details

MN DISTRICT FAMILY CAMP - Friday June 25 to Sunday July 5

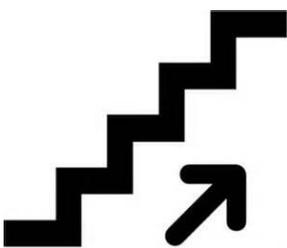
Lake Geneva Christian Center – Alexandria, MN

SENIORS LUNCHEON Date and details in the next SAM newsletter

SENIORS FALL RETREAT - SEPTEMBER 11-13

Lake Geneva Christian Center – Alexandria, MN

Dan Betzer, Featured Speaker



There is a two-letter word in the English language that has more meanings than any other two-letter word. The word is **UP**. It is listed in the dictionary as an adverb, preposition, adjective, noun or verb. It is easy to understand the word **UP** – meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but it is interesting how it is used. Consider: When we awaken in the morning, why do we wake **UP**? At a meeting, why does a topic come **UP**? Why do we speak **UP**? Why are officers **UP** for election and why is it **UP** to the secretary to write **UP** a report? We call **UP** our friends, brighten **UP** a room, polish **UP** the silver, warm **UP** the leftovers and clean **UP** the kitchen; we lock **UP** the house and fix **UP** the old car. At other times this little word has special meaning. People stir **UP** trouble, line **UP** for tickets, work **UP** an appetite and think **UP** excuses. To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed **UP** is special. And then there is the need to shape **UP**! This **UP** is confusing; a drain must be opened **UP** because it is stopped **UP**. We open **UP** a store in the morning but we close it **UP** at night. We seem to be pretty mixed **UP** about **UP**! When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding **UP**. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing **UP**. When it rains, it soaks **UP** the earth. When it doesn't rain for awhile things dry **UP**. To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of **UP**, one should look **UP** the word **UP** in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary it takes **UP** almost ¼ of the page and can add **UP** to about 30 definitions. If you are **UP** to it, you might try building **UP** a list of the many ways **UP** is used. It will take **UP** a lot of your time, but if you don't give **UP**, you may end **UP** with a hundred or more! One could go on and on about **UP**, but I will wrap it **UP** for now. One last thought, we need to be prayed **UP** because very soon we will be caught **UP**! (Copied)

Bruce Talso, Editor