

SENIORLINK NEWS

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

SEPTEMBER 2023

MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES: FROM GLEN CAMPBELL TO BROADWAY TO SONGS OF FAITH

By Bob Jones

Please come join our own Steve Smith on September 21 for a medley of hits at the SeniorLink Dinner. Both native Nashvillians, Steve Smith and his wife, Kathy, have been members of Brentwood Baptist for 11 years. For over 30 years Steve served as Music and Worship Pastor at several Nashville churches. In 2003 he and Kathy were founding members of West Franklin Baptist, which is now a BBC campus. Steve was Music and Worship Pastor at WFBC for 8 ½ years, after which they joined Brentwood. He has occasionally helped out in music worship by serving on praise teams and directing choirs at other BBC campuses.



Steve and Kathy met at the close of his final performance of the lead role in Belmont University's "Lil Abner" in 1971. This October they will celebrate 49 years of Christian marriage. Parents of Stephanie Weathers (Paul) and Chelsea Parker (Brooks), they are also blessed with 10 grandchildren: six in Dallas, Texas, and four in Franklin.

After receiving his Master's Degree in Vocal Performance from Peabody College of Vanderbilt in 1974, Steve was the featured male vocalist with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra at the Italian Street Fair in Nashville. In 1974 Steve also served as a vocal instructor at Belmont University. To quote Steve: "It has been my privilege to have been involved in music since I was eight years old when I started out on the accordion. The Lord has been gracious to Kathy and me in allowing us to serve together in ministry throughout our lives together. I am especially honored to be invited to perform for the September 21st SeniorLink Dinner."

MEDITATION MOMENT

By Richard Carnes

Living Stones: A church building is sometimes called God's house. In reality, God's household is not a building but a group of people. He lives in us and shows himself to a watching world through us. People can see that God is love and that Christ is Lord as we live in harmony with each other and in accordance with what God says in his Word.

Peter portrayed the church as a living, spiritual temple, with Christ as the foundation and cornerstone and each believer as a stone. Paul portrayed the church as a body, with Christ as the head and each believer as a member. Both pictures emphasize **community**. One stone is not a temple or even a wall; one body part is useless without the others. In our individualistic society, it is easy to forget our interdependence with other Christians. When God calls you to a task, remember that he is also calling others to work with you. Together your individual efforts will be multiplied. Look for those people and join with them to build a beautiful household for God. (Life Application Study Bible)

ON THE CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2023

Brentwood Breakfast Club

Thursday, September 7, 8:30 AM
Cracker Barrel, Cool Springs
Reservations not required

SeniorLink Leadership Team

Monday, September 11, 9:30 AM
Room 2006, Connection Center

SeniorLink Fellowship Dinner

Thursday, September 21, 5:30 PM
Wilson Hall, Cost \$12.00
R.S.V.P. by Sunday, September 17
Online at Brentwood.Church

September Menu SeniorLink Dinner

Baked ziti and fettuccine alfredo
Salad bar with a variety of dressings
Bread
Cheesecake with strawberry topping
and whipped cream
Water/tea/coffee

WELCOME, BRENDA HOPKINS: SENIORLINK CALL TEAM COORDINATOR



Please let us introduce you to Brenda Hopkins, the new Call Team Coordinator. Brenda responded to our request for someone to fill the position of coordinating our SeniorLink call team for dinner reservations. Each month, the nine members of the call team contact those who are not comfortable making their Thursday dinner reservations on line. If you would like to be added to this list, contact Brenda. We would like to thank Carolyn Simmons, who served as our Call Team Coordinator for eight years and is helping Brenda with the transition to replace her.

Brenda was a PK (preacher's kid) who married Jerry, the boy who lived directly across the street when her family moved to Bristol, Virginia. Brenda and Jerry have been married for 54 years. They have been members of Brentwood Baptist for 10 years. In addition to her new position on the SeniorLink Leadership Team, Brenda also volunteers her time at the Welcome Desk and is a member of the Nurture Team. She enjoys reading and gardening. Brenda is an example of how God calls us to serve the church by preparing us to use the skills we learned during our work careers. For 21 years, Brenda worked as a Reservation and Ticket Coordinator for US Airways.

Thank you, Brenda, for volunteering to serve our SeniorLink ministry.

HONORING 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

By Beth Davis

A reception reflecting on the Biblical institution of marriage and celebrating the golden anniversaries of couples who were married during 1973 will take place Sunday, October 22, 2023. The reception will be held in Wilson Hall on the Brentwood Baptist campus from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Attendees will enjoy musical entertainment and light refreshments as we celebrate our special couples. Being honored at this unique wedding reception will be these 50th anniversary couples:

<i>Diana & Mike Beasley</i>	<i>Sharon & Bob King III</i>
<i>Sharon & Gordon Fisher</i>	<i>Charlotte & Mike Stewart</i>
<i>Amy & Mark Foy</i>	<i>Carolyn & Jim Mike Ward</i>
<i>Joyce & Tom Hammett</i>	<i>Rita & Keith White</i>
<i>Gilbert and Jean Henderson</i>	

There is no charge, but you are asked to register your attendance online in advance. Simply go to the homepage at BrentwoodBaptist.com, click on the Calendar at the top of the home page, scroll to the month of October, click on the Celebration of Biblical Marriage, and complete your registration. You can also text the word Marriage to 623623 to register. Reservations deadline is October 9th.

If you are having a 50th anniversary in 2023 and have not been contacted, please call Kitty Montross at 615-324-6177 or email her at kmontross@brentwoodbaptist.com as soon as possible. We want to honor you.



OUR SENIORS RECEIVE VIP TREATMENT IN CHATTANOOGA!

By Tom Vasser



It's not often that you have an opportunity to dine formally with tablecloths, silverware, and real china in a magnificent old mansion. Talk about feeling "high-class!" But that is what 49 of our seniors experienced as we traveled on a beautiful bus to Chattanooga and the Mayor's Mansion for lunch on Tuesday, July 25.

After enjoying a great lunch, we headed to the Southern Belle Riverboat. What a beautiful day for a cruise up and down the Tennessee River! Everyone found their perfect viewing spot either in the air conditioned lower deck or on the upper outside decks. Chairs were available everywhere, and you could simply sit and relax. The river adventure was narrated by the Second Mate who spouted interesting tidbits all along the route. A view of downtown Chattanooga is a unique perspective from the middle of the Tennessee River! Several of our senior travelers commented that the trip was "beyond their expectations."

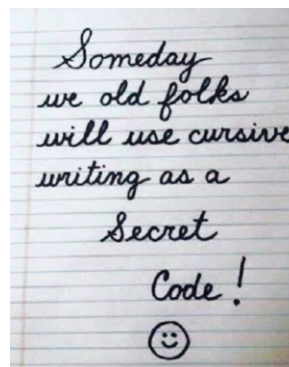
Be sure to watch for the announcement soon of our next day trip and be ready to sign-up. The next trip will involve an experience like no other! Don't miss it!

SNEAK PEEP

Our newly designed Christmas bags for the children of Copper Basin will soon be available for you to fill.



SEPTEMBER HUMOR



WHEN I WAS A KID, THIS WAS MY COMPUTER:

