

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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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR – We are pleased to report that our seniors fall retreat went well again this year – Many good reports! Minnesota seniors and those from several surrounding states met at Lake Geneva Christian Center September 9 -11 for three days of beautiful weather, great food, warm fellowship and spiritual blessing. The Benson Family Singers provided a delightful concert to begin our retreat on Friday evening. Rev. Ron Roberts proclaimed the Word of God in his unique style during our days together and Dan and Marlene Turner served as our retreat musicians. A special 'thanks' to all who attended. Pictures of the retreat can be found on our web page; www.mnaog.org under 'ministries.' You can order prints from Jean Siirila by calling her at 218-631-3577 or by email: siirila4@gmail.com



The Benson Family Singers



Myrna reads the Word



Special Music / Bob Ludwig



The RV MAPS Group



"Pickin' & Singin' Around the Fire



We had newlyweds at the Retreat! Victor & Arydce Barnes - 3 months!



Who has a testimony? I do!
A Testimony of Healing!
Newlyweds of 5 months
Dale & Fran Ortel



We Enjoyed Precious Times of Praise & Worship led by our retreat musicians – Dan & Marlene Turner



Our Speaker Ron Roberts and his wife Sally

A SHORT REPORT ON THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD SENIOR ADULT CONFERENCE



The first national conference for seniors was held in Branson, MO, August 29 – 31. Seniors from across America gathered for three days of worship and encouragement to become engaged in their local churches and communities. Registration quickly closed at 900. (1,500 people had to be turned away due to limited conference space.) Wes Bartel, Director of Senior Adult Ministries for the Assemblies of God, was our host. Our speakers challenged us to use the remaining time in life to be active in our local churches and communities. They included;

Dr. George Wood – General Superintendent – "It's Your Time" Using the example of Anna and Simeon (Luke 2:25-38) who were of 'great age,' it is time for us to serve our churches even though we are older. God will use anyone who is "available."

Dr. Jim Bradford – General Secretary – "It's Time to Serve" Using Luke 17:7-10, we are reminded that as servants, 1) Our greatest priority is to serve our Master. His priorities are more important than ours. 2) Our obedience to the Master is more important than our 'rights.'

Alton Garrison – Assistant General Superintendent – "It's Time to Reach Out" We can either "Sit – Soak and Sour" or we can "Sit – Soak, and Serve." Encountering God will enable us to serve God regardless of our age. If God used a talking donkey, He can use us!

Doug Clay – General Treasurer – "It's Time to Re-engage" – "Old age doesn't mean it is the last step." Engage society even though it is changing. "Consecrate yourselves today for tomorrow God will do great things!"



DO YOU HAVE A SENIORS GROUP IN YOUR CHURCH?

Send for the two articles that can get you started!

How to Begin a Seniors Ministry in Your Church

50 Senior Adult Ministry Ideas for Your Group

These articles can also be downloaded from our MN District webpage. www.mnaog.org (Select 'ministries, then select 'SAM' then follow the prompts.

Darrel Amiot Minnesota A/G Stewardship Director

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ATTENTION SOUTHEAST SECTION SENIORS!



Loren Molskness, SAM Field Representative for the SE Section, and Pastor Jim Filbeck, Lead Pastor of the Rochester A/G would like to invite you to join other SE Minnesota seniors for a

"Thanksgiving Dinner & Service" on Monday, November 7, 2016 beginning at 5:30 pm at the Rochester Assembly, (4240 18th Avenue NW) Turkey, mashed potato, gravy and beverages will be provided by the church. People with last names beginning with A-L are asked to bring a salad and those beginning with M-Z are asked to bring a dessert. Retired pastor **Bruce Kallies will be sharing from the Word. **Mark Geselle**, will be leading us in music from the 50's - 70's. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for those "55 and better" to come together for food, fellowship and ministry. **We encourage all seniors in our SE Minnesota churches to join us for this special event. For more information contact Floyd O'Bryan at 507 254-7903 (cell) or 507 288-0823 (home.) E-mail: fobryan@charter.net.****



We had a very successful summer with our "Seniors on the Go" events. In June we enjoyed a bus trip to the Amish Community. In July we had a luncheon/ cruise out of Brainerd. Everyone who participated had a great time of fun and fellowship. Our last "On the Go" event for 2016 will be on **December 2**. Last year we enjoyed the "**Songs of the Season**" Christmas musical at North Central University. This proved to be so successful, we decided to offer it again this year. Please use see the enclosed flyer giving you the information you need for your participation.

WHEN: Friday - December 2nd

WHERE: North Central University

TIME: 5:30 pm Meal

7:30 pm Concert

COST: \$15.00 (Dinner AND Concert!)

Your reservation needs to be in by November 23rd.

Please make your checks out to "SAM"

**Send to: SAM, MN District, 1315 Portland Avenue,
Minneapolis, MN 55404-1454**



How would you like to spend your retirement years helping Assembly of God churches and para-church ministries like Teen Challenge, children's homes, colleges and district camps with their construction needs in the United States? Many churches have sent MAPS teams to World Missions projects in many countries around the world, but are not familiar with the US MAPS ministry. How about the needs in our own state and country? We believe that we need to keep the home front strong by sending US MAPS teams within the United States to ministries that need help.

We sensed the Lord's calling us to U.S. Missions to serve with U.S. MAPS twelve years ago which has been very rewarding primarily because of the amount of labor costs that have been saved through RV MAPS Volunteers. The rule of thumb is that fifty per cent of construction cost is labor and therefore those savings can be used to expand their ministries.

U.S. MAPS has three divisions: **1) RV Volunteers** is for those individuals with an RV that would like to donate a minimum of two weeks per year to help with projects. Sometimes there is a project that has housing available so a RV may not be necessary. Some RV Volunteers are full timers, but this is not a requirement. **2) Church Teams** which consist of a group of individuals from a local church or district who volunteer a few days or weeks of labor to help a church or para-church organization. **3) Missionary Associates** are individuals who feel "called" to minister in approved U.S. Missions projects that can utilize their education and skills. We welcome any of you to consider getting involved in this rewarding ministry. Please contact us at wvagle627@gmail.com

Wes and Nancy Vagle
US MAPS North Central Regional Missionaries

