

MINNESOTA SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

"I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the Lord forsake the righteous...." Psalm 37:25

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An old farmer and his wife were driving to town in their old pickup truck. The route was a familiar one - one they had taken together many times during their 52 years of marriage. As they rode along, the farmer's wife became somewhat absorbed in memory - reminiscing the days when they were first married. "Dear, do you remember when we were first married; when we rode to town? Remember how we used to sit close together and hold hands? How come we don't do that anymore?" The old farmer looked over at his wife and said, **"I ain't moved!"**

For some us, it may seem like God has moved away from us. We no longer enjoy the warm fellowship we once had with our Creator; we no longer feel His presence in our life. I want to remind you that it is not God who has moved away from us! Perhaps in the hectic demands of life we have moved away from God! It is so easy to overlook God's invitations and forget His promises, wanting to live our lives 'independently.' The Bible describes it this way; **"We are like sheep that have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way..."** (Isaiah 53:6). But even in our perceived 'independence,' God has promised; **"I will never leave you nor forsake you."** (Hebrews 13:5) Because of His love and mercy, He has sought to maintain His relationship with us through various means, including trials and testing. It has been said that *"Trials bring us closer to Jesus."* I don't know what kind of hardship you may be facing today, but I would like to remind you that **God 'ain't moved!"** He is always close to us regardless of what we may be facing. It would be good for us to move a little closer to Him!

I trust you had a good holiday season with your families. It is always good to spend time with our children and grandchildren. What wonderful memories! Our SAM Committee has already begun to plan events for 2017. I encourage local churches to begin planning events for their seniors. Sections should also try to plan events together as well, so as to foster fellowship between our churches. I've listed a few events we have been working on to alert you to what is coming. Hopefully you can join us for some of these. It is always good to have you with us! Other events may be added as the year progresses.

Bruce Talso, SAM Director



Annual Spring Luncheon

Saturday, April 1, Noon - Cedar Valley Church - Bloomington
Information and sign up on the back side of this sheet

The Ark Encounter Bus Tour - May 8 - 12 Information also enclosed with this newsletter. Still room for you!

Family Camp Senior Luncheon - Wednesday, July 5

Lake Geneva Christian Center

Speaker: Dr. Allen Tennison - North Central University

Brainerd Luncheon Cruise - Date to be announced

Lake Minnetonka Luncheon Cruise - July

Senior Fall Retreat - September 29 through October 1

Lake Geneva Christian Center

Our Special Speaker: Alton Garrison - Asst. Supt. A/G



Active seniors are happy seniors!

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT the school Texas teacher who was helping one of her kindergarten students to put on his cowboy boots? He asked for help and she could see why. Even with him pulling and her pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on. By the time they got the second boot on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost cried when the little boy said, "Teacher, they're on the wrong feet." She looked, and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on, but she managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on; this time on the right feet. Then he announced; "These aren't my boots!" The teacher bit her tongue rather than get right in his face and scream, "Why didn't you say so?" like she wanted to. She struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet. No sooner had they gotten the boots off when he said, "They're my brother's boots. My mom made me wear 'em." Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry. But she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots back on his feet. Helping him into his coat, she said, "Now where are your mittens?" He said, "I stuffed 'em in my boots!" (Chuckle)

