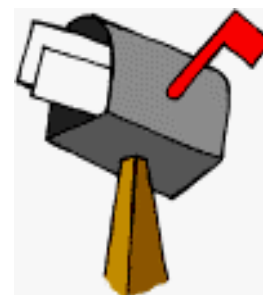


Senior Connection



Articles, News and Activities Calendar
For Senior Members at Netherwood Park Church of Christ
November 2011 Vol 7 Issue 11 MLB



SENIOR FELLOWSHIP THIS FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2011

Sharing Our Love



Luncheon Schedule

- 11:30 – 12:30 Lunch-Wilkins BBQ! – Bring a side or dessert
- 12:30 – 12:50 Devotional Speaker: Arturo Najera
- 12:50 – 1:30 Entertainment – “Sugartime” singers. Enjoy the sweet sounds of Oldies, Broadway, Standards, Spanish and Country. (See inside this issue of the *Connection*.)

Hosts: Bea Carriaga, Martha Killough, Anita Zdunek

Decorations: Nancy Clements and Jean Sims

MC: Jim Guthrie

We Are Family



Standards...

Country...

Broadway...

Sixties...

Spanish...

Fifties...

Sugartime

Karen

Marti

Jeanne

The Sweet Sounds of

Sugartime

Contact Karen Walker
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Y'ALL COME!

You Are Invited to share a smoking hot meal together at our Senior Luncheon this Friday, November 18, 11:30. Dave Wilkins will grace our plates with his famous smoked port and smoked brisket. Thank you Dave! YOU just need to bring the side dishes and dessert. Come and enjoy God's bounty of food and Share Your Love with each other as we feast on the blessings of fellowship. God bless one and all.

Jack Riehl



What's Going On
Reported by Jim Guthrie



We again, have lost two most loved seniors at Netherwood Park. Margaret Aker was laid to rest in the family cemetery Saturday, October 29th. Margaret was known by the brotherhood throughout the state.



Del Conley, after the prolonged weakening disease of Parkinson, passed away Saturday, October 29th. He was buried in the Santa Fe National Cemetery Thursday, November 3. Del served our country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

Margaret and Del, along with their smiling positive attitudes will be missed, but always remembered. We seniors of Netherwood express our condolences to the families of

Margaret and Del.

We rejoice with the addition of new brethren to Netherwood Park. Welcome!



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We look forward at every opportunity for getting to know each other in our fellowship.

This issue of the “*Connection*” is our last issue for this year. Normally, there are no senior functions in December, but this December 2nd (first Friday) there will be a Senior Cinema Matinee. This is a special showing of a true story, “*The Christmas Cottage.*” Laura’s Review in this “*Connection*” reviews this wonderful story she (our movie director) wants to share with all. Plan to attend and bring a guest.

Twenty-four movie goers enjoyed the original “*Pink Panther*” at our November matinee.

Sixty-five (revised) attended our “Sharing Our Love” luncheon in October. This month’s offering of “fine” food from the Wilkins famous BBQ, along with our program we are planning for eighty-five (the largest number of the year) to enjoy this special year-end banquet and fellowship. Come join us in this “Don’t Miss Event”, this Friday and bring a guest.

We desperately need and want your help to continue being engaged with one another by your efforts, volunteering for the many facets of our senior program. No one “job” is a stand-alone as it takes team effort to accomplish the duty you undertake. Men, You Are Needed! May we all consider a task, becoming an intricate part of “Sharing Our Love” in 2012.



The Seniors of Netherwood Park wish
YOU a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The “*Connection*” circulation is now 200. Many receiving our newsletter are from other towns and states, which may have never seen Netherwood Park. The hope in this connection is that we may share our “fingerprint” of Netherwood by a pictorial view of our building, campus and personnel. We always have our “*Welcome*” mat out for you when in the Albuquerque area.



Our Foyer and Welcome Booth



Journey Land-Children’s Bible Classes for ages Kindergarten thru 5th grade



Our Building and Auditorium

Our Staff



Pulpit Minister

David Nestor

Associate Minister

Walter Lane

Youth Minister

Anthony Favors



Secretaries

LuAnn Marpel

Mary Louise Brown



The Connection Staff

***THEME FOR 2011: "WE ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO HIS LIKENESS."
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November & December

Anne Weimer 11/17
Betty Michael 12/1
Carol Vincent 12/5
Louise Brown 12/8
Jimmie Lewis 12/17
Ivan "Buss" Custard 12/23

Mary Ellen Burnett 11/18
Pat Gay 12/2
Jim White 12/7
Nancy Clements 12/10
Bud Alexander 12/17
Stephen Zdunek 12/26
Laura Riehl 12/30

Gayle Self 11/20
Mary Sue Osborn 12/4
Glenda Gray 12/8
Ralph Dees 12/16
Zona White 12/22
Sylvia Strickland 12/27



Wedding Anniversaries December

<i>Paul & Betty Martinez</i>	<i>December 4</i>	<i>25years</i>
<i>Glen & Betty Barker</i>	<i>December 9</i>	<i>55years</i>
<i>Wesley & Glenda Gray</i>	<i>December 11</i>	<i>57years</i>
<i>J.C. & Alice Hicks</i>	<i>December 21</i>	<i>64years</i>
<i>Lewis & Melissa Granados</i>	<i>December 28</i>	<i>25years</i>

COMING SOON!
2011

Happenings in November & December

November 18	11:30am	Senior Luncheon
November 18	6:30pm	Family Game Night – Fellowship Hall
November 19	6:00pm	Albuquerque Christian Children’s Home Auction – Embassy Suites Hotel – I-25 & Lomas – Tickets may be purchased from Susie Alcon, Vickie Nestor, Anna Cole or Everett White
November 21	7:45pm	Ladies Coffee at Flying Star Restaurant on Paseo del Norte
November 24-25		OFFICE CLOSED – HAPPY THANKSGIVING
December 1	11:30pm	Mexican lunch at the Christian Student Center prepared by Netherwood Park – see Susie Alcon or Kristen Soden if you would like to help
December 2	1:15	Senior Movie in Fellowship Hall
December 8	6:30pm	Ladies Game Night – Fellowship Hall
December 9	10:30am-5:30pm	United Blood Services Blood drive at Netherwood Park Fellowship Hall
December 9	7:00pm	Home School Band Christmas Concert at Netherwood Park, in the auditorium.
December 18	4:30pm	Devotional
	5:00pm	Christmas Dinner in gym
	6:00pm	Entertainment in Fellowship Hall
December 25	10:30am	Sunday morning Worship – NO BIBLE CLASSES
December 26-Jan 1		OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

GOING INTO ALL THE WORLD WITH YOUR HOME COMPUTER

Volunteer “teachers” are needed who have a love for lost souls. World English Institute was started by a member of the church, Dr Richard Ady, as a way of reaching souls around the world. He developed courses in English to help people learn the English language and at the same time be introduced to the teachings of the Bible. Thousands of people have taken these courses. Many of them have become Christians even at high risk to their personal safety. To learn more about this opportunity, see the October 2010 edition of CHRISTIAN WOMAN MAGAZINE. Also, please contact Jan Towell at JRTowell@aol.com. This information came to us from Gwenn Berry from the Edgewood Church of Christ.



Movie Review

Thomas Kinkadee's "The Christmas Cottage"

Based on the life of influential artist Thomas Kinkadee, *The Christmas Cottage* tells the story of his humble beginnings and the inspiration behind his most famous painting, for which the movie has been named. The year is 1977, and budding artist Thomas Kinkadee (Jared Padalecki) is leaving behind his studies at Berkeley to head home for the holidays. Unfortunately, his homecoming isn't a very joyous one, for bad news greets him before he even steps in the door. His mother, Maryanne (Marcia Gay Harden), has been a little too charitable in her ways, giving so much to her community that

she's fallen behind on her house payments. With only a matter of weeks before the bank forecloses, Thomas and his little brother (Aaron Ashmore) get cracking on raising enough cash to save the family home. Thomas's talents land him a job painting a mural of his quaint little burg to draw in tourists, though he ends up inspiring his fellow citizens. One by one, the quirky townspeople come to realize what matters most during the holiday season — that, as countless films have espoused before, love is the greatest gift of all.

It's all smiles and cupcakes amongst the simple town folk who live in a little place called Placerville, California. They enjoy wholesome activities like taking part in the annual nativity play and being the quintessential "white picket fence" kind of American community. Veteran actor Peter O'Toole plays Kinkadee's mentor Glen Wessler with dependable charm and grace. There is wisdom and heart behind those rheumy eyes and, at 76, he is still a commanding performer. The town mural that Kinkadee paints throughout the movie works well as a strong symbol for the message of the movie - 'Love thy neighbor'. As characters enter the town, so too do they enter the painting. The growing sense of family and community is an ever-reliable staple of the Christmas story, and it's in this regard that *The Christmas Cottage* is at its most heartwarming.

If you, like me, enjoy the Hallmark channel then this movie will definitely resonate with you. It's good, clean Christmas fun to enjoy with family. Submitted by Laura Riehl

Friday, December 2, 2011





ON THE FRONT PORCH

Well, Friends, here it is November all ready. Where did the year go? Wasn't it April just last month? I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season, getting together with family and friends. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. There is no pressure to get "just the right gift" for anyone. We just cook up a lot of good food, get everyone around the table, give thanks and dig in. I love it when we all are around the table, swapping stories, passing the newest baby around, looking to see how everyone is looking this year. Whose hair is grayer or thinner, which child grew several inches since last year. Sometimes I just sit back and listen and watch the people. To me all that is a blessing.

I hope this year when we give thanks for our blessings, we remember the little things that make our days great. The bright sunrise, the leaves turning and looking like pure gold in the afternoon sun, the restful nights sleep. I heard this song the other day, here I go again with my songs. This one was new to me so I had to look up the words because they were special. A Mom was calling her family to dinner and told the kids to wash up, and not to start eating until grace was said. Then she prayed the strangest prayer they had ever heard. She gave thanks "for noisy children and slamming doors and clothes scattered all over the floor. Thanks for a husband dragging in dead tired from working all the time. Thanks for a never ending messy kitchen and dirty dishes." Of course, they were all very quiet and just looked at her. She explained, "Noisy kids are happy kids and slamming doors just means we live in a warm and loving home. The long hours her husband works and the dirty dishes means a job and enough to eat." So you see, we don't have to have great riches or lots of "things". Even the most common, everyday things can be blessing.

If you will be traveling for any of the holidays, I wish you safe travel and a wonderful visit with family. If you are staying here I hope to see you at some point over the holidays. Maybe we can share a cup of tea and a chat.

God Bless

Leta Bassham



Elder's View Extending Our Family

When our family moved here from Dallas seventeen years ago, we didn't really know anyone. Our physically closest friends lived in Denver. We were truly alone. I was working long hours and Missy was left in our apartment with two pre-school girls. She was even more alone.

Through most of world history, families did not make moves like this. Until the industrial age, families were not usually defined as a father, a mother, and their children. Before the eighteenth century, no European language consisted of a word that would mean the immediate family as we think of it. Families consisted of multiple generations with uncles, aunts, grandparents, cousins, etc. Often these extended families lived in compounds and were often involved in the same business. A single patriarch ruled over these extended families until their death. When the Bible commands "Honor your father and your mother." (Exodus 20:12) or "My son, observe the commandment of your father and do not forsake the teaching of your mother." (Proverbs 6:20), it is not just talking about problems with a thirteen year old kid. It is also talking about someone my age needing to be being obedient to their parent.

In the New Testament, you notice that entire households were converted at the same time (Acts 11:13-15; 16:30-34; 18:7-9). The church often met in homes (Romans 16:3-5, 10, 11 & Philemon). Religion was often a family decision. That is why Jesus' speaking of dividing families is so powerful in Matthew 10:34-37.

Today's church operates much differently. Members are usually converted individually or as couples. Many members come to our congregation when they transfer from other towns with jobs or for some other reason. Many have little interaction with their extended families.

That is where the church comes in.

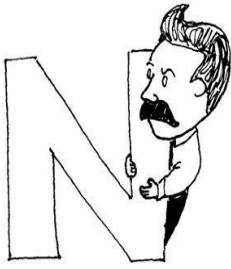
We have no mention of Paul's dealings with his family after his conversion, but he calls Timothy "my beloved son" (2 Timothy 1:2). Listen to how he wants Timothy (who is also separated from his family) to think of the members of his congregation at Ephesus: "Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but rather appeal to him as a father, to the younger men as brothers, the older women as mothers, and the younger women as sisters, in all purity." (1 Timothy 5:1-2) Paul wants Timothy to use the church as his extended family, and God is the patriarch of this extended family of which we are all His children (Romans 8:14-17).

So back to our family arriving all alone in Albuquerque...

Over time the church operated as God intended in this age of isolated families. God began to create for us an extended family. This was not done through effective preaching and teaching, but through the felt needs of individual Christians. A young girl, Lindsay Ruska (Scot and Paula's daughter) recognized that she had no extended family here and announced that our much younger daughters were her cousins and, along with her sister Lauren, treated them that way. Our daughters begin to spend time over meals and in lengthy conversations with their "Papa" and "Nana" (Jim and Zona White) who provided the unconditional love of grandparents. Kathryn Miller and Dixie Thomas served as trusted adult confidantes (the "cool aunts") that our girls needed during their teenage years. We of course made many friends who continue to share our life in a much closer way than our natural siblings.

In this day and age of isolated family units, more than ever, the church needs to recognize its role as the extended family of God. While we all enjoy the close friendships we develop with Christians of our own age, we need to also work to develop relationships with Christians of other generations. I truly believe the church was intended to be the ultimate extended family. To do this requires all of us to step outside of our natural peer groups and reach out to Christians of different ages. Children, teenagers, singles, young marrieds, and isolated families all represent people in need of care, guidance, love and training from the older Christians of our congregation. I encourage you to seek out relationships and to organize activities which promote interaction between the generations. You might even gain a new member of the family.

Craig Hayes



Ask David.....

There are three questions given to me, and they are some of the most challenging questions that can be asked. So, before making an effort to answer them, let say first off that there are some areas of the Bible (many, in fact) where we do not have information that we would like to have to clear up matters. One of the most difficult areas is found in the Gospels where gaps of time, lack of explanation, and just pieces of plain unknown exist. For example, the 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus; a lot of things happened that have a bearing on the continuation of the story but we just don't have "the rest of the story." And yet, there are some things that can be said. So, here goes...

(1 "Were the people baptized by John the Baptizer forgiven of their sins as Christians are? Would they be considered Christians? If so, how? If not, why?

Mark 1:4 in the NAS says, "John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." Matthew 3:8 says, "Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River."

From what we can tell, many people, including the Apostles, would have been in this group of people. They were baptized with a belief that the Messiah was coming and needed to be ready for that by repenting of their sins and obeying the word of God. The best we can probably tell is that that was the only time they were baptized or needed to be. Later on, John would say, "And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'" (John 20:22).

There is no evidence the Apostles, or the 120 for that matter, had to be "re-baptized". Some traditionally feel the need to infer that they must have been, but we have no clear evidence that such happened. If they did not have to be "re-baptized," all they needed was the Holy Spirit, and there seems to have been a special time when that might have given, according to John 20, apart from Acts 2. In that case, God accepted them, and so should we. If they were "re-baptized" I just do not know where that is indicated. They would have been an exception to the rule of what the NT teaches anyway. We can debate it all we want to, but we just do not have a clear answer either way.

(2 "How did John the Baptist know of the Holy Spirit?"

This again is one of those points for which there is no clear answer, other than to say he received some kind of revelation from God so as to know to mention the Holy Spirit, such as is recorded in Matthew 3 when he comes on the scene and makes mention of the Holy Spirit's baptism to the Jews.

All we can really do is assume, and it is a safe and sensible assumption, that while John was in the wilderness and probably preparing for his ministry, God revealed some things to him about what his task would be. In the course of revealing material to John, God evidently gave John material that he would speak about, which included the Holy Spirit. Did John understand all that was involved with that? Who knows? Probably not, but anything he spoke about was because of what had been revealed to him by God in whatever method God chose to use.

The third question is a bit lengthier for a response here, so it will be in the next edition of the Senior Connection. (David Nestor)

*Senior Potluck Luncheon
November 18, 2011
This Friday At 11:30 AM*

*(No December "Connection")
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