

SENIORLINK NEWS

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START THE NEW YEAR OFF WITH TRAVIS PATTON AT THE JANUARY SENIORLINK DINNER

By Bob Jones

Associate Worship Minister Travis Patton aims to worship God while encouraging and equipping others to do the same. Originally from West Des Moines, Iowa, he was raised in church and grew in his relationship with Christ through embracing opportunities to serve in worship and missions. After high school, Travis moved to Nashville to study violin performance at Belmont University. In addition to continuing to excel as a violinist, he used this time to grow in his faith and seek out opportunities to serve.



On a music and mission trip to Vancouver, Canada, he met his future wife, Elizabeth, who was a chaperone with her home church's youth choir. They married in 2015 and decided to stay in the Nashville area while Elizabeth completed law school at Belmont. Travis worked as a full-time musician, performing as a violinist for various artists, conducting a local youth orchestra, running a summer orchestra camp, and even co-producing two albums that were each nominated for a Dove Award. He also pursued additional education, earning his Master of Music in Composition and Arranging from Belmont.

In 2016, Travis felt led to join Brentwood Baptist on the worship staff, initially starting as a part-time associate of Mike Lawrence with the principal responsibility of conducting the Student and Young String orchestras. By 2020, he joined the worship staff full time and now serves as the Associate Worship Minister. In his current role, he functions as the "Musical Director" for weekly worship services, assists Travis Cottrell with the choir, assists Mike Lawrence with the orchestra, and leads the weekly rehearsals of the student orchestra. Travis and Elizabeth are looking forward to welcoming their first child in February 2025.

Come join us Thursday, January 16 at 5:30 PM for the SeniorLink Dinner when Travis will entertain us with some of his favorite original compositions and arrangements, accompanied by piano and guitar.

ON THE CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2024

SeniorLink Day Trip "Need a Lot of Christmas" Dinner show

Tuesday, December 3
9:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Leaving from BBC parking lot
Reservations required

Assembling Christmas Eve Candles

Monday, December 23, 9:00 AM
BBC Atrium | All are welcome

NOTE: No SeniorLink Dinner or Leadership meeting in December



JANUARY 2025

SeniorLink Leadership Team

Monday, January 13, 9:30 AM
Room 2006, Connection Center

SeniorLink Fellowship Dinner

Thursday, January 16, 5:30 PM
Wilson Hall, Cost \$15.00

**R.S.V.P. by Sunday, January 12 at 5:00 PM
Online at Brentwood.Church**

January Menu SeniorLink Dinner

Chicken and Dumplings
Green Beans
Fried Apples
Salad Bar with a variety of dressings
Rolls
Cup Cakes with ice cream cups
Water/Tea/Coffee

MEDITATION MOMENT *By Richard Carnes*

Birth Announcements: Throughout Scripture, God's announcements of the birth of a special child were met with various responses. Sarah, Abraham's wife, laughed. Zechariah doubted. By contrast, Mary, the mother of Jesus, graciously submitted. She believed the angel's words and agreed to bear the child, even under humanly impossible circumstances. God is able to do the impossible. Our response to His announcements and His promises should not be laughter or doubt but willing acceptance, because we know that God is up to something big. (Life Application Study Bible)



This is the most wonderful time of the year! The weather is getting colder; we are all wishing for a white Christmas; and most of all, we are looking forward to seeing family members. Yes, the presents are fun, and we get to eat all kinds of food (especially turkey and dressing). More importantly, we get to celebrate the single most significant event in all of mankind's history. All this hoopla is about a baby who came to save the world, a fact often lost in our secular world. But God in His infinite wisdom loves us so much and missed that relationship so much that He came to make things right. After we celebrate this marvelous season, we start a brand new year – 2025! How is that possible? God, of course!

From all of us, your SeniorLink leadership team, we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a very happy start to a New Year, and we look forward to seeing y'all at our January dinner!

TRIPS * PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**

By Tom Vasser

OUR VISIT TO A TRULY CHRISTIAN-BASED MUSEUM



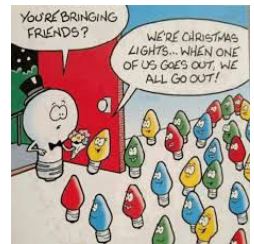
The Wonder Center and Science Museum in nearby Dickson, Tennessee, is truly dedicated to preserving the scientific validity of the Bible, as 41 of our SeniorLink members quickly discovered

on Thursday, October 3. The Wonder Center is huge and really a full day is required to visit the many different displays of ancient Bible texts, strange and beautiful rocks and minerals, huge, preserved animals, displays on the study of outer space, the anatomy of the human body, and, the best of all, a spacious planetary show. This is a must-see venue for everyone and an inspiring tribute to the glory of God's creation.

"WE NEED A LOT OF CHRISTMAS" DINNER SHOW

Join us on December 3 for a trip that will start your holiday season with a jolt!

Enjoy this high energy Christmas show filled with over 40 Christmas songs, 12 costume changes, lots of dancing and choreography including an award-winning magician, Bruce Amato, and creative and hilarious skits that will put a smile on your face, a song on your lips, and the spirit of Christmas in your heart. Your ticket also includes a gourmet buffet consisting of classic Tuscan Chicken, smoked pork loin with apple chutney, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, apple cranberry salad, rolls and dessert. Here is the important information for this amazing Christmas holiday treat.



On Tuesday, December 3, we will travel to Fiddle-Dee Farm in Greenbrier, Tennessee. The Grayline Bus will leave the Brentwood Baptist Church parking lot at 9:30 AM and will return to the church at 4:30 PM. The cost of this awesome day trip is \$90 per person which includes:

- A comfortable and safe bus trip to and from the venue.
- A two-hour, 5-star Christmas show.
- A full and wonderfully delicious buffet lunch.

To reserve your ticket for this fun day trip, contact Tom or Pearl Vasser at 615-776-2853 or e-mail us at tomvasser@yahoo.com.



DECEMBER HUMOR

PUT ON YOUR TRAVELING SHOES - WE'RE GOING TO MYRTLE BEACH

This year's overnight SeniorLink trip is a grand show trip to beautiful Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Here is the information you need to know.

- The trip is scheduled for April 7 to April 12: 5 nights and 6 days.
- The cost of this fabulous trip is \$795 double occupancy or \$1004 for a single room. \$75 down payment is due at sign-up.
- This is a show trip! We will see 5 shows: The Iconic Show at the Alabama Theatre, The Man of 1000 Voices, Legends in Concert, Le Grand Cirque's Adrenaline Show, and Music and Memories.

- We will also visit Myrtle Beach Boardwalk and Promenade, Barefoot Landing, Broadway at the Beach, and L.W. Paul's Living History Farm.
- The trip includes motorcoach transportation, 3 nights at a Myrtle Beach hotel, 5 breakfasts, and 3 dinners.

To get on-board for this fun trip, call Tom and Pearl Vasser at 615-776-2853 or 615-830-6255 or e-mail us at tomvasser@yahoo.com.