



ED & JUDY CARROLL

By Ginny P. Brown

It is nice to meet new friends. Recently, quite by accident, I met some new friends. Interestingly enough, these friends were from my home state of Kentucky and we realized we had lived in the same city at the same time. I know this has probably happened to you as well.

I met Ed and Judy when they came to our Sonshine LIFE Group. They are originally from Murray, Kentucky. It turns out that Judy's father, Rudolph Howard, had been Minister of Music in my home church in Owensboro, Kentucky. I remember it well because I was in the grade school choir and he was a great song leader! We loved him! To our dismay we learned that he had been called to a much larger church, Belmont Heights Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. In the course of conversation with another class member, I learned the name of Judy's dad and at once made the connection. From there began a series of connections we had both known through the years in different cities in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Judy and Ed have not been active in Senior Link as yet because Ed has not been well and often does not feel like getting out at night. He seems to be doing better and we are hoping this introduction will change all that and many of you will get to make their acquaintance.

This couple met in college. Both attended Murray State University. Ed was teaching school and working on his master's degree and Judy was a freshman coed when

they began to date. They married in 1968 at First Baptist Church in Murray. Ed's brother opened a Volkswagen dealership soon after and Ed gave up his teaching job and joined his brother in the car business. They had two children, Kathryn and Brian.

Judy stayed busy raising the children but at some point became restless for something to do outside the home. She had a real love and talent for decorating which she was doing for her friends anyway; so, with a small inheritance, she opened a gift shop. She had a very successful business for about fifteen years.

After her children graduated from college, they both moved to Nashville. One day Kathryn, her daughter, called and said she had found a great spot to rent in Green Hills and would she like to go in business with her and open another gift shop. Judy talked with Ed. He was busy in Murray with the car dealership so she moved to Nashville, stayed with her son in a small apartment, and she and Kathryn opened Happiness Place on Bandywood in Green Hills. Ed and Judy spent their weekends together and pursued their careers in different cities during the week. Happiness Place was a very successful business venture. Some of you may have found your way there at some point and time.

In 2013 Judy had a bad accident when she was at market in Atlanta. It took quite some time for her to heal. About that time, Ed was also diagnosed with lymphoma. Judy felt it was time to retire. In the meantime, Ed had closed his business as well. It was time for them to be a family again. They sold their home in Murray and bought a small home in Green Hills.

They visited several churches before they came to Brentwood Baptist. Judy said the first time they came they knew they were at the right place. I am so glad they found us.

I forgot to ask them what they do in their spare time but I think I can make a pretty good guess. They spend a lot of time with their children and grandchildren and Judy helps people decorate from time to time. These are charming, friendly people. I will be sure they get to our SeniorLink dinner and, hopefully, some of you may have a connection with them from the past as well.



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MUSIC CITY STRINGS ENCORE

By Jim Owens

Make plans for the program coming this October 20th at our SeniorLink Dinner that you will really enjoy. It is a rousing program featuring the Music City Strings. They are a community of students, parents and teachers that believe in the importance of music education. In 2005, Dana Meyer, an international concert violinist and violist, established the Music City Strings in Franklin. Her dream was to create a program that would help children become confident and accomplished artists. As demands on her studio and time increased, she invited Frank Auer, a violinist and teacher from Franklin, to become co-director.

Today that program consists of 45 students in violin and viola, ranging from beginner to advanced. Ages range from four years of age to eighteen, with many siblings, parents, and grandparents participating in various everyday events. Central to the program of Music City Strings is the belief founded by Dr. Suzuki: Music has the ability to improve the human spirit, open the heart, and make finer human



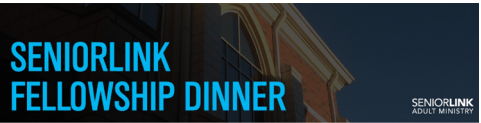
beings of all that it touches. Music City Strings strives to enrich the community by bringing music and culture to various venues throughout the state.

Students of Music City Strings have traveled all over Tennessee, and many have traveled extensively in the US. Since its inception, students of Music City Strings have been recipients of Young Artists Achievement Award winners throughout the Association of Music Teachers competitions, winners of the Nashville Symphony's Thor Scholarship, Middle Tennessee Suzuki Association scholarship recipients, and first place winners in the Tennessee Music Teachers Association.

They appeared with us in April last year, and were a rousing success. Invite your neighbors and fellow church members who don't regularly attend.

JUST TWO CLICKS

The rumors are TRUE. You can now register online! It's easy... it's JUST TWO CLICKS! Visit our Senior Adult Ministry website: brentwoodbaptist.com/senioradults



SEPTEMBER REMINDER

SeniorLink Trip - Ryman Auditorium
Country Music Classics
Thursday September 22
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

OCTOBER CALENDAR

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Combined Brentwood and Franklin Breakfast Clubs
Thursday, October 6, 8:30 AM
Cracker Barrel, Cool Springs
*Reservations not required.

SeniorLink Leadership Team
Monday, October 10, 9:00 AM
Room 2008, Connection Center

SeniorLink Fellowship Dinner
Thursday, October 20, 5:30 PM
Wilson Hall, Cost \$8.00
R.S.V.P. by Sunday, October 16
Contact Carolyn Simmons
615.310.9543

THE MENU SENIORLINK DINNER

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce,
Garden Salad with Dressing,
French Bread, Cookies & Ice Cream
Water / Tea / Coffee

You can either use your current Brentwood Baptist login and password (if you have one), or you can register as a guest! Either way, you'll be able to type in your name, reserve the number of tickets you'll need, and pay online by credit card. It's that easy!



CHRISTMAS STOCKING DELIVERY TO COPPER BASIN!

By Anna Montgomery

You are invited to travel to the Copper Basin Crises Center in Ducktown, Tennessee, on Friday, November 11, 2016, to deliver the stuffed Christmas stockings.

As you may already have heard, the Crisis Center has discontinued the annual children's Christmas letters mission. As a result, the Brentwood Baptist "Adopt a Family" mission has come to an end. Missionary Margaret Patterson stated that the Crisis Center is depending more than ever this year on our Christmas stocking mission as the stockings will be used for the children's Christmas gifts.

Condolence baskets will be available at the monthly SeniorLink Fellowship Dinners. The money collected will be used to purchase \$10 BP gift cards for Copper Basin to be used for gasoline in crisis situations.

On Friday, November 11, the bus will be parked in front of the Atrium and will depart from Brentwood Baptist Church at 7:30 a.m. There will be a professional driver and the bus will be large and roomy with comfortable seats. A restroom is on board. Cold bottled water and snacks will be available on the trip. It is always a great time of fellowship.

When we arrive at the Crisis Center, Al and Margaret will be on hand to greet us. After the Christmas stockings are unloaded, Margaret will lead an informative tour of the Crisis Center and answer any questions you may have. Margaret and Al will join us as we then travel to a local restaurant for lunch. The only cost to you will be for your lunch.

After lunch we will travel back to Brentwood Baptist Church. The trip there and back is approximately

4 hours each way with 3-4 hours at the Center and lunch. So be prepared for a rather long, but great day!

Sign-up sheets for the trip will be available at the September and October SeniorLink Fellowship Dinners. You also can contact Anna Montgomery to sign up. Contact her at joemontgomery11@gmail.com or phone 615-373-3917

The schedule for the Christmas stocking distributions and stocking returns are:

STOCKING DISTRIBUTION:

Thursday, September 15 - (at SeniorLink Dinner)

Sunday, October 9 - (Atrium)

Sunday, October 16 - (Atrium)

STOCKING RETURN:

Thursday, October 20 - (at SeniorLink Dinner)

Sunday, October 23 - (Atrium)

Sunday, October 30 - (Atrium)

COORDINATOR'S

GOD OF THE ORDINARY

CORNER

By Glenn Stophel

I recently read a thoughtful and uplifting devotional by Joe Stowell in Our Daily Bread. It fits those of us who sometimes wonder whether God can use us in His service—we feel so ordinary. Nothing special about us, we think. Dr. Stowell wrote:

Hearing testimonies about how God did something spectacular in someone else's life can challenge us. While we may rejoice to hear about answers to prayer, we may also wonder why God hasn't done anything amazing for us lately.

It's easy to think that if God showed up in astonishing ways for us like He did for Abraham, then we would be more inspired to be faithful servants of God. But then we remember that God showed up for Abraham every 12 to 14 years, and most of Abraham's journey was rather ordinary.

God's work is usually done behind the scenes in the ordinary things of life. As First Corinthians 10:13 says, "He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out." Ev-

ery day God is busy shielding us from devastating onslaughts of Satan that would otherwise leave us helplessly defeated. And when temptation hits, He is making exit ramps for us so we can escape.

When we put our head on the pillow at night, we should pause to thank God for the amazing things He has done for us that day in the midst of our ordinary lives. So, instead of longing for Him to do something spectacular for you, thank Him! He already has.

God is always in control behind the scenes, even on 'ordinary' days.

BULLETIN BOARD

DETOUR

The Callaway trip details are being revised. There will be updated information available on the registration table at the September SeniorLink dinner. Or, contact Jane Houston at 615-791-4673.



PROVIDING PRAYER SUPPORT TO MINISTRY RESIDENTS

By Tom McMinn

This year, the Good News Singers will be giving support to one of the nine new Ministry Residents. The Ministry Residency is a one-year program which prepares adults to experience their calling to God's ministry of service through missions and church-related vocations. There are nine men in the program this year. They will be pursuing ministry in the areas of missions, church planting, discipleship and pastoring. Join with the Good News Singers in praying for these men. Many of them have families and will be adjusting to new neighborhoods and church campuses.

Continue to support the Good News Singers as we prepare to lead worship Sunday, October 23, at Set Free Church and prepare to sing with the Worship Choir on Sunday, October 16.

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

By Sally Mule'

Several months ago Sarah Lowe brought a challenge to the SOZO LIFE Group. She asked us to participate with other Christians throughout Middle Tennessee, the first Sunday of each month, to read the entire Bible in one day. To accomplish this each of us would commit to read one chapter. Our class accepted her challenge and took on five books. That first Sunday in July, 1,189 people read the entire Bible... Praise God!!! "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray... then will I hear from heaven..." 2 Chronicles 7:14.

This challenge will continue the first Sunday of each month. October 4th is our next opportunity. We have asked our friends and family to help us accomplish this. Our goal now is to have as many Christians reading God's Word as we can. Please join us as we raise our "Sword of the Word". If you will accept this challenge please contact Sally Mule' at sallymule@hotmail.com or 615-714-6110. You can take a whole book and find friends to join you or just take a chapter. "Strong is the one who executes His word." Joel 2:11



JOIN US FOR 'THE SOUND OF MUSIC' MUSICAL!

Performance date: Saturday Matinee, February 18, 2017, at 2 p.m.

(Tier Level of Tennessee Performing Arts Center, downtown Nashville, TN.)

Tickets available for \$49.00 each – Payment must be made at the time you make your reservation. **Reservations must be paid for by October 20, 2016** (SeniorLink Dinner). Contact Jane Houston at 615-791-4673 for more information of how and where tickets may be purchased.



Women on Mission

Join us for the Monday, October 17th meeting in the Parlor at 9:30 a.m. for fellowship and refreshments followed by a presentation by Joey Langford. Joey and his family served in a very successful agriculture ministry in South Africa for five years. He has now established a ministry here in middle Tennessee. How might you get involved?