

**CHRISTMAS IN
FREDERICKSBURG**
THURS, DEC 1ST & FRI, DEC 2ND

**DEADLINE:
MONDAY, NOV 7TH**



**COST: \$80/PERSON FOR 2 IN A ROOM
\$65/PERSON FOR 3 IN A ROOM**
INCLUDES HOTEL AND TICKET TO ROCK BOX THEATER

A HOLIDAY SHOPPING WONDERLAND!

Nutcracker Market
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
LEAVE CBC: 8 AM
RETURN: 5 OR 6 PM
AT RELIANT CENTER IN HOUSTON



CHARTERED BUS WILL
TAKE US TO HOUSTON AND
DROP US OFF AT THE DOOR

\$40/PERSON
INCLUDES BUS AND TICKET

DEADLINE: NOV 7TH
ROOM FOR 55 PEOPLE.

November 2011

The Grapevine
Newsletter

Keeping you connected to fellowship so
you can stay connected to the TRUE VINE.

Senior Adult Ministry
Central Baptist Church



Our Mission Statement

"Senior adults are prayer warriors and spiritual leaders, and it is their vision for ministry and church growth that helps strengthen the church's spiritual foundation. Senior adult ministry should encourage seniors to continue shaping their life legacy and using their spiritual gifts in the church and community."

Message from John and Debbie



Are We Really Thankful?

How often do we really express a heart of thanksgiving toward the Lord for what He has done in our lives? If we express a heart of thanksgiving, what is it that motivates us to do so? Do we thank Him simply because we love Him, or do we remember to thank Him for who He is only after we get what we want?

The psalmist David lived his life in a constant state of praise & adoration toward God. His thankfulness to God was not just inserted in a prayer---it flowed through David's worship, through his speech, through his actions. He wrote songs about God's love, & he danced in celebration of what God had done in his life. Everyone around him knew to Whom David was thankful.

When we praise & thank God with our lips, He is magnified. God is pleased by the glory our sincere adoration brings to Him. A grateful heart prepares the way for Him to work in our lives. When others see this in us, they recognize to Whom we turn as our Source for life, bringing conviction or inspiration to their lives.

God is blessed by our praises & thanksgiving. He wants to bless us, as well, for hearts that express tenderness, love, & gratefulness toward Him. How does YOUR LIFE show that you are really thankful to God? "A grateful attitude tills the soil of our hearts."

Psalm 92:1-5

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night, on an instrument of ten strings, on the lute, and on the harp, with harmonious sound. For You, Lord, have made me glad through Your work; I will triumph in the works of Your hands. O Lord, how great are Your works! Your thoughts are very deep.

OPAS: South Pacific
Monday, November 14th

If you have signed up, meet at the church at 6:15 PM. We will ride the church bus to campus.

If you would like to meet us there, please contact Kelley to arrange picking up your tickets ahead of time. Show begins at 7:30 PM.

Church-wide
THANKSGIVING DINNER



WITH
**DENNIS
SWANBERG**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
IN THE FLC GYM, 6-8 PM

TICKETS: \$7.50, INCLUDES THANKSGIVING MEAL AND ENTERTAINMENT

PURCHASE TICKETS AT WELCOME CENTER ON SUNDAY MORNINGS OR WEEKDAYS IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Triple L


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Monday, November 21st
6:00-7:30 PM in FLC Gym

Special Guests:
Tim and Jamie Skaggs

Tickets: \$8


Meal: Pot roast, mash potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls and pie.



Widow's Hope

Tuesday, November 1st
Tour and Lunch at
Brookwood Community
(no cost!)

Leave at 8 AM
Return at 2:30 PM
Deadline: October 17th



Promise for the Month

God's Faithfulness

"The Lord will not reject His people, because the Lord was pleased to make you His own."
1 Samuel 12:22

Contact Us

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Check out our new website!
www.cbcsenioradults.org

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Birthday Blessings!

1 Bill Lightsey	5 Randy Garner	10 Kathy Ratliff-Winder	17 Lynn Thomas	27 Lowell Jones
1 Carolyn Dotson	6 Ed Seale	11 Kathryn Seale	17 Woody Thompson	27 Herb Dillon
1 Sylvia Baugh	6 Cheryl Hightower	12 Ann McAdams	19 Lloyd Deuel	27 Duane Peters
1 Dawn Blaschke	6 Allen Wyse	12 Ann Anderson	21 Virgil Jordan	28 Marilyn Hooton
1 Becky Kadilak	7 Aggie Hardage	12 Alice Feldman	22 Millie Wright	28 Sharen Gilleland
2 Janie Eubanks	7 Ron Lewis	12 John Bethancourt	22 Brenda Brown	28 Charlie Hadaway
2 Charles Scott	7 Jim Jones	13 Blanche Campbell	23 Charley Clark	29 Roy Stokes
2 Mike Kierstead	7 David Pate	13 Margaret Jones	23 Melanie Boyd	29 Becky Dayoc
3 Pat Carlisle	8 Lowell Holligan	13 Richard Patterson	25 Wilma Simmons	30 Roger Simmons
3 Mike Cargill	8 Mildred Powell	13 L.J. McGee	25 Vada Watt	30 Mary Margaret Snodgrass
4 Bonnie Nutt	8 Jerry Wood	14 David Cords	25 Cathy Stewart	
4 Jay Mitchell	8 Vernell Owen	14 Susan Weatherford	25 Sid Burns	
4 John Cochran	8 Larry Whitlock	15 Blythe Warlick	25 Elaine Powdrill	
5 Art Hughes	9 Chuck Bruegger	15 Lucile Grymes	25 Robert Woodings	
5 Evelyn Shoemake	10 Peggie Payne	15 Yvonne Pollard	25 Tommy Reed	
5 Tony Boyd	10 Jimmie Akin	15 Linda Baldwin	26 Elsie Lewis	
5 Paula Hadley	10 Marie Richard	16 Clara Williams	26 Carolyn Brittain	
		17 Gloria Lawson	26 Molly Dover	
		17 Philip Nobles	26 Connie Coberly	

Upcoming Events

November

- 1st Widows Hope to Brookwood
- 1st Koinonia Class Meeting
- 3rd Senior Ladies Golf
- 4th Good News Class Meeting
- 5th NO Billy Graham Phone Center
- 8th Advent by Candlelight
- 10th Uplifters Class Meeting
- 11th Nutcracker Market, Houston
- 14th OPAS- South Pacific
- 16th Church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner with Dennis Swanberg
- 17th Senior Ladies Golf
- 21st Triple L
- 24th HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- 24-25th CBC Offices Closed
- 27th NO Sunday School

December

- 1st Senior Ladies Golf
- 1-2nd Trip to Fredericksburg
- 2nd Good News Class Party
- 3rd Billy Graham Phone Center
- 5th JOY Dept. Party
- 6th Widows Christmas Brunch
- 8th Uplifters Class Party
- 13th Senior Men's Bible Study Dinner
- 15th Senior Ladies Golf
- 19th A Christmas Gathering
- 24th Christmas Eve Service
- 25th MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
- 31st New Year's Eve

Weekly Events

- Faithfully Fit Senior Ladies Exercise Group – MWF 9:30-10:00 AM in FLC
- Senior Men's Bible Study – Every Tuesday Morning 6:30-8:00 AM at IHOP in Bryan
- Senior Adult Bible Study- Sunday Evenings 6:00-7:15 PM in F114 - *LAST ONE OCT 23RD*
Teacher: Judi Kirby, Studying: John

Are You Connected?

- There are several great Senior Adult Sunday School classes to choose from. They meet Sundays at 9:00 AM. Worship service follows at 10:30 AM.
- Good News Class-** B200
Teacher: Bill Adkison
 - Koinonia Class** (Ladies Only)- B206
Teachers: Melba Johnson and Millie Wright
 - The Kindred Class-** Conference Room
Teacher: Frank Steelman
 - Uplifters Class-** F114
Teachers: Jerry and Janeth Ellis
 - Friendship Class-** F104/106
Teacher: Mike Walker
 - The Salt and The Light-** B212
Teacher: Jim Jones

Spotlight on... Sparky and Lennie Batson



Linnie and Sparky Batson met in the summer of 1947 after he returned from serving in the Army, stationed in El Paso, Texas. They were in the gym at the old Kurten school where they were roller skating. At the time Sparky was playing stand-up bass (and guitar) in a Western Swing dance band. Linnie was working at Creamland Ice Cream Parlor in downtown Bryan. They courted for a year and married September 1948. Bro. McDaniel conducted the ceremony at College Avenue Baptist Church (now known as Central Baptist) where they were both members. Unknown to him, Sparky's parents, Noah and Myrtle Batson, joined College Avenue while he was in the Army and moved his membership along with theirs!

Their first son, Pat, was born the following September. Sparky worked for his father building houses and then at A&M College in the Mechanical Engineering Department Lab. Linnie was a homemaker. In 1952 their second son, Coy, was born and moved to "the country"- Reliance! They joined the church there and became involved in the youth ministry. A daughter, Sue, was born in late 1955. They then returned to Bryan in 1956 and rejoined Central on Coulter Avenue.

Sparky started BG&R Drilling Co. in 1956 and stayed in the water well drilling business for 40 years. Linnie has been involved with the 5th grade Sunday School Department for over 45 years and nearly as long with VBS. She also was involved with the Discovery Program, an International Women's Ministry. Sparky has served in many capacities through the years: Central's Radio Ministry, assistant to the church Trustees (mony counter), Deacon, Usher, and head fry-cook! Their interests include traveling, camping with friends, gardening, TBM, and their 3 grandchildren.

Where are you serving?

- Become a Mentor to a Younger Believer**
Contact senioradults@cpcbryan.org
- Special Needs Ministry**
Become a "buddy"
Contact sbland@cpcbryan.org
- Nail Pouch Gang**
Help elderly and widows with minor house repairs.
Contact Ed Seale at 779-3860
- Meals on Wheels**
Deliver food to shut-ins, contact Carolyn Hall 823-2203
- Visit Shut-ins**
Contact senioradults@cpcbryan.org
- Volunteer in the Nursery on Sunday Mornings**
Contact preschool@cpcbryan.org
- Give Rides to the Elderly**
Many elderly seniors need rides to doctors appointments & errands, contact senioradults@cpcbryan.org
- Food Pantry**
Contact the Brazos Valley Food Pantry at 779-3663