



*Program*  
by  
**Shirley Mears**

## “Swing Low, Sweet Harriet”

To celebrate Black History Month participants at the February ASP luncheon will witness a dramatic portrayal of American abolitionist and political activist Harriet Tubman.



Our February luncheon speaker, DeLanie Brewer, is an actress, singer, and mom. Locally, she has appeared in several productions at Guthrie’s Pollard Theatre as well as at Oklahoma City’s Lyric Theatre. Her first professional

role came at age 9 in the made-for-television movie “Wilma” which told the story of Wilma Rudolph, the first American woman to win three gold medals at a single Olympics. DeLanie has also played roles with actors such as Cicely Tyson and a then virtually unknown young actor Denzel Washington.

Most recently, she has applied her skills to creating a series of 15-, 30-, and 45-minute sketches titled “En Route to Freedom.”

These sketches depict scenes from the lives of various African-American women, their heritage and their journeys of faith. One, titled “Harriet Tubman: A Moses to Her People,” is set at an Underground Railroad fundraiser in 1861. America is a nation on the verge of civil war over the issue of slavery. At the heart of this struggle is Harriet Tubman, a runaway slave turned fearless conductor for the elusive slave escape network called The Underground Railroad.

Even with her acting success, DeLanie says her most important role is that of service to God as wife to NyRhone Brewer, pastor of the First Freewill Baptist Church in Edmond, and as mother to Elijah, NyLaniah and Faith.

LUNCHEON Feb 10, 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, Feb 6 you can RSVP by phone (405-728-0515) or by emailing [donlincarley@prodigy.net](mailto:donlincarley@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**

Welcome, February. Third month of winter. Shortest month of the year. While February is the month to celebrate love, it is also American Heart month. It seems fitting that these two would be emphasized in the same month. We need to take care of our hearts not only physically, but emotionally and spiritually as well.

One of the many things I love about ASP is the component of connections. Friendships are formed, nurtured, or maintained at ASP. We have the opportunity to make new friends as well as new connections when others join ASP and also by meeting our fabulous speakers and much-valued sponsors. Friendships are good for our hearts.

For me, Valentine's Day is not limited to celebrating with a spouse. Valentine's Day encompasses those relationships that are significant to me, including children, grandchildren, parents, siblings, and of course my 'tribe' of treasured friends. Studies have shown that we need friendship in our lives. We were meant to live in community, and what a wonderful community we have in ASP. I am thankful to be part of this great group, and thankful that you also are part of ASP. Together we accomplish so much more!

Wishing you a February that blesses, strengthens, and encourages your heart.

Marla

*"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow."* -- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12  
ESV

*"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."* – 1 Thessalonians 5:11  
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*Director's Column*  
by  
**Carolyn Jagers**

Ahh, February: The month of love. With so many blessings in life, how could you not find something to love? I love family, friends, stories, and laughing!

I also love the time we spend at our ASP luncheons and the speakers that share with us each month. Invite someone to come with you this month! I think they would LOVE it!

Things to LOVE at SNU this month:

- Heart Pal—Did you go? It was always such a special night. If you have a fun or sweet story to share about Heart Pal, come tell it to me at lunch. I'll have a little gift for you! I LOVE your stories!
- Basketball Games—Have you been attending? They are such fun and I see many friends there. If you have paid your dues for this year, I have a pass for you to enter the games free! It's one benefit of being a member of ASP!

Places to take your LOVE this month:

- Feb. 13-15 Jane Austen's "Persuasion" at Bethany Stage. Tickets and info online at [showtix4u.com](http://showtix4u.com).
- Feb 20 Guest Artist Series: Christopher Adkins, cello - Cantrell Music Hall, 7 pm FREE

Things I'm LOVING this month:

- Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler at 6629 NW Expressway where Monday through Friday from 2 to 6 pm EVERYTHING on the menu is 30% off for Seniors. So, grab some friends and enjoy good food, fellowship and a great deal! You'll LOVE it!

Of all the things I love, the Lord reigns highest in my heart! Share His LOVE today. Read John 3:16.

## Call for Volunteers



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**



Is it possible to find fulfillment in being an Old Testament scholar who studies ancient manuscripts written in Hebrew as well as being a children’s pastor? We’ll find out at our February luncheon when we interview Dr. Marty Michelson, who is SNU’s professor of Old Testament as well as a Distinguished Scholar of Hebrew Texts for the Museum of the Bible in Washington D.C.

Dr. Michelson’s educational journey includes three Nazarene universities. It began in the Pacific northwest where he grew up. He went to Northwest Nazarene University for his bachelor’s level studies. Then he studied at Point Loma Nazarene University where he earned a master’s degree in theology. From there, he came to Bethany and Southern Nazarene University where he earned two master’s degrees, one in religion and the other in marriage and family therapy.

After doing some graduate coursework at Denver Seminary and at Iliff School of Theology, he was accepted into a Ph.D.

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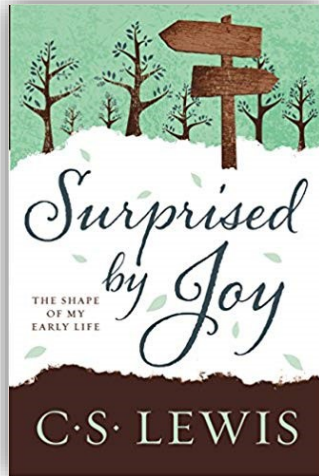


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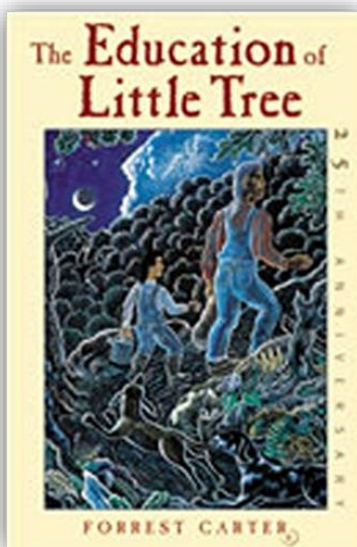


**Book Discussion**  
by  
**Barbara Culbertson**

CS. Lewis has been called one of the most influential writers of his day. One of his well-known books, *Surprised by Joy*, is a testimony of his spiritual journey as well as an autobiography of his early years. Wikipedia says the book describes “a longing so intense for something so good and so high up it couldn't be explained with words.”



You can find out how “surprised” came to be used in the title by reading the book. Then join us in discussing this journey (and book) on February 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the President’s Dining Room of the Commons. The book is available online in both print and ebook as well as in the Metropolitan Library System.



On March 9 we turn to a somewhat controversial volume, *The Education of Little Tree* by Forrest Carter. Law school dean Renard Strickland has written that people “saw the book as an inspirational, autobiographical remembrance of a young Indian boy.”

He noted that its readers were those “who cared about the Indian, the earth, and the relationship between man and the earth.”

Wonder what the “somewhat controversial” is about? Consider your appetite whetted. In the March book discussion, we will see, as Paul Harvey would say, “the rest of the story.” If, however, you’d like to peek at the mystery, look up the author and book on Wikipedia.

*The Education of Little Tree* is available online. It is not in the county library system, but if you’d like to borrow a copy, contact me.

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program at the University of Manchester (England) where he earned his doctorate in ancient Jewish history and literature. His dissertation revolved around the descriptions of violence in the Old Testament books of Samuel and Judges.

Dr. Michelson began teaching at SNU in 1998. Over the years, he has spoken at a wide variety of other venues such as local churches, district events, conferences, children’s camps, youth camps, schools and academic workshops. His language competencies include English, German, French, Biblical Hebrew and Biblical Greek. He has written for a wide variety of publications.





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Monday February 10, 2020  
 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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