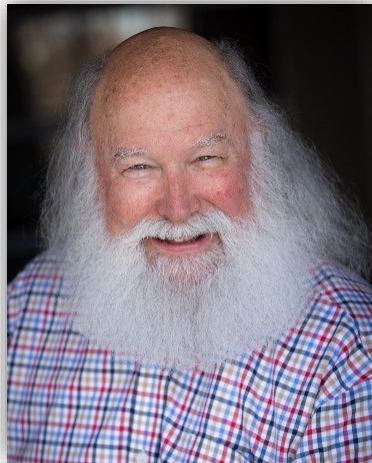




*Program*  
by  
**Shirley Mears**

November ASP luncheon speaker Dan Short is known for two things: One is love for telling the story of the birth of Christ. The other is his passion for neighborhood development.

He tells the Christmas story often dressed as Santa Claus and his telling of the story is done in a way that even non-church-goers find intriguing.

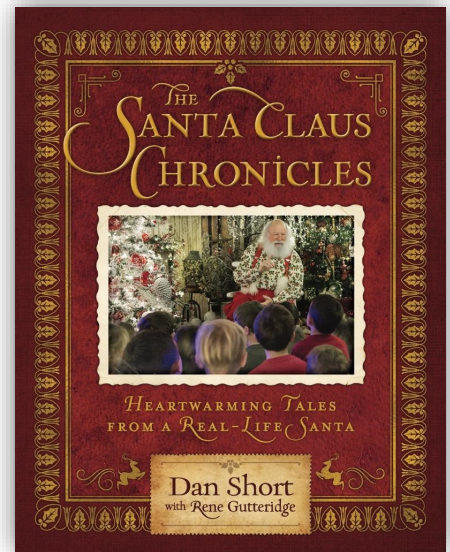


Shortly after the owner of North Pole City, Oklahoma's largest Christmas shop (located just off I-44 at SW 41st St.) met Dan Short, he hired him as the first Santa Claus for the seasonal store. The Christmas part of Dan's life is featured on his website: [www.SantaDanShort.com](http://www.SantaDanShort.com)

The neighborhood development part started when Dan and his wife Gae moved into the North Highlands/ Estes Park neighborhoods. There, in what is considered one of Oklahoma City's economically-challenged areas, they founded an inner-city not-for-profit ministry called Mustard Seed Development. They preached and modeled relationship building and caring about neighbors. While many achievements were realized with generous gifts and donated labor, the hallmark of Mustard Seed's efforts has been "modeling and teaching neighbors how to be 'good neighbors' to each other."

OETA, Oklahoma's Public Television Station, broadcast a video titled "Santa's Mustard Seeds" -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rDf7qUCvm4>. It was filmed in 2009 at North Pole City and at the Short's home.

Dan is now pursuing an acting career and finding other things to write about after co-authoring his first book, *The Santa Claus Chronicles, Heartwarming Tales From A Real-Life Santa*, with Rene Gutteridge. That book was published this fall by Harvest House Publishers.



LUNCHEON Nov. 11, 2019, 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, Nov. 7, you can RSVP by phone (405-728-0515) or by emailing [donlinclarley@prodigy.net](mailto:donlinclarley@prodigy.net).

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



*President's Column*  
by  
**Marla Mercer Cole**

Fall has finally arrived, and with it those perfect temperatures for spending time outdoors. Before we know it, Thanksgiving will be here and the race toward Christmas will be upon us.

While we enjoy the cooler temperatures, appreciating the break from our long, hot summer, I hope we also express gratitude for this season. It can be easy to focus on the necessary tasks: putting away all things summer, changing out decorations for fall, and preparing for the decisions involved with our Thanksgiving meal. Where will it be held? Who will be there? What will be served and who will handle or assign the myriad needs?

During this busy season, it can be challenging to give ourselves time to be thankful. As a practicing mental health clinician, I encourage clients as well as those in my circles to practice gratitude every day. When we focus on being grateful, our brain chemistry is changed. Simply identifying three things each day that generate joy, appreciation, or thankfulness can cause a shift in our brains and our mindsets.

So as we enter the season of Thanksgiving, let's take time to acknowledge our blessings, and endeavor to continue this practice every day. If someone has lifted your spirits, done something kind for you, helped you in some way, or had a positive impact on your life, why not send them a handwritten note expressing your gratitude?

Imagine the difference we can make when we allow thankfulness and gratitude to become part of our daily lives, and then a year-round habit.



*Director's Column*  
by  
**Carolyn Jagers**

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* -- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

The weather is changing, the holidays are approaching, and SNU's Homecoming weekend, November 8—9, is upon us. Paul's words in 1 Thessalonians 5 remind us of God's call to pray continually and to give thanks in all circumstances.

Because prayerful communication with God does change us, I'm grateful that Southern Nazarene University will this year spotlight the importance of prayer as it dedicates a new campus prayer garden at Homecoming.

The 50-year-old H.L. Short Prayer Chapel was removed in July as a part of SNU's Campus Master Plan. Some items were saved and will be used in the new Webster Commons Prayer Room as well as in the Prayer Garden.

The H.L. Short Prayer Chapel held significant memories for many in our community. We will never realize this side of Heaven the effect of all the prayers offered in that building or in the new Prayer Room and Prayer Garden. So, it's fitting that this year's Homecoming theme is "Lasting Impressions."

Homecoming events kick off Thursday with a volleyball game and continue throughout the weekend with reunion gatherings, the block party, basketball games, a football game, a soccer game, and finally the Main Event on Saturday night. You can find the details at <https://bridge.snu.edu/homecoming>.

Let's enter this Thanksgiving season with hearts full of gratitude. I'm grateful for you and your investment in ASP.

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**SNU Admissions office has invited members of ASP to write notes to prospective students. We meet Friday mornings for about an hour beginning at 10 a.m. in an upstairs conference room at the Marchant Center.**

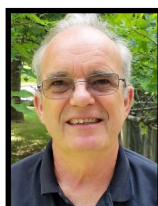
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*SNU Connections*  
by  
**Howard Culbertson**

The “SNU Connections” moment at the November ASP luncheon will feature an interview with Dr. Timothy Eades, SNU’s new provost.

Dr. Eades arrived at SNU this fall after serving four years at Trevecca Nazarene University (Nashville, TN) as its Associate Provost and Executive Vice President of Graduate and Continuing Studies.

Prior to that, Dr. Eades served from 2010-2014 as an assistant provost and vice-president at Ohio Christian University in Circleville, Ohio. From 1994 to 1996, Eades was the Assistant Director of Student Recruitment at Mount Vernon Nazarene University before returning to a ministry position and later working as a financial advisor. He returned to MVNU in 2003 and served in three positions: Director of Admissions and Student Recruitment, Executive Director of Enrollment Services and Marketing, and Associate Vice President for Adult and Graduate Studies.

Dr. Eades is an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene. Originally from Virginia, he earned a Bachelor’s in religion from Trevecca, a Master of Ministry from Mount Vernon Nazarene University and an EdD in ethical leadership from Olivet Nazarene University.

Over the past decade, he has served as a consultant for three small firms devoted to Christian higher education. Eades’ teaching interests include courses in leadership, organizational change, ministry, and marketing.

Dr. Tim Eades is married to Dr. Kimberly Eades. Their daughter Grace is a freshman film studies major at Trevecca while daughters Devin and Alison and granddaughter Jada all live in the Dayton, Ohio area.

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*October Re-Views*  
by  
Hal Swinhart



Cheri Welch always wears a smile



Karen Humble enjoys coming to ASP each month



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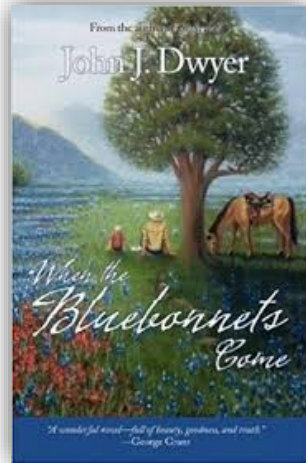


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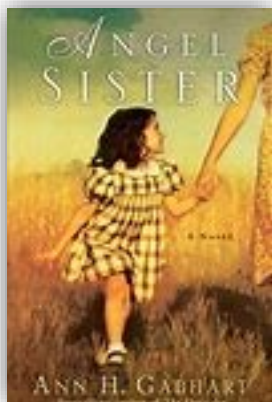


**Book Discussion**  
by  
**Barbara Culbertson**

We started off our book discussion this year with a nonfiction book by ASP member Dale German. In November we will discuss the fiction offering of another author familiar to ASP members, history and ethics professor John Dwyer.



Dwyer’s excitement about his subject makes him a popular teacher. Amazon’s accolade piques one’s interest: “[His books] have built for him a large following of readers appreciative of his poignant, gritty, often inspiring style” ([tinyurl.com/y4paohz3](http://tinyurl.com/y4paohz3), accessed 10/7/19). *When the Bluebonnets Come* is set in contemporary Texas, when trauma interrupts the idyllic life of a young preacher’s daughter. Dealing with multiple ordeals and pain, “she begins to learn that courage, loyalty, and honor are more than words--and . . . sometimes come with a high price.”



Our book discussion will skip December, and resume in January with a fiction tome, *Angel Sister* by Ann Gabhart. The middle of three girls growing up during the Depression, the main character Kate works to keep her family grounded. Her father enlisted in

WWI just after he and her mother, recently out of high school, got married. He returns scarred, and turns to alcohol. Kate finds a gypsy child who had been left in the woods,

her parents unable to care for her. The drama that ensues threatens to further destroy family relationships, but also provides the possibility of healing.

These two books are available on Amazon, in both book and Kindle editions. *Angel Sister* is also available at the library. Come join us at 9:30 in the third-floor President’s Dining Room!

**News You Can Use**

ASP members are welcome to use the SNU swimming pool on weekday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. You are also welcome to use the tennis courts when available.

**SNU School of Music Events**

Tuesday, November 19, 2019  
**PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE CONCERT**  
7:00 p.m. Cantrell Music Hall

Thursday, November 21, 2019  
**OPERA SCENES**  
7:00 p.m. Cantrell Music Hall

Monday, December 2 7:00pm—8:30pm  
Tuesday, December 3 7:00pm—8:30 pm

**SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS**  
**WITH GUEST KYLE DILLINGHAM**  
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Monday November 11, 2019  
 9:00—11:00 Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons  
 9:30—10:30 Book Discussion in the President’s Dining Room, Webster Commons 3rd floor.  
 11:00—1:00 Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage Room of Webster Commons  
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