



*Program*  
by  
**Shirley Mears**

Those among us who are sports enthusiasts will be pleased to hear that our Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, luncheon speaker will be University of Oklahoma Assistant Athletic Director Kenny Mossman who will be speaking on “Troubling Oklahoma Through FCA.”



As OU’s senior associate athletics director for external operations, Mossman supervises sports marketing, communications, licensing, SoonerVision, digital media and graphic design, and is the department's liaison with its multi-media rights partner, Learfield.

Mossman joined the OU staff in August of 2001 as director of athletics media relations. Since then, he’s been promoted three times. He previously filled similar positions at Illinois State and Kansas State universities. At ISU, he built the university’s sports radio network into the largest in its history and helped negotiate the most extensive local television package the school had ever had. He also negotiated radio contracts that doubled the number of ISU women's basketball games on

radio and added women's volleyball to the sports receiving live radio coverage.

A graduate of Southwestern College in his hometown of Winfield, Kansas, Mossman completed a master's degree in mass communications at Kansas State.

Mossman, a member of the Oklahoma State Board of Directors of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, also teaches a sports public relations course at OU. In 2008, he wrote a book on Sooner football titled *Oklahoma Football Vault*. He and his wife Amy reside in Norman. They have four children: Scott, Matt, Hannah and Andrew.

Check out this YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/FqISvdsdPNU>

LUNCHEON APRIL 9, 2018, begins at 11 a.m. in the Webster Commons Heritage Room on the campus of Southern Nazarene University. Members will receive a call to RSVP. If you have not received a call by Thursday, April 5, you can RSVP by phone (405-728-0515) or by emailing [donlincaley@prodigy.net](mailto:donlincaley@prodigy.net).

*Note: SNU Dining has requested that ASP members remain outside of the Heritage Room until 10:30.*



*President's Column*  
by  
**Frank Dewey**

No, Easter is not an April Fool's joke this year! Or any year, for that matter. Fortunately, God never makes that kind of a joke with us. Aren't you glad? I do believe that God has a sense of humor. After all, He made you and me! . . . Along with a few other curious creatures, like the camel and ostrich or a penguin walking. Clearly though, when it comes to the serious issues of life, God doesn't play with us.

One of my friends recently made the comment in a sermon that we are a community of the Resurrection. I love that phrase. We Christians are a community because of the Resurrection, and all that God has available for us comes because of that event.

When we talk about the Resurrection, it includes Good Friday and Easter Sunday because one without the other doesn't make sense. Without Easter Sunday, Good Friday is just another death. And there could be no Easter without Good Friday.

As a community of the Resurrection, we can experience all that God provides: life abundant and free, power and authority, love and joy, among many other blessings. And all of it because of God's grace. That should make Christians the most gracious people on earth. And I am grateful for the gracious people I get to work with in the Academy of Senior Professionals and the larger Southern Nazarene University community.

May we continue to live out the grace of God in our lives each day.



*Interim Director*  
by  
**Brent LaVigne**

Today I was praying in the H. L. Short prayer chapel on the campus of Southern Nazarene University. Something I had seen hundreds of times before struck me in a new way. As I looked towards the front of the chapel, I read the familiar words "In remembrance of me" on the front of the communion table. In the silence of that moment, I stopped and thought about those words, which in some form or another I have seen engraved on communion tables in many other churches.

Like me, when you read those words you probably think about Jesus saying these words to His disciples as He offered them His last supper or Paul's use of these words to the Corinthian church as he gives directions on observing the Lords Supper (1 Corinthians 11:24-25).

Today in the silence of prayer, I thought about these words again in a new way. We do many things in remembrance of people, places events. We celebrate birthdays. We have memorial days . We wear ribbons, post on Facebook and even raise money in remembrance. But today, I thought about how we can live our lives in remembrance. I was reminded again that in, addition to taking communion in remembrance, I also get to LIVE in remembrance of Jesus' love and sacrifice for me.

I was reminded today that each breath I breathe, each word I speak, each action I take, each act of compassion I offer needs to be done "In remembrance" of Jesus. This living remembrance enables us to rehearse Jesus' will and share His message with the world.

May God continue to inspire you as you remember and live celebrating our great savior Jesus Christ.

### Call for Volunteers



SNU Admissions Department has invited members of ASP to write notes to prospective students for the next academic year. We meet on Friday mornings for about an hour beginning at 10 a.m. at the Marchant Center in an upstairs conference room. We also spend some time in prayer for the students. This is a great opportunity to encourage prospective students and pray for them.

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### Morning Seminar by Shirley Mears

The May 14th Morning Seminar features our own James K. Worley, of American Family Estate Preservation, who has facilitated the Morning Seminars this year. His business is in expansion mode! In the past 6 months; he has opened additional offices in Okmulgee and Checotah and will be opening an office in Norman and in Wagoner in the next six months.



This will be his last time to be with us here at the Academy of Senior Professionals. It is my delight to introduce him as our presenter.

He and his organization came to the rescue of my family when my mother, who had already had her trust done by another organization, told me one that there was something wrong with her trust, but she couldn't recall. We could not get a response from the attorney who had prepared her trust. I called on fellow ASP member Pat Perry and she said, "Call James!" I'm so glad we did.

James is the founder and president of American Family Estates Preservation, Inc. He began his financial services career in 1977 during which time he also earned degrees in Business Management, Marketing and Accounting. In the Financial Services Field he continued his education by attaining the "Financial Insurance Counselor Fellow" designation (FICF).

James has 40 years of study and experience in serving others both in business and in the community. He will be available to share information on topics such as avoiding probate, estate taxes, living wills, living trusts, Special Needs Trusts, powers of attorney, healthcare directives, long term care, Roth and Traditional IRA's, life, Medicare Supplement and disability insurance.



Harlon Moore played beautiful hymns

*March Re-Views*



President Frank Dewey chaired our meeting well



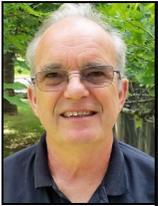
Get-Acquainted Moments with John Martin and Wally Brown



Shirley Mears hosted speaker Sheryl Presley for the Morning Seminar



Shirley also hosted luncheon speaker Lauren Nelson



**SNU Connections  
by  
Howard Culbertson**

During our April SNU Connection moments, we'll hear from SNU vice president Brent LaVigne who, with the title of Director of the Academy of Senior Professionals, is our link to the university's administrative structure.



Brent is currently working on his dissertation for a Ph.D. in the administration of higher education at Oklahoma State University. He is a 2004 graduate of SNU's school of business. He holds a master's degree in business administration, management and operations from Ohio's Mount Vernon Nazarene University. He is married to Michaele who is pastor of spiritual formation at OKC's MidTown Church. Brent and Michaele have two children.

As SNU's Vice-President of University Relations, Brent oversees the offices of Alumni, Advancement and Advancement Services. He is also a member of the SNU Foundation Board, a group which oversees SNU's endowment funds and manages its planned gifts. Prior to President Newman naming him vice-president at the first of this year, Brent had taught for four years in SNU's School of Business.

After graduating from SNU, Brent spent five years working for General Dynamics as a contracts manager. He and his wife Michaele then went to Swaziland for a year of volunteer service. There they served as on-site coordinators for Bethany First Church of the Nazarene's involvement in the Swaziland Partnership. After that year, he returned to Bethany to lead SNU's annual giving program before moving into a teaching role.



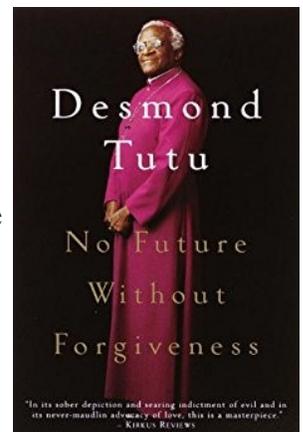
**Book Discussion  
by  
Barbara Culbertson**

Most of us remember news reports during the 80s about upheavals over South Africa's apartheid system. We were in Haiti at the time, the first Black nation to gain independence in the Western Hemisphere. Naturally, the radio reports of debates and disorder in South Africa were closely followed by the Haitians.

During this period, a black man named Desmond Tutu, headed southern Africa's Anglican hierarchy. A Wikipedia article (3/7/18) states, "Tutu polarized opinion as he rose to notability in the 1970s. Apartheid supporters despised him. Many white liberals regarded him as too radical, and communists criticized his anti-communist stance. He was widely popular among the black majority and was internationally praised for his anti-apartheid activism, receiving a range of awards, including the Nobel Peace Prize."

ASP's book discussion members have chosen Tutu's book *No Future Without Forgiveness* as our dialog book for April.

The title itself certainly piqued my attention as a Christian. Amazon's review adds to my interest, declaring that Tutu "argues that true reconciliation cannot be achieved by denying the past. . . He presents a bold spirituality that recognizes the horrors people can inflict upon one another. . . With a clarity of pitch born out of decades of experience, Tutu shows readers a humane world."



Obtain your copy of *No Future Without Forgiveness* from Amazon, a bookstore, or the public library, and join us at 9:30 a.m. on April 9 for what promises to be a thought-provoking discussion of Tutu's tome.



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**ASP Calendar**

Monday April 9, 2018  
 9:00-11:00 a.m. Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons  
 9:30 a.m. Book Discussion, President’s Dining Room  
 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage Room  
 1:00—1:30 p.m. Shuttle Service to the parking lot  
 1:15-2:15 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

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