

FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A TIME: GAYLE HAYWOOD IS RETIRING

By Ben Davis and Gayle Moyer Harris



The author of Ecclesiastes profoundly expressed the truth, “For everything, there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” For Gayle Haywood, the Senior Adult/Congregational Care Minister, the season of over 40 years on staff at Brentwood Baptist will come to a close upon her retirement at the end of the year. To list all her responsibilities and achievements would take up a lengthy amount of space and quite a lot of time. It is sufficient to say simply that most all of us can give personal testimonies to what Gayle has done to meet our needs and give us hope.

The emphasis here is to attempt to describe what Gayle has meant to our senior adults. When the title “Senior Adult Minister” was added to her duties many years ago, little attention was paid to our aging church membership. Today, however, Brentwood Baptist is recognized community-wide for its senior adult programs and opportunities for service that have been developed under the leadership of Gayle Haywood. She operates quietly. She listens carefully. She observes objectively. She organizes thoughtfully. She seeks the best. *And she is always there.*

SeniorLink is the name developed a few years ago to describe our senior adult program. Led by Gayle, there is a leadership team which meets regularly to plan activities and service projects. Unless she is out of town, *Gayle is always there.* While this group has had various presidents, chairmen, or directors, she has been the captain of the ship and the mentor.

Gayle’s support of the SeniorLink ministry has been second to none! With our church growing and changing as it has over the last few years, Gayle has helped us navigate the things we wanted to do—in the way we could do it within our church’s guidelines—and helped us walk through the ways to get it done. She has encouraged SeniorLink in the development of the Good News Singers mission choir, the annual Celebration of Biblical Marriage, the Christmas stockings for children at the Copper Basin Crisis Center, the preparation of candles for the Christmas Eve services, the annual Bible study, the Tennessee Baptist Children’s Home paper drive, the monthly fun-filled Thursday night Fellowship Dinners, and the SeniorLink excursions and out-of-town trips, just to name a few. *And she is always there.*

Now, as we are moving forward without our longtime leader Gayle, she has put into place how we are to continue to be as a mission for our church and has given us that great gift so that we can serve others for many years to come.

Thank you, Gayle! Well done, good and faithful servant!

ON THE CALENDAR

DECEMBER

Brentwood Breakfast Club

Thursday, December 2 | 8:30 AM

Cracker Barrel | Cool Springs

*Reservations not required

LAST DATE TO RETURN

Copper Basin Christmas Stockings

Sunday, December 5 | Table in Atrium

See back page

SeniorLink Leadership Team

NOTE: No December Meeting

Wilson Women on Mission

NOTE: No December Meeting

SeniorLink Fellowship Dinner

NOTE: No December dinner

JANUARY 2022

Brentwood Breakfast Club

Thursday, January 6 | 8:30 AM

Cracker Barrel | Cool Springs

*Reservations not required

SeniorLink Leadership Team

Monday, January 10 | 9:30 AM

Room 2006 | Connection Center

Wilson Women on Mission

Monday, January 17 | 9:30 AM

Wilson Hall

SeniorLink Fellowship Dinner

Thursday, January 20 | 5:30 PM

Wilson Hall | Cost: \$10.00

RSVP by Sunday, January 16

Online, at BBC, or to Carolyn Simmons
at 615.310.9543

JANUARY MENU SENIORLINK DINNER

EVERYONE’S BIRTHDAY EDITION

Beef Vegetable Soup

Broccoli Cheese Soup

Chicken Noodle Soup

Salad Bar

Crackers

Cornbread Muffins

Birthday Cake

Ice Cream Cups

(Chocolate and Vanilla)

Water/Tea/Coffee

JANUARY 20, 2022 – A DELIGHTFUL NIGHT OF “PICKING”



Our entertainment for the first of our SeniorLink Fellowship Dinners in 2022 will be a group of guys who form the local string band called the **Grateful Bluegrass Band**. This group from the Franklin First United Methodist Church has been playing together for over 20 years. The band is led by Jim McGinley on mandolin, with Gary Beasley on banjo, Richard Starkey on guitar, Daniel McGinley on bass, Svend Thomson on fiddle, Tim Murphy on fiddle, and Todd Yann on dobro. The Grateful Bluegrass Band will entertain us with both gospel and traditional bluegrass tunes using their instruments and vocal harmonies. They can be found leading worship every other month or so at their church, and they enjoy playing for church events, private parties, and weddings, “and any other excuse for bluegrass whenever we can!”

CHRISTMAS STOCKING REMINDER

The Christmas stocking mission of Brentwood Baptist SeniorLink ensures that every child served by the Copper Basin Crisis Center will receive a Christmas gift. Let's fill as many stockings as we can, both with needed items and prayers, for these precious children. A list of suggested items is included with each stocking. If you prefer to give a monetary donation, you can contribute using the black box on the table during the dates below. Gift cards will be purchased using these donations for items to be given to these families in need. We will deliver the filled stockings and gift cards to Copper Basin in early December. The schedule for the Christmas stocking distribution and stocking returns is:



STOCKING DISTRIBUTION

Sunday, November 14 – Atrium

Thursday, November 18 – At SeniorLink Dinner

Sunday, November 21 – Atrium

STOCKING RETURN

Sunday, November 28 – Atrium

Sunday, December 5 – Atrium

THE BRANSON SHOW EXTRAVAGANZA: COMING IN APRIL 2022

By Tom Vasser

Sign-up
Today!



From April 25-30 of 2022 (Monday-Saturday), the Brentwood Baptist SeniorLink program will travel to Branson, Missouri, for six days and five nights of wonderful and entertaining shows, such as The Sight and Sound Theatre's performance of *Jesus*, The Neil Diamond Tribute Show, and The Haygoods Show. This exciting trip will also include three other fabulous shows. Additionally, there will be a tour of Branson, which includes historic Downtown Branson and Branson Landing, where we will enjoy shopping, dining, and its many other attractions.

The trip includes five nights of lodging, eight meals, six shows, and comfortable travel by coach, all for \$649 per person, double occupancy. Single occupancy is available for an additional cost. The trip is limited to 50 participants. Call or e-mail Tom or Pearl Vasser at tomvasser@yahoo.com or 615.776.2853 for details and to sign-up.

REVIEW OF SENIORLINK TRIP TO THE ARK ENCOUNTER AND BEYOND!

An excited group from the Brentwood Baptist SeniorLink program had a close encounter with Noah's Ark in September and will quickly tell you that this experience was unlike any other. The Bible's flood came to life as the group toured the 510-foot ship, met Noah's family, viewed the family's living quarters, and saw many exhibits that theorized how life could have existed on board the ship throughout those 40 days and nights of the flood. All 44 participants agreed that this was a trip that should be on everyone's agenda!

Our seniors also visited the Creation Museum and the Newport Aquarium, and they also enjoyed a leisurely cruise from Cincinnati down the Ohio River. From a relaxing stay at a great Comfort Inn to lots of fantastic dining venues and wonderful food, this had to be one of SeniorLink's greatest adventures yet.

Next trip: Branson, Missouri in April 2022!

