



Program
by
Shirley Mears

The December 9th Academy of Senior Professionals luncheon speaker will be Dr. Keith Newman, president of Southern Nazarene University.

He says he will be using the title “What Time Is It?” to talk about “something that has been true at SNU since the early 1930s and which is still important today.”



When SNU President Loren Gresham retired in the spring of 2017, Dr. Newman was elected as his successor. Dr. Newman is the fifteenth president in SNU’s 118-year history.

Dr. Newman completed a master’s degree in ministry at Southern Nazarene University. So, he is an SNU alumnus and, during his years of pastoring in Houston, he was a member of the school’s board of trustees. Thus, he is very familiar with the school and well-known by many SNU constituents. He and his wife Carolyn both have backgrounds as homicide detectives in Houston. He then

spent 17 years of pastoral ministry in the Nazarene domination followed by 15 years as an administrator in Christian higher education.

Dr. Newman has a passion to encourage living as Jesus did, living last. In his inauguration speech, Dr. Newman stated, “To live last is to be countercultural. To live last is to be like Jesus. To live last . . . is timeless and contagious.”

His book [Live Last – Mark 9:35](#) calls readers to live last by putting others first and finding ways to serve.

To learn more, go to the Academy of Senior Professionals private Facebook page to see his video.

LUNCHEON Dec 9, 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, Dec. 5, you can RSVP by phone (405-728-0515) or by emailing donlinicarley@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

It's the most wonderful time of the year, or at least that's how the song goes.

For people of faith, it's welcoming the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. For others it's the value of gift-giving, or the excitement of decorating for the season. Yet for some, this particular holiday can accentuate feelings of loss or loneliness. There are those who even become adept at hiding such feelings.

So, as we come to the conclusion of 2019, it makes sense to me that there can be a multitude of emotions for ASP members:

- Joy, as we celebrate the birth of "the reason for the season."
- Nostalgia, as we look back over what 2019 held for each of us.
- Perhaps some regrets
- Pain or sorrow.
- Hope, as we saw God's hand at work in our lives and in the lives of those we love.
- Thankfulness for new experiences, perspectives, lessons, friends, life, and each new day.

Despite 2019 holding a fair amount of personal heartache, I can't help but recognize the blessings that were also part of my journey. Some big, some small, but none were insignificant. When we are able to find joy in the small things—even if it entails more searching than we expected—we are able to experience both sides of this coin of life.

May the end of this year bring you warmth of memories, joys of relationships and the peace that can only come from the God of hope, whose birth we celebrate.



Director's Column
by
Carolyn Jagers

It's December! Our calendars are full of celebrations and places to be. It can be an exciting time, maybe an overwhelming time. I love this time of the year, and as an educator, I always looked forward to Christmas Break. It allowed for rest, renewal and a change of routine. What a gift that was!

Our SNU students' calendars are also full with studies, final exams, activities and celebrations on campus. Winter commencement is December 7.

Some have chosen to be a part of the COM2MEX. This is the 31st winter season for SNU to send a group of students to Mexico. The goal is to go and help those in need while also gaining experience and learning how to love others more.

I suggest you put **Sounds of Christmas** on your calendar! I'll be there! It will be a lovely evening presented by the SNU School of Music with guest Kyle Dillingham. Dessert and coffee or hot apple cider served at intermission.

Monday, December 2 7:00pm—8:30 pm
Tuesday, December 3 7:00pm—8:30 pm
Bethany First Church of the Nazarene Atrium
Tickets: Adults—\$20, Senior Adults—\$15

You can purchase tickets at bridge.snu.edu/music-tickets or call the Music Office at 405.491.6345.

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NLT)

*Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15 (NIV)*

*Call for
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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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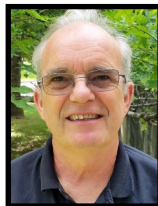
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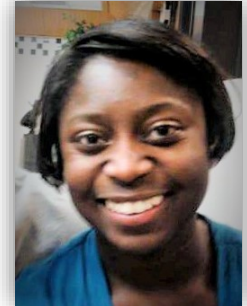
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***SNU Connections*
by
Howard Culbertson**

Our interviewee for the SNU Connections time during the December ASP luncheon will be SNU alumnae Konstance Wamble Crossover, who is currently an SNU professor and director of SNU's R. T. Williams library and learning resources center. Her mission, she says, "is to blend information literacy with instructional design methods to create a cohesive and conducive learning outcome for effective learning."



Professor Crossover came to the SNU library a little over a year ago from the library at Langston University where she had spent three and a half years as Director of Public Services. Prior to that, she was an assistant librarian at Southwestern Christian University here in Bethany.

In 2014 Konstance completed a master's degree in library and information science from the University of Oklahoma. This year she completed a second master's degree. That degree from Walden University (Baltimore, Maryland) is in instructional design and technology. She also has a Post-Masters Certificate focused in Information Systems Management from Walden University.

Her 2012 bachelor's degree in human relations is from Southern Nazarene University where she was a McNair Scholar program participant. The goal of that federally-funded initiative is to increase graduate degree awards for students from underrepresented segments of society.

Langston professor R. Karpov has written of her interactions with Professor Crossover, "I have admired the library staff in general, but [Konstance Crossover] has been truly exceptional . . . in ways I wouldn't have been able to imagine possible. She is a credit to her field."



Richard Wood



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Dr. Timothy Eades
SNU's new
Provost.



Santa Dan
came to town!



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Emmalyn German encouraged members to take an undergraduate class as a guest student for \$30 per credit hour. Sign up on the first day of class, Friday, January 17, 2020

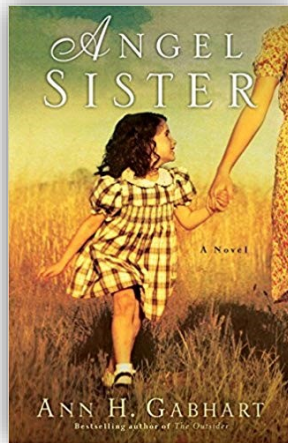




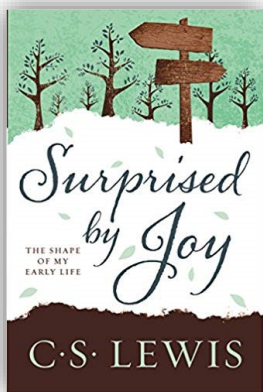
Book Discussion
by
Barbara Culbertson

As has been our tradition, the ASP book discussion group will not meet in December.

Coming back on January 13, we will explore *Angel Sister* by Ann Gabhart. Set in the Great Depression, the story tells of a family besieged by stress, both financial and emotional, in the aftermath of World War I. The behavior of an alcoholic father, returning home scarred by memories of the war, presents only one of the struggles. Gabhart describes both anguish and passion for relationship, including each character's grappling with personal faith.



Easy to read, the book should prove a delightful and stirring interlude to your holiday plans.



Looking forward to February (2020!) we will turn to a non-fiction volume. Prolific author and theologian CS Lewis provides us with insight into his own life in *Surprised by Joy*. From explanations of Christianity to science fiction to children's adventures, Lewis has captured

readers cross-generationally. He is also frequently quoted—I even have an entire volume of his quotes! If you have not yet discovered the delights of Lewis's writing, this is a good place to begin.

Surprised by Joy is not the typical autobiography, but gives some fascinating insight into how personal experiences contributed to his own development.

Both these books are available as an ebook, audio book, or traditional print volume from the library or from Amazon. Why not check out the audio version and listen while you drive—it's my preferred method of reading!



Music Notes
By
Renda Brumbeloe

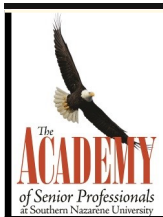
I am pleased to announce that ASP member, Luellen Lingenfelter, will play the piano for our December ASP luncheon.

Luellen resides at St. Ann's Retirement Center.

Back in 1979, when Luellen was the owner of Music Resources, she provided two nine-foot Steinway pianos for Myra Schubert and me to perform the McDowell Piano Concerto in D Minor in the Bethany First Church sanctuary to an audience of about 700 listeners.

You will enjoy Luellen's wonderful piano stylings.





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ASP Calendar

Monday December 9, 2019

10:00—11:00 Shuttle Service from the
Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the
Webster Commons

11:00—1:00 Luncheon Meeting in the
Heritage Room of Webster Commons

1:00—1:30 Shuttle Service to the parking lot

1:15—2:15 Administrative Council Meeting

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