

SENIOR NEWSLETTER

Greenwood Forest Baptist Church

May 2011

It Was A Memorable Event

Our April 5th luncheon with with the theme of “I Remember When” had to be just that. This was our third annual Spotlight on Senior Awareness Clusters, at which many members dressed in period clothing and displayed items that evoked special memories. There was a contest for the best “period dressed” male and female, with the winners receiving gift certificates to the Shiny Diner. The sartorial champions were Wilma Caldwell and Lee Webb.

Members sat together with their cluster groups and shared their memories with each other. Then they selected the most amazing or unusual memory and related that memory to the whole group. Like the Senior Cluster Spotlights before, this was a standout event with 118 members in attendance.

May Dinner To Feature The Chapel Singers

The Chapel Singers, composed of fourteen singers and accompanist from First United Methodist Church in Cary, will entertain us at our dinner meeting on Friday, May 6th. Their program will include light gospel, folk, contemporary, and traditional selections. An auditioned group of mixed voices, the Singers are passionate about serving their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and spreading the Word through music to as many people as possible.

This group began in 1979 as the folk choir and used four part harmony, accompanied by piano and guitar, to perform folk-style music. In the years that followed, the choir expanded its offering to include gospel, traditional and contemporary arrangements, as well as a few of the folk tunes that gave them their start. They still use piano for accompaniment, with occasional guitar and mandolin. The singers love to take the talents and gifts with which they have been blessed outside the walls of FUMC, in addition to their own congregation.

The Chapel Singers are accompanied by Dr. Christy Farrior, the Associate Director of Music, and directed by David Marlette, who is the Director of Music Ministries at First United Methodist Church of Cary.

Cost of the dinner is \$8. *Since this will be a catered meal, please consider your reservation as firm, and the callers will be contacting members somewhat earlier than usual.* Menu: fried chicken and BBQ, cole slaw, green beans, hush puppies, pork skins, strawberry short cake and the usual beverages.

Previews of Coming Attractions

Thursday, May 19th at 8:30 a.m. - Senior Breakfast at IHOP on Kildaire Farm Road in Cary.

Saturday, May 28th at 8:30 a.m. - Senior Breakfast at Pam's Farm House Restaurant in Raleigh.

Tuesday, June 7th at 11:30 a.m. - Luncheon with program titled “Interesting Life Experiences”. If you would be willing to speak about 5 minutes on one of your interesting experiences, please call Sandra Philbeck @ 851-0265. This topic suggestion got a very high rating in the senior survey that we took a year ago concerning prospective program topics.

Need Some Help Around the House?

Steven Thomason (son of Roberta and Marshall) is a Junior at ECU and is interested in working for anyone who could use his help. Over the summer, he will be an Orientation Assistant for ECU, but will have most of the month of May and about half of July and August to work, as well as most weekends (Friday to Sunday). He can do anything from pet sitting, house sitting, babysitting, yard work, mowing grass, cleaning houses (inside and outside-including dusting, vacuuming, bathrooms), manual labor (mulching, weeding, cleaning out garages/attics/basements), to driving people around or simply take care of them. He has worked for many friends with yard work, cleaning, painting and wallpaper (both scraping and hanging new paper). He is glad to work for \$7 an hour, and can provide references from people for whom he has worked in the past. Contact him by e-mail at Thomasons08@students.ecu.edu or by phone at (919) 434-6370. You can also call him at his home (919) 319-6534 should he not pick up at the other number.

Welcome New Members: Harry and Marilyn Cleland.

The \$2.99 Special

(If you are a senior, you will understand this one. If you deal with seniors, this should help you understand them a little better. If you are not a senior, yet, God willing, someday you will be. (This is dedicated to all those at doctors' and dentists' offices plus salespeople who call you “honey” or “sweetie”.)

A senior-citizen couple went to breakfast at a restaurant where the “senior special” was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$2.99.

“Sounds good”, the wife said. “But I don't want the eggs.”

The waitress replied: “Then, I'll have to charge you \$3.49 because you ordering *a la carte*.”

“You mean I'd have to pay for NOT taking the eggs?” said the wife incredulously.

“YES!” stated the waitress. “Okay, I'll take the special then”, retorted the wife.

“How do you want your eggs,” the waitress asked.

“Raw and in the shell”, the wife replied.

She then took the two eggs home and baked a cake.

Moral of the story: **DON'T MESS WITH SENIORS. WE'VE been around the block more than once!**