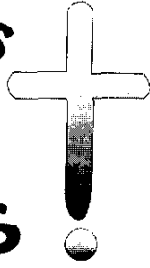


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# News

Myers Park United Methodist Church

Programs and activities for adults over 55, especially retired persons



*Spring 2003*

## *FROM YOUR CHAIRPERSONS*

*Bill and Marie Pearce*

Spring 2003 -the new year is off to a great start for Adults Plus!

In January we said "goodbye" to Ownbey Hall, our "home" for a number of years. Dr. James Tabor stirred the desire of many present to know more about biblical archaeology. In this newsletter you will find his suggestion of three websites that will give you a portal into biblical archaeology.

February found us saying "hello" to Jubilee Hall, our new "home", with Dot and Alec Alvord sharing memories of their days in Zimbabwe, and updating us on the current situation in that country. We experimented with one arrangement, and the Council has discussed the pros (maybe a few!) and cons (there are a few!) of that arrangement.

There are six more great programs planned for 2003 (Mabel and Bill Doser are doing well), along with our annual picnic (with Anita and Melvin McIntosh), some day trips and at least one extended trip (Nancy and Hubert Wilson assisted by Joe Hamrick are working at this task!), plus our annual Spiritual Life Retreat in late September or early October. Be sure to read about the programs in this newsletter.

Centering our thoughts with great devotionals (thanks to Sallie and Dick Jenkins), stretching our minds by learning something new, enjoying the fellowship and the meal are all a part of Adults Plus!

And, like Jesus, we must be about our Father's business, helping others. Our support of the Lakota Indian Mission is one great way to help those much less fortunate. In January and February we have received almost 60% of what we gave in 2002. Let's shoot for a new record in our support for this project.

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Marilea and Bob Grogan remind us of another way of service is by continuing to work toward becoming regular suppliers of disaster response kits. While saws to remove the limbs and heaters for homes without power were what we needed in Charlotte this winter, there continue to be many in need of our kits of personal supplies when floods, tornadoes, and hurricanes wreck havoc in other areas of the state. Buy a few extra bars of soap, a couple of nail clippers, a comb or two, a package of washcloths or a hand towel, or any of the other items that go into our Emergency Relief Health Care Kits, and bring them to the meeting every month.

We have been informed (by Ginny and Wes Soule, assisted by Ann and Ken Buker and others) that the table decorations are now planned for the rest of the year. You need to come and see what they have concocted for us to enjoy!

One last thought! Be sure to check out the Adults Plus! website where you will find the pictures and stories of our activities prepared by our historian, Don Redding.

Bishop Calvin McConnell, speaking to a gathering of folks who had been caravaners back in the late '40s and '50s, reminded the group: "It's not the attitude that is important; it is the ACT -itude!" Act like you are excited about being a disciple of the Master, and you have something the world needs -the good news that God has the whole world in his hands!

Yours for living life, *Marie and Bill Pearce*

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SEJ Association of Older Adult  
Ministries Conference  
Lake Junaluska Assembly  
August 11-14, 2003  
**Longevity, Blessing or Curse**  
*brochures located in Adult Education Office*



## **Lakota Children's Ministry**

The Lakota Indians continue to be of prime concern to Adults Plus! through the dissemination of information and the provision of funding. The emphasis of our involvement is upon the children who desperately need everything from school supplies, church – Sunday School materials, to clothes. Our church, through Janice Brady and others, is expanding its mission to the Lakota Indians. The adults and youth have participated in mission trips to South Dakota as recently as the summer of 2002. Adults Plus! has collected \$775 thus far in 2003, the entire amount which is to be given to the Lakota Indians. Thanks to everyone for your assistance.



## Adults Plus! Programs and Trips for 2003

By Bill and Mabel Doser

On April 16, Dr. Ron Robinson will present an inspiring Holy Week program on The Lord's Prayer, based on a book by Dr. Peter Graves. Ron's talk should be particularly meaningful during Lent. Dr. Robinson will start his new position as Chaplain and Professor of Religion at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina on July 1, 2003

Join us on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> for a day trip to Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Gardens. Refer to the article on the back page of this newsletter for more details regarding trip.

Our speaker for the May 21<sup>st</sup> Adults Plus! meeting will need no introduction for our beloved Dr. Julian Aldridge will share some reflections of his years in the ministry. We look forward to having him and Becky with us.

Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> will again take us to visit Melvin and Anita McIntosh at their Lake Norman home. No one wants to miss that day! We'll leave at 9:30AM and return at 3:00PM. Cost will be \$5.00 for lunch.

After our summer vacation in July and August we will return in September in anticipation of other exciting programs.

Also, mark your calendars for the Spiritual Retreat on September 29 – October 1, 2003 at the Terrace Hotel at Lake Junaluska. The cost will be \$125 for double room occupancy and \$170 for single room occupancy.

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## MISSIONS

**Our 2003 goal is 100 kits!**

You are invited to participate in our mission project of providing Emergency Health Care Kits. These kits contain the following articles:

Hand towel	Toothbrush
Washcloth	Toothpaste
Soap (wrapped bar)	Nail clippers
Comb	6 Band-aids

These items should be wrapped in the hand towel, tied with a cord or string, and placed in a one-gallon Ziplock bag. If you prefer to buy one or more of the items in bulk instead of assembling the whole kit, you may do so.

**Please bring these to the April meeting of Adults Plus!**



# Riverbanks Zoo & Botanical Gardens

Join Myers Park United Methodist Church and Sun Tours as we travel into the heart of the Palmetto State to the capital city of Columbia, South Carolina.

Located within three miles of the geographic center of the state, Columbia was laid out as the capital as a compromise between Upcountry and Lowcountry farmers. We'll hear more about the history of this fascinating city as we enjoy a **Columbia City Tour.**

Lunch today is included at the **New Orleans Riverfront Restaurant,** then we continue on down the river to

**Riverbanks Zoological Park & Botanical Garden.**

This world-class zoo is one of the best in the nation and the botanical gardens have taken home their share of awards!

We turn for home after exploring the zoo.

*For Information and Reservations on this tour, please call Nancy Holmes at (704) 295-4815.*

**1 Day**  
**Wednesday May 14, 2003**  
**\$89 Per Person**

**Depart 8:30 AM**  
**from Myers Park United Methodist Church**  
**Charlotte, NC**



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