

SENIORLINK NEWS

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BILLY HODGES ... BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

By Bob Jones

Award-winning Southern Gospel tenor Billy Hodges will perform live, in concert, at the SeniorLink dinner on July 20. Billy was raised in West Tennessee and is a former firefighter and first responder for Union City, Tennessee. He began singing in the children's choir at his home church but did not begin his professional career until much later. Billy attended the University of Tennessee Martin where he majored in music. In 1995, Billy joined the legendary Florida Boys Quartet in Pensacola, Florida. In 1997, he returned to



UTM to continue his music studies. He returned to the gospel music world in 2001 by joining the Dixie Echoes and moving back to Pensacola. In 2005, Billy joined the Kingdom Heirs at Dollywood and performed with them for almost six years. He resigned from the Kingdom Heirs in 2011 and embarked on his solo ministry the next year. Billy has been voted twice as Top 5 Finalist for Favorite New Soloist, had two number-one songs in the SingNews with the Kingdom Heirs, and has been a Top 5 Finalist for Favorite Tenor multiple times. His signature song "Anchor of Hope" was nominated for Song of the Year in 2006. Please join us for a worshipful evening as we welcome back the incomparable Billy Hodges.

MEDITATION MOMENT

By Richard Carnes

You Feed Them: Following a long day of healing and teaching a crowd of thousands of people, Jesus asked the disciples to provide food for the people. The disciples were amazed and said it would take a small fortune to feed such a crowd. How might we have reacted if given this impossible task? A situation that seems impossible with human resources is simply an opportunity for God. The disciples did what they could by gathering a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish, then organized the people into groups. Jesus prayed and multiplied the five loaves and two fish to feed over 5,000 people. What he was originally given seemed insufficient, but in his hands it became more than enough. We often feel our contribution to Jesus is meager, but he can use and multiply whatever we give him, whether it is talent, time, or treasure. It is when we give them to Jesus that our resources are multiplied. (Life Application Study Bible)

ON THE CALENDAR

JUNE REMINDER

TBCH Needs Drive

Collections at Wilson Hall Foyer and across from the Preschool Entrance
Sunday, June 25

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Brentwood Breakfast Club

Thursday, July 6, 8:30 AM
Cracker Barrel, Cool Springs
Reservations not required

SeniorLink Leadership Team

Monday, July 10, 9:30 AM
Room 2006, Connection Center

SeniorLink Fellowship Dinner

Thursday, July 20, 5:30 PM
Wilson Hall, Cost \$12.00
R.S.V.P. by Sunday, July 16
Online at Brentwood.Church

SeniorLink Day Trip Chattanooga, TN

Tuesday, July 25, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
This trip is full with a waiting list.
Reservations required.



July Menu SeniorLink Dinner

The menu had not been decided at the time of printing; however, we do believe Oreo Cookies will be available.

***Guess who's coming to dinner??
See page 2 for the answer.***

COORDINATOR'S

CORNER

By Ben Davis

There is a line from a 1967 movie that made "movie line history." It was a romantic comedy. Do you remember it? *"Guess who's coming to dinner!"* Well, guess who is coming to our July SeniorLink Fellowship Dinner? We have the honor of having none other than our own Mike and Jeannie Glenn!

Thanks go to Richard Carnes and his efforts for making this happen. With all that Mike has going on as he wraps up 32-plus years of being just the second pastor at Brentwood Baptist, he is coming to give us a "SeniorLink" farewell! Now, what is a tad odd about this is I know Mike is a senior (he and I are just 2 months apart – I'm older). Wonder if he'd like to join us on a regular basis?

I hope you can join us for this very special July event!

SENIORLINK'S PENNSYLVANIA ADVENTURE

By Tom Vassar



There are few words to describe the great adventure undertaken by 49 of our Brentwood Baptist colleagues and friends as we experienced six days touring Pennsylvania. Our time together was summed up by the comment of several participants: "Beyond our expectations."

First, we traveled by bus through the beautiful Shenandoah Valley to reach the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster. Moses was in complete control as real horses and camels marched through the aisles, and birds flew onto the main stage. True to the Biblical story, the Egyptian Pharaoh was shown the power of God as the sea parted for the Israelites. The Sight and Sound Theatre's production of "Moses" will leave you with an understanding, appreciation and a love of how great our God is.

On Wednesday and again on Friday, our group visited Lancaster's Amish country complete with a Mennonite tour guide who guided us to two Amish working farms. Our seniors sampled Amish baked goods, such as "Shoo Fly Pie" and "Sticky Buns," woodworking treasures, and extraordinary needle art. All along the route, we saw Amish wagons going to market, Amish women plowing fields, and Amish bearded men, the beard indicating that they are married. We learned that Amish children only attend school to the eighth grade, and basically the Amish world is one of "practicality" and "equality."

Also, before ending our day, we were treated to a 50's/60's rock and roll show entitled "Juke Box Jive" at the Magic and Wonder Theatre. This group of young people knew all the great songs from that wonderful time period and also how to dance to them! This show group had all of us clapping our hands to the beat and stomping our feet.

Our day on Thursday was spent at the birthplace of our country, Philadelphia. Our step-on tour guide emphasized his love for his home city. Touring the city, we saw the great Liberty Bell, visited the original Congressional House that served Congress for the first ten years of our nation's history. We saw Betsy Ross's house and her grave beside it and viewed statues and historical markers of our first fireman, Ben Franklin, and his burial site. We all decided that it would take days of touring to see all the great sites in Philadelphia. One experience that we all took part in, as recommended by our tour guide, was to enjoy a real Philly Cheese Steak sandwich, an original that we were told should not be missed on our visit. The line was long, but the wait was certainly worth it. Delicious!

Of course, one highlight of our trip was eating! Food and snacks were abundant. However, most seniors agreed that if you are hungry while passing through Knoxville, don't miss Austin's Steakhouse and Homestyle Buffet. Our group ate there twice, going and coming!

**SAVE THE DATE:
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023**

By Beth Davis



Mark your calendar to attend a special afternoon reception to honor couples who are celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2023.

If 2023 is your 50th anniversary, please contact Kitty Montross at 615-324-6177 or kmontross@brentwoodbaptist.com as soon as possible.

Spread the word in your Life Group and at other church gatherings you attend.

JULY HUMOR

