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A NEWSLETTER FOR SENIOR ADULTS

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FIRST LINES FROM CORKY

WOW! We are already into February, and I am still having trouble remembering to put 2012 on my checks. I hope your year has gotten off to a good start. We have had some great days as we began this new year. I want to say thank you to everyone who sang at the Park Place Vesper's Service. Your ministry as a part of the Heritage Choir is so special and everyone who attended was very grateful for your willingness to come and share your testimony through music. If you are not a part of the choir, you certainly need to be!

Also, thank you for your attendance at our afternoon movie. We had close to 40 people to view the movie "Courageous." We shared popcorn, M&M's, tissues and good fellowship. It was a fun afternoon, and I think everyone had a great time.

Finally, I hope everyone enjoyed the evening at Heritage Club. As always, we were blessed by a wonderful trio with some inspiring music. However, for the first time, I also heard from a few how much they enjoyed not having to prepare a dish. With that thought in mind, I know Heritage Club seemed very different without the goodies we have become accustomed to, but I hope you will continue to evaluate whether or not you like the catered meals. I want to remind everyone that this arrangement will continue for a while, and in the process our leadership will continue to learn as we move through each month. We will be trying a number of caterers and a variety of meals as well. So, please continue to check out the possibilities in the coming

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HERITAGE CLUB NEWS

On January 10, we had 34 members and residents to attend our afternoon service at the Arbors. Joe Crowley opened with a word of prayer. Ted Roberts led our music and Rose Livingston accompanied him on the piano. Fred Beck was our speaker and his message was from Psalms 103. He spoke about several biblical characters that received a call from God even though they were older. Each of these individuals responded by answering the call and met the purpose that was for them. Today whatever our age is, we still have a purpose to fulfill. We can pray for others or take the task that God has given us to do. Fred closed our service with a word of prayer.

Our next meeting at the Arbors will be February 14. Our hosts for the day will be Ginger and Larry Jackson. On February 17, our hosts will have Bart Bull for our evening program.

On January 20, we had 136 members and visitors to attend our first catered meal for the year. The Wedding Chapel served meat loaf, side dishes and dessert. Afterwards, a trio from Pampa entertained us. Our singers were Suzanne Wood, Lela Harris, and Roberta Hendricks. Rick Land accompanied them on the piano. Rick was our organist during the time of Bill Ferguson. We were entertained by

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months. The goal, of course, is to provide the best meal we can while keeping our cost manageable. Many have already provided some great suggestions for meals and who might prepare them, and we are giving consideration to as many of these ideas as we can. Keep in mind that it is not an easy task to please everyone, but every effort is being made to try.

Aside from the issue of preparing a covered dish, the purpose of these changes is to make things as easy as possible for the monthly groups providing leadership. Remember that from this month until the end of the year (which is in August), table decorations and planning for the meals will already be covered. The main responsibility of the group leaders is to host the evening and find entertainment for the event. The group leaders are always welcome to provide any input regarding the planning for the event and are welcome to contact me or any of the Heritage club officers as you make preparation.

Don't forget about a couple of upcoming events in the days ahead. First, this month our Arbors worship falls on Valentine's Day, and I cannot think of a better way to share the love of Christ than spending a few minutes of the day loving and encouraging our friends at this facility. I hope you will come and join us. Also, if you are a part of Heritage Choir or just like to sing, be marking your calendars now for the upcoming Texas Baptist Adult Choir Festival our church will be hosting on Thursday afternoon and evening, March 8 and Friday morning, March 9. We plan on a wonderful time of learning new music, enjoying the music of the gospel group, The Penny Loafers, and fellowshiping with folks from all over the western half of the state.

Have a wonderful February and Happy Valentine's Day!

Corky

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The following gospel selections:

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

"I Go to the Rock"

"He Never Failed Me Yet"

"God of Grace"

"When They Call My Name"

Afterwards, Lois Ethel Williams announced to the group that she is resigning as Homebound Chairman. She has been very faithful in this position of contacting those in need at home for Christmas plates. I know many of these individuals will miss hearing from her when they receive their contact call in the fall.

Do not forget that Valentine's Day is almost here. I have included a few sayings:

"True love comes quietly, without banners or flashing lights. If you hear bells, get your ears checked." - Erich Segal

"Love is an electric blanket with somebody else in control of the switch." - Cathy Carlyle
Joe Bill

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

ADULT 6 RUTH CLASS My, how time flies when you are having fun! Where did December and January go? Here it is February of a new year, and we are way behind on news.

December was good for most of the Ruth Class members. Twenty-two members and guests enjoyed a brunch at Cracker Barrel planned and hosted by Jennie Vestal. Then we were treated with a WHITE Christmas! Beautiful! The class welcomed Lou Ethel Albertson as a new member she is a wonderful addition to the group. We hope to see Annabelle Ritchey back in class soon, as she is still recovering from major surgery from nearly a year ago.

Several of the class members have had illness, loss of loved ones, and many concerns shared. This is a praying group, and the support is felt by all. As we enter this month of February, traditionally the month of "love",

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we have much to be thankful for. After all this is Leap Year and we have an extra day in this month to tell people how much we appreciate and love them.

Let's just Praise the Lord and read 1 Corinthians 13.

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BARNABAS CLASS

Our attendance is holding up very well for Winter Vacation Time. We have had several visitors and they are always welcome.

Prayer Requests:

Gail Williams and her mother. Cheri Koontz's housekeeper, Kathy. Becky Fowler's mother who had a stroke and a heart attack. Bill Rice and Dr. Moore who both have severe eye infections.

Answered Prayer:

For Diane Steed's condition. It has now been a year since Mary Skaggs had heart surgery and is doing real ly well. Joyce Southern is undergoing tests. Jean and Jack Goodin are very excited about their first grandsons.

Jo Crump

Adult 7

Can you believe it is already February? Where did January go? I am sorry I was out of town and missed the January First Page deadline. I meant to write about our wonderful Christmas party. Jesse Hartwell did a superb job planning and Minna Gene provided beautiful decorations. We had 55 in attendance which was great!

Mort and Sandy Sain provided beautiful music. We are so blessed to have them in our department. Believe me, they went above board. Mort's mom (who is also Alona Elms' mom) died that afternoon, but they still came and played (Sandy on the piano, Mort on the violin) because they had promised to be there. Thank you so much, Mort and Sandy.

Our attendance continues to be excellent. I know we haven't had a bad winter, but we have had some pretty miserable weather, and still we are all there. Of course we continue to have "our age" illnesses. We have had many in and out of the hospital and at home unable to attend. Gene Hartwell had back surgery again this past Monday.

I am excited about a new "thing" in our department. We are taking a few minutes during department time to give testimonies. Members are volunteering, and it is a real blessing.

See ya later,
Millie

JOY Class: Adult 7

January was a good month for our class. We feel so thankful that most remain in good health and are able to attend.

We celebrated three birthdays in December: Diane Steed, Anita Hammit (95), and Cletta Stall (92). Bobbi Alexander celebrated her 97th birthday on February 2nd. We have several members who are past 90. We laugh that the church will go broke from buying cakes for 90 and older. (How they love those cakes!!)

Geneva Kirkpatrick has not reached her 90th, but she will celebrate a birthday on the 15th.

Diane Steed is a joy and inspiration to all of us. In spite of her fight with cancer, she just "keeps on going." She has been able to attend the Sunday and Wednesday services for some time. Please continue to pray for Diane as she returns to Houston February 19 for more surgery.

Geneva Kirkpatrick and Bobbi Alexander do a great job in ministering to our 20 inactive members and to others. They are such a blessing. Helen Roller continues her weekly ministries at Ware and Arbors. Others are busy on the phone, letting our absentees and inactives know they are loved and appreciated.

I learned a week ago that Charles and Diane Steed had volunteered to host a group of 9th graders for this week end's "Disciple Now." I had another nice surprise when my grandson, James Powell, told me he would be leading this group of young people. Isn't it good that Bradley will help our college students continue their spiritual growth by allowing them these opportunities.

We are enjoying our two newest members, daughter and mother, Sandra Foust and Cletta Stall. They have already been a blessing to our class.

Minna Gene Blackwelder is planning a Valentine get-together for our class. We always look forward to our times of fellowship. We also have active members attending Tuesday noon Bible Study (Corky's teachings from I Timothy are blessing us) and Heritage Club. Some of us were also able to go with other FB members to "Arbors" in January where we had a special time of worship and fellowship with the residents.

We appreciate our staff, our Adult 7 leaders, and all who faithfully allow God to use them for His glory.

God's blessings,
Neva Blair

