

SENIORLINK ADULT MINISTRY WINDOWS

Brentwood Baptist Church, 7777 Concord Road, Brentwood, TN 37027

MAY 2015

TOUR OF TRAVELLERS REST

By Shelley Jamieson

On Thursday, May 14th, we have the opportunity to tour the Travellers Rest Plantation and Museum in Nashville at 10:00 A.M. sharp. This is a follow-up from the Senior DayLink presentation made by Tom Clark, who shared about his historical novel based on life at Travellers Rest. Participants will individually pay the \$10.00 fee on site at the time of the tour. However, we do ask that you make reservations by contacting Lauren O'Neill (loneill@brentwoodbaptist.com) or Shelley Jamieson (nanaofsixsj@bellsouth.net).

You can meet the group at Travellers Rest, or at the Brentwood Baptist parking lot at 9:20 A.M. in front of the chapel where we



will gather to carpool. Rather than trying to have lunch as a large group after the tour at that busy time of day, we suggest that each carload select a place for having lunch together after the tour.

ON THE CALENDAR

REMINDER

Senior Moments Luncheon

All Campuses
Monday, April 20, Noon to 3:00 PM
Wilson Hall, Brentwood Campus

MAY

Combined Brentwood and Franklin Breakfast Clubs

Thursday, May 7, 8:30 AM
Cracker Barrel, Cool Springs
*Reservations not required.

SeniorLink Leadership Team

Monday, May 11, 9:00 AM
Room 2008, Connection Center

SeniorLink Road Trip

Travellers Rest
Thursday, May 14
(See details on this page)

SeniorLink Fellowship Dinner

Thursday, May 21, 5:30 PM
Wilson Hall, Cost \$8.00
See entertainment details on page 2
R.S.V.P. by Sunday, May 17
Contact Carolyn Simmons
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CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE LOVE IS... By Gayle Harris

Each year, Brentwood Baptist recognizes the Biblical institution of marriage at a special evening where couples of all ages and their family and friends gather for a memorable celebration. This year it will be on Thursday, June 18th, in Hudson Hall, and we will be joined by guests from all our campuses. The evening promises delicious food, elegant surroundings, inspiring stories and delightful entertainment. Providing the program will be Carrie Griffin and Ryan King, talented BBC church-members from the Brentwood and Station Hill campuses, who will be having their wedding just weeks before our Celebration of Marriage event. Most especially, the evening will honor these ten couples who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year:

- Allen and Marie Ashburn
- John and Louise Boehm
- David and Sara Cagle
- Tom and Carole Fields
- Jim and Dianne Jenkins
- Charles and Delores Johnson
- Pete and Carol Kutz
- Charles and Loretta Land
- Tom and Marianne Morrison
- John and Patsy Wilson

The cost is \$15.00 per person. Tickets will be sold starting Thursday, May 21st at the SeniorLink Dinner, and will continue to be available each Sunday from May 24th through June 14th. Tickets will also be available online starting May 21st through midnight June 16th .

THE MENU SENIORLINK DINNER

Baked chicken with
mushroom cream sauce,
Steamed vegetable medley,
Butter-dill new potatoes,
Rolls, & Chef's choice dessert
Tea/Water
Coffee (regular & decaf)



THE MUSICALITY OF LAUREN MASCITTI

By Jim Owens

Our program for the May SeniorLink dinner promises to be a unique experience featuring a multi-talented musician. Lauren Mascitti is a country singer/songwriter, guitarist, pianist, and mandolin player from Louisville, Ohio. Raised by her grandparents, she has been singing since the age of seven, and writing since she was old enough to make up jingles on her toy tape recorder.

Lauren was blessed to be in the top eight for the Inspiration Network's National "Christian Artist Talent Search" for 2008 where she worked with Southern Gospel vocalist Jason Crabb. At the age of 16 her first radio release, an original titled "Child of God", debuted at No.70 on the national Southern Gospel radio charts. In February 2009, she was a runner up in the Miss Italia USA

pageant held at The Landerhaven in Cleveland, Ohio. This past April, Lauren had a No.1 on Radioactive airplay with "Mercy and Grace", a dynamic duet with well-known gospel recording artist, Buddy Mullins.

Lauren has sung at many of the theaters in Branson, Missouri, including the Mickey Gilley Theater, Hamner Barber Theater, Mansion America, Tri Lakes, Missouri Bandy Theater, the Americana, the Whitehouse Theater, and the Radisson Hotel. She recently moved to Nashville after spending most of her summers here doing songwriter showcases at different venues throughout Nashville and working with country music legend and friend, Pam Tillis.

She says of her church, Trinity Gospel Temple, that it is "a shoutin' church". She is a proud member of her church's choir. Oh, by the way, she recently completed nursing school and is a licensed RN.

BULLETIN BOARD

A DAY AT THE CORVETTE MUSEUM

By Jane Houston

On March 26, 2015, a group of twenty-four boarded Estes Coach and traveled to the Corvette Museum, a true gem. We enjoyed lots of fellowship as we headed to Bowling Green, Kentucky. We had a guided tour of the museum and were given explanations of the various Corvettes on display. Every generation of the Corvette was viewed. The theater there at the Museum provided a brief introduction of the General Motors Corvette assembly plant, which is at the Bowling Green location. When we entered the Skydome and Hall of Fame, we were able to observe the February 12, 2014, disaster sinkhole and see the area now being restored. The sinkhole was caused by underground caverns.



This area has now been stabilized and we were assured that it will again be safe for tourists. A few of our group had their picture made seated in a beautiful Corvette.

with some rain!

NEXT ROAD TRIP

Our next SeniorLink trip will be on July 7th to the Belmont Mansion in Nashville. There will be a brunch and a tour of the mansion. The cost will be \$25.00 and will cover the brunch, tour and transportation. Please look for the final details in the June issue of WINDOWS.

After the tour, we enjoyed a nice lunch in a private dining room at Ryan's Steakhouse. With full tummies, we headed back to Brentwood Baptist. A fun crisp day

COORDINATOR'S FINISHING WELL

CORNER By Glenn Stophel

Dr. Melvin Cheatham begins his book, *Living a Life That Counts*, with the following: "One of the most sought-after goals is a life worthy of recognition. People want to be noticed. They want to rise above the crowd and do that which will be distinctive. Many seek to achieve this through unbridled ambition, and they are often willing to pay almost any price to achieve their goal." Dr. Cheatham at age thirty was told by his physician, "You probably won't live beyond age fifty. You should get your living done while you can." He began seriously to address his own mortality and his purpose for living. Fortunately, the prognosis

given Dr. Cheatham was wrong, and he was able to fulfill his own dream of becoming a doctor, one who could understand the feelings of his patients when faced with distressing news because he had gone through that experience.

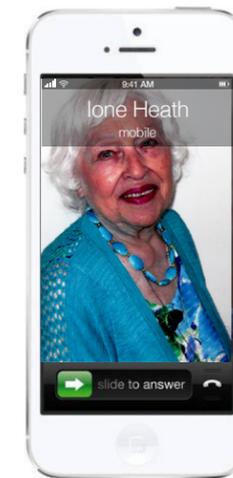
Author and pastor Max Lucado in his book, *Outlive Your Life*, says: "It's not enough for you to do well. You want to do good. You want your life to matter. You want to live in such a way that the world will be glad you did." We senior adults have been privileged to live much longer lives than was the prognosis given to Dr. Cheatham, and none of us will reach

the millions who read or hear the words of Mr. Lucado. But, we can and should address the important goal of "finishing well." Perhaps our task is as simple as mentoring a new Christian, or an out-of-work father or mother, or otherwise helping individuals and families lifted from despair to faith. It is not likely that any one of us, or any small group of us, will "save the world," but maybe, just maybe, each of us can reach out and touch just one or just a few people within our sphere of influence with the love of Jesus, and actually see a change in their the eternal destination, and make our lives so much more worthwhile. May it be so.

wom Women on Mission

By Shelley Jamieson

Our ladies in the Hap Bryant Women on Missions group were disappointed that our February monthly meeting had to be cancelled due to inclement weather and we missed hearing about the mission trips from two of our members. Have no fear, ladies. On Monday, May 18, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor we will be able to hear about Margaret Reid's trip to Russia and Norma Dodson's trip to Cambodia. Visitors are most welcomed to join us for that exciting meeting. No reservations required!



Do you know who has been calling you each month to assist with your Thursday evening SeniorLink Fellowship Dinner reservation? We thought you would like to know about your caller and see her photo.

Caller I.D.

By Carolyn Simmons

lone Heath is originally from Waverly, Tennessee. She was married to Joe Heath who is now deceased. She has one son and one granddaughter, Tori, who comes to the SeniorLink dinner with her sometimes. She has been a member of Brentwood Baptist since 1969. She taught first and fifth grade Sunday School with Tom McMinn and Odelle Crow. Along with Doris Aderholt, lone helped start the library. She is now involved in arranging flowers for Blooming Blessings which is a ministry of the Nurture Team. She has been making calls for the SeniorLink dinner for about a year and a half. Is she your caller?



GWEN & RICHARD BENNETT

By Ginny P. Brown

About two years ago this friendly couple came to visit our Sunshine LIFE Group. As time passed they began to get involved and they even volunteered for some of the class projects. Rarely do newcomers become so active so quickly. I knew from this that they were special people and I made a point to get to know them. I want you to know them as well.

Richard and Gwen Bennett moved to this area in 2011 from Columbia, South Carolina, where they were members of the First Baptist Church. They were in the same Sunday School class as Jeannie Glenn's parents, Wildred and Jean Powers. When Jeannie's father died some years ago, Gwen took food by the house and met Jeannie. Remember, that before coming to Brentwood Baptist in 1991, Mike was a pastor at Mauldin, South Carolina, near Greenville. Gwen retired from Southside High School in Greenville. She was working in a dress shop in the area and Mike came in. Gwen, friendly as she is, approached him and asked if she could help him. He told her that he wanted to buy a gift for his wife. She suggested numerous outfits but all he did was shake his head and say "no". Gwen is convinced that if she had known something about Jeannie she could have helped him select an appropriate outfit. She shared that story with Jeannie for the first time at her parents' house and they had a good laugh over it. I tell this story because none of this had anything to do with them coming to our church.

After visiting several other churches in the area, they settled on Brentwood because of the friendliness of the people and the warmth of God's presence in our congregation.

Richard and Gwen met at the General Electric plant in Oxford, Alabama, where they were working as young adults. It must have been almost love at first sight because they met in April, started dating in September 1956, and married on February 1, 1957. They have three children: two beautiful daughters who live out of state, and a son, David Bennett, who is the content editor for HOME LIFE magazine. David and his wife, Kimberly, have blessed Gwen and Richard with three granddaughters.

Richard spent most of his career working at General Electric. During his tenure there, he and Gwen moved frequently. They spent time in Atlanta, Phoenix, and Washington, D.C., just to name a few. Maybe that is why they have learned to delve right in and become a part of the place where they live and worship. After Richard's early retirement from General Electric, he accepted a position as Director of Computer Services with Mission St. Joseph Hospital in Asheville, North Carolina. After 16 years with the hospital, he decided to retire permanently.

The Bennetts are avid Alabama football fans, which make them popular in our class. They enjoy traveling. They have been on several cruises and love spending time at the beach. They exercise three times a week at the "Y". Richard loves his daily walks, sometimes five miles a day. For the first time in their married life they are gardening together. They have a plot in our church garden and are enjoying growing vegetables. Family is very important to them and they spend a lot of time with their children and grandchildren. Richard recently had surgery and Gwen has been recuperating from a fall but it looks like they are doing great. We certainly hope so!