

# SENIORLINK NEWS

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

**APRIL 2024**

## NADINE IS COMING! *By Bob Jones*



You don't want to miss Nadine at our April 18 SeniorLink dinner. Who is Nadine? Well, Nadine is the sassy church lady on the hit RFD-TV show "Larry's Country Diner." Who is she, really? The character of Nadine is played by Mona Brown. It all began as something as a "shtick" at her local Tennessee church. Every week Nadine brings hilarious updates to Larry's "Country Diner" on family related topics and the church sign. She never fails to nag on Larry or country music legends like Bill Anderson, Gene Watson, Jimmy Fortune, Exile, Larry Gatlin, or whoever else may stop by the Diner to entertain!

A Southern gal born and raised, Mona and her husband, Ken Leeth, are members of Brentwood Baptist Church where Ken is a deacon. Her story has something for everyone. Losing her father at an early age, losing a child, surviving breast cancer, and losing her husband of 48 years to COVID in 2021, Mona sees God's love and care over it all. Come join us April 18 at 5:30 for an evening of comedy, fun and laughter as we welcome the sassy church lady, Nadine.

## MEDITATION MOMENT

*By Richard Carnes*

**Final Words:** When someone is dying or leaving us, his or her last words are especially important. Jesus, in giving the great commission, left the disciples with these last words of instruction: They were under his authority; they were to make more disciples; they were to baptize and teach these new disciples to obey Christ; Christ would be with them always. Whereas in previous missions Jesus had sent his disciples only to the Jews, their mission from now on would be worldwide. Jesus is Lord of the earth, and he died for the sins of people from all nations. We are to go – whether it is next door or to another country – and make disciples. It is not an option but a command to all who call Jesus "Lord." We are not all evangelists in the formal sense, but we have all received gifts that we can use to help fulfill the great commission. As we obey, we have comfort in the knowledge that Jesus is always with us. (Life Application StudyBible)

## ON THE CALENDAR

### APRIL 2024

#### SeniorLink Leadership Team

Monday, April 8 | 9:30 AM  
Room 2006, Connection Center

#### SeniorLink Fellowship Dinner

Thursday, April 18 | 5:30 PM  
Wilson Hall | Cost: \$15.00  
RSVP by Sunday, April 14  
Online at [Brentwood.Church](https://www.brentwoodchurch.com)

#### SeniorLink Trip Pigeon Forge and Smokey Mountains

Tuesday, April 23-Thursday, April 25  
Reservations Required

## April Menu SeniorLink Dinner

Honey baked ham  
Sweet potatoes  
Fried apples  
Rolls  
Salad bar with variety of dressings  
Carrot cake  
Water/tea/coffee



## SAVE THE DATE! *By Beth Davis*

Mark your calendar to attend this year's Celebration of Biblical Marriage on Sunday, September 15. Couples celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2024 will be honored with a reception in the afternoon. If your 50th anniversary is this year, please contact Kitty Montross at 615-324-6177 or [kmontross@brentwoodbaptist.com](mailto:kmontross@brentwoodbaptist.com).

## WHAT ABOUT A GOOD OLE SUMMER QUARTET FESTIVAL?

By Tom Vasser

### JULY 27 | THE CROCKETT THEATRE

Plan to join our SeniorLink Program as we travel to Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, to the James D. Vaughan Quartet Festival.

- The festival is Saturday, July 27, at the Crockett Theatre in Lawrenceburg.
- We will depart Brentwood Baptist at 10:30 AM and will return at 7:00 PM.
- We will travel by coach to Farmers' Family Restaurant in Columbia for a huge buffet lunch.
- We will continue to Lawrenceburg for a great day of gospel singing by five professional groups including **Triumphant Quartet, The Perrys, Ernie Haas & Signature Sound, and more!**

The cost of the day out is \$75 per person and includes a comfortable and safe coach for transportation, a wonderful buffet lunch, and a great seat in the center section of the theatre! The price per person does not include gratuities. **To sign up, e-mail Tom and Pearl Vasser at [tomvasser@yahoo.com](mailto:tomvasser@yahoo.com) or call 615-776-2853.**

## SENIORLINK ANNUAL TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS DRIVE 2024

By Shelia McCulloch

You will want to start shopping soon to be a part of our SeniorLink ministry that provides needed items for those served by the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes. Below are the items that have been requested and remember that **snack items are to be individual size only:**

Monetary donations	Paper towels
Paper/plastic bowls, plates	Plastic silverware
Cheez-it snacks	Chips
Goldfish	Pretzels
Beef jerky	Belvita breakfast cookies
Soft and chewy granola bars	Fruit snacks
Little Debbie's	Pop tarts
Peanut butter crackers	Oreo cookies

**Collection Dates:** April 18 at SeniorLink Dinner & Sunday, April 21 and Sunday, April 28, in Wilson Hall and across from Preschool Entrance. **Make checks out to Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes and designate "Needs Drive" in memo line.**

## A UNIQUE SENIORLINK MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Brentwood Baptist will be hosting its third Foster and Adoptive Mothers (FAM) Mother's Day brunch in May, and our SeniorLink ministry will be supporting this event by donating \$450 to provide three of the gift baskets. These baskets will be filled with a variety of goodies to show love and appreciation for the remarkable difference these women are making in the community.

### COORDINATOR'S

#### CORNER

### OPEN By Ben Davis

I am on a kick here: Last month we learned about March, so I thought I'd investigate April. What is April known for? Most of all it is known for Easter (except for this year). That is more than enough. However, there are other things this month is known for. Passover is in this month. But it is also the month that taxes are due. (Sorry I had to bring THAT up!) What about its origin? It is possibly from the Latin word *aperire* meaning "open" in relation to buds opening and flowers appearing in spring, recalling the saying, "April showers bring May flowers." (My note - or an open grave!) There are possible connections to another Latin word *apricus* (sunny) because April is seen as the month of sunshine and growth in the Northern Hemisphere! I could go on but we as Christians know this month to be the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. No wonder the flowers want to bloom, and the weather to be sunny! What a Day! What an Event! Thank you, God, that you loved us so much that you gave us your one and only Son born unto us, to live among us, to die for us, AND be raised from the dead for us. Death has been defeated! Enjoy Easter this year knowing that in part it is about being open and sunny.

### APRIL HUMOR



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Please remove  
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