

SENIOR MOMENTS

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Intentional Personal Ministry



Have you ever caught yourself saying "somebody should help them" or "surely someone will step up" or "they should do something about that?" There are many times in our lives that we see people in distress, in difficult situations, or suffering from some unfortunate circumstances. Often times though, the sympathy for their condition does not manifest itself into our personal involvement. I have found myself at times passing the buck to the "SST" committee (somebody, someone, they). Seldom have I given serious thought as to what I can personally do to help a situation which presents itself. Sure, at times we help at MLM or Blessings Abound or some other agency. This is important work and the lives touched by volunteers at those agencies is vital. If you serve there, bravo!

The staff at Trinity wants to challenge and encourage you to stop and take a look at your talents, interests, and gifts to see how you can use these to show the love of Jesus to others. God has given every one of us spiritual gifts and ways to be used by Him for the benefit of His Kingdom. It is up to us to identify them and make good use of them. It is not necessary that what you do fits into a pre-established mold. It should be something you enjoy doing and you look forward to sharing. Maybe it is serving as a Sunday School teacher or greeter at church. Maybe it is establishing a special relationship with a neighbor who needs help. Maybe it is caring for your aging parents as their needs increase. Though age and other factors may limit what you do, why not challenge yourself as to what you can do? The scope of what you do is not the important thing. The important thing is that you try to do something. You can be a member of the "SST" committee.

On Saturday, August 19, starting at 9am we will give you a chance to see what some of our members are personally doing to help make a difference. We will have three people who have developed their own personal ministries and they are willing to share their stories and give examples of how they got started. We will also have the chance to join in a bit of a mission project that morning. The staff at Trinity is eager to assist you in finding your personal ministry. This is not an attempt to find more volunteers to work at church. We appreciate those who volunteer and always welcome more. This is an attempt to help and encourage you to fulfill the promise that is there for you as God's child.

Help Wanted



What should go into a new time capsule? Leo Schlesselman and Joel Shifflett are working on the plans to construct a display case for the items taken out of the time capsule we opened last November. They are also going to create a new time capsule to be displayed and opened sometime in the future. We need your help. We want to know what you think should be included in the new time capsule and the future date you think it should be opened. Since we will display the new capsule and not bury it, the size is not as limiting a factor (within reason). We plan to reveal the case and seal the new capsule at this year's All Saints' Day potluck. Send your ideas to Tom@tlcms.org.



Saints Alive After 55

On July 16-18, I will be attending the 2017 Saints Alive After 55 event in Wichita. The keynote speaker for this 2½-day event is Rich Bimler. There will also be Bible study, fellowship, and a choir in which anyone may participate. If you are interested in going, let Tom know. There is a flyer on the bulletin board at the Mission campus and I can see that you get all the information.

What's up?



50 + will resume Bible class in the Fall. Pastor Ron will be back leading another year. I thought I would tease you with a sampling of things planned for the rest of the year. The dates for many of these are not set, but here is what we are working on:

- For Senior Speaker Series topics we have Individual Mission Acts, Wellness and Movement, a Spire Teaser, and a Martin Luther presentation.
- If food is your delight, as it is for me, we will be working with the 50+ Oktoberfest, the All Saints' Potluck, and a special intriguing senior dinner in January (pray for no ice).
- Special things that will be happening are the time capsule and repeating the wonderful time we had Christmas caroling.

We are always looking for new and additional ideas. If you have some, let Tom know. I am also scheduling times for the Legacy interviews and diaries. Call me!