



Program
by
Shirley Mears

Our January luncheon speaker will be storyteller/communicator Jenny Broughton. Her message, “God’s Girl, Orphan No More” will recount how she became a victorious overcomer and how the mess of her life became her message.



She recalls the time when, as an 11-year-old girl, she stood sobbing on the doorstep of her home where, several hours earlier, her father had strangled her mother and then fired a 32-caliber bullet into his own head.

On that afternoon of April 19, 1963, she hugged her Chihuahua named Tiger as she watched the commotion in her front yard in Corpus Christi, Texas. Amid the flashing red and blue lights, a detective took notes, an officer by her side smoked a cigarette, a photographer clicked a camera, and onlookers flooded her yard. No one held her.

She eventually went on to graduate from Howard Payne University where she met and married a man who felt called into the ministry. Jenny and Sam have 3 married daughters and six grandchildren.

Jenny now speaks to groups across the nation. Her energetic, one-of-a-kind, storytelling style has captivated audiences around the nation for thirty years. She has spoken at the Southern Baptist Convention, the Texas Baptist Convention, Women’s Missionary Union conferences, and to churches and civic groups. She has shared the platform with speakers like Billy Graham and Jimmy Carter.

Her uplifting, humorous, motivational and inspirational message will bring an encouraging message on a cold January day! To learn more, go to the Academy of Senior Professionals private Facebook page to see her video.

Our January 13 luncheon 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, Jan 9, you can RSVP by phone (405-728-0515) or by emailing donlinicarley@prodigy.net.

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





President's Column
by
Marla Mercer Cole



Director's Column
by
Carolyn Jagers

2020. I can hardly believe another new year is here, but I'm ready for another fresh start. There certainly are many correlations that could be made between a new year and vision. I, for one, am hoping for better vision this coming year. . . not in terms of my eyesight, but in terms of family, friends, coworkers, and others God brings into my life.

Here are my personal goals for 2020:

Live with intention. When we live purposefully, as opposed to floating aimlessly subject to the winds that blow, we can stay focused on what matters most. We have fewer regrets, and ideally find it easier to say "no" to distractions. Intentionally focusing on people, giving them our full attention, is a priceless gift.

Practice gratitude. You've heard about the profound benefits of practicing gratitude. Some of the studies combine gratitude with mindfulness. All of them say the same thing; practicing gratitude changes our brain in positive ways. It does not mean that painful things aren't happening; it means there are things going on that help balance the scales. When our focus is on what we don't have, have lost, or wish for, we can lose sight of the good things we do have.

Practice kindness and generosity. When we live with intention and express gratitude, it becomes easier for this to flow into our lives. This is one I often forget. I want to be intentional about it in 2020.

May we be intentional in every way we can. Welcome 2020!

As we approach each new year, we often think of fresh starts, new chapters, new chances, and brand-new opportunities. It could be a time for a change, time to take action, or find new ways to serve. In that vein, Southern Nazarene is starting this year off with great news!

SNU has been awarded a U.S. Dept. of Education grant in the Strengthening Institutions Program. It's 5-year grant of approximately \$500,000 each year for a total of \$2,249,947. The money will be used by SNU to fulfill the Department of Education's stated goal of helping higher education institutions become self-sufficient and expand their capacity to serve low-income students.

SNU's Title III project is titled "Reaching the Marginalized Majority: Access and Success for Nontraditional Students." It requested funding for three initiatives:

- Building new professional studies curricular programs
- Developing student services for adult students
- Building an endowment for undergraduate scholarships.

The new programs include (a) a bachelor-level Cybersecurity degree, (b) taking the existing network management degree track to Tulsa, and (c) developing a new information system associate-level degree. The grant will also develop and pilot a new associate-level degree in Physical Therapy Assistant. The grant will fund faculty positions, renovated instructional labs and equipment, and library resources for these new programs. Student services will be expanded with an early alert system and career services geared toward adult learners.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights" -- James 1:17 (NKJV)

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

Oklahoma boy who played football in Finland. Successful football coach at two Christian universities. Student recruiter. Sports Hall of Fame member.



That's Mike Redwine, current executive vice-president at Southern Nazarene University and our interviewee for the January SNU Connections time.

Redwine grew up in Chickasha, OK and says he has always considered SNU his school. However, when he graduated from high school, his love for football took him to Mid-America Nazarene University (SNU did not yet have an intercollegiate football team). He majored in mathematics and then started work on two master's degrees, one in education and the other an MBA.

At age 26, he was a graduate assistant for the MANU football team when that school named him head football coach. In 10 years he took the program from a no-win (0-111) season to an 11-2 season and the #5 position in the end-of-the-season NAIA poll.

At that point, he resigned as coach to become MANU's vice-president for enrollment management and then later vice-president for student development. He left MANU to become head football coach at Howard Payne University (Brownwood, TX) where he was named American Southwest Conference Coach of the Year in his first season.

After three seasons in Texas, he came to SNU to supervise transfer student recruitment. Now in his twelfth year at SNU, Dr. Redwine oversees student life, enrollment services, financial aid, athletics, spiritual life, campus housing, health services, and student employment.

He recently finished his doctorate (M.Ed.) at St. Louis University.



December Re-Views
by
Hal Swinhart



Luellen Lingenfelter



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Howard Culbertson introduced
Konstance Wamble Crossover,
SNU library director and professor



Paul and Jan Reinbold



Keith Newman
SNU President
gave us an SNU update,
and shared his book
Live Last

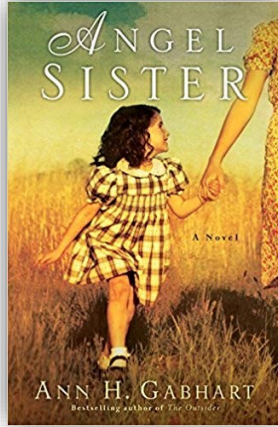
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Book Discussion
by
Barbara Culbertson

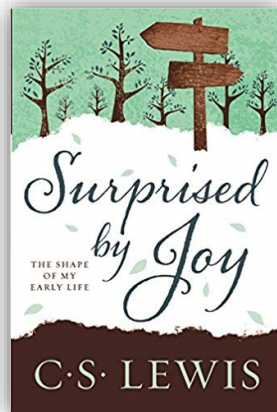
According to author Ann Gabhart, "Like a Kentucky summer, *Angel Sister* starts slow and easy but by the end roars along, leaving the reader breathless and wanting more." Sounds like a good read and discussion for January 13 as we start a new year!



Angel Sister is Gabhart's first book in a planned Rosey Corner Series. A Christian writer, Gabhart has published articles in church periodicals, novels, poems, personal anecdotes, and young adult books.

Reviews for *Angel Sister* include the following comments: "This book will leave you changed. . . It will astound you how the characters persevere while making difficult decisions through the toughest of hard times" (RT Book Reviews); "This richly textured novel reveals the power of true love, the freedom of forgiveness, and the strength to persevere through troubled times" (<https://www.annhgabhart.com/>, 11/30/19).

In February, we turn to a classic autobiography, C.S. Lewis's *Surprised By Joy*. Many of us know Lewis for his *Narnia* series captivating novels with spiritual undertones which have enthralled children and adults alike. But did you know



he also authored a series of science fiction works? Plus, Lewis wrote *Mere Christianity* in response to the government's request to develop a radio series to explain Christianity to Brits during World War II.

Join us on February 10 as we discuss the delightful and insightful story of this fascinating man. Wonder what joy surprised him? Find out by reading his autobiography.

Both books are available from the Metropolitan Library System and online in print or ebook format.

News You Can Use



ASP member C. Dale German has a new weekly column in the Bethany Tribune: *Letters from Dale*.

President Marla Mercer Cole is recovering from hand surgery. Please pray for her speedy recovery.



Remember to pray for ASP secretary Vicki Sacket as she recovers from her surgery.

Shirley Mears is busy with her new endeavors with her business and is resigning as speaker chair next year. We thank Shirley for her many years of wonderful service to ASP! She will continue to be a part and attend luncheons.





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Monday January 13, 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
 1:00—1:30 Shuttle Service to the parking lot
 1:15—2:15 Administrative Council Meeting

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