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HOORAY FOR HAZEL

by Rene' Holt

Before visiting our featured First Adult for April, I couldn't stop thinking of the 1966 pop hit, "Hooray for Hazel." It seemed a natural response to Hazel Hughes's outgoing personality and tenacity. I looked forward to hearing her story.

Early Years

Hazel Morrow grew up in Cleveland, TN, the tenth of 15 children. That position in a large family might be a handicap for some, but apparently Hazel developed a can-do spirit as she grew up.

The Morrow family attended church faithfully, and Hazel was active in all the teaching, training, and activities provided for children. At the age of 9, she walked the aisle "because my friends did." Not until she was an adult did she recognize that she hadn't truly understood the significance of her commitment, and she recommitted her life to Christ.

After high school, Hazel attended Cleveland Business School. During that time, she met Charles Hughes, also from Cleveland, on a blind date. They dated regularly until Charles joined the Army. They married in 1952, and moved to Roswell, NM. Hazel, who had never been outside Tennessee, didn't waste time settling in. She resumed her education at Southwestern Business School, majoring in accounting, and she found a job at a radio station.

When Charles was discharged from the Army, the couple moved to Austin where he entered the school of broadcasting at the University of Texas. After graduation, they moved to Corpus Christie. Charles got his start in broadcasting as "Barnacle Bill the Sailor" on a local television station. During this time, their daughter, Cherrie Bell, was born.



Coming Home to Tennessee

Seeking opportunities closer to home, the family relocated to Clarksville, where Charles joined a local radio station as assistant manager. Although she was happy to stay at home with Cherrie, Hazel eventually accepted a position at First Baptist Church Clarksville because they had a childcare program and she wouldn't be far from her little girl.

In 1964, the family moved to Nashville, and Charles joined the sales department at WMAK radio station and later at WLAC. He also did voice-overs and commercials on the side. He remained in radio for many years until he started his own advertising agency. She worked at Cain-Sloan in the hosiery department where she developed her sales experience while attending Watkins Institute (now Watkins College of Art) to study interior design.

"The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20 NIV



An Unexpected Opportunity

The Hughes family joined First Baptist in 1965, and Hazel promptly joined the the alto section of the choir. She met another alto, Paula Lott, who represented an up-and-coming business called Mary Kay. She invited Charles and Hazel to meet with her, so she could tell them about the program. Since she had just completed her training to be an interior decorator, Hazel wasn't especially interested. To her surprise, Charles spoke up and said, "She'll do it." He even loaned her the money to buy her starter kit.

Hazel was intrigued and motivated by Mary Kay Ash, founder of the cosmetic company. She was impressed by Mary Kay's strong work ethic and how she built her business on Christian principles. With training and a strong support system, Hazel combined her business skills and drive with her persistence, enthusiasm, and outgoing personality to achieve her goals. And she indeed achieved success. From her first days in 1970, she quickly rose from beauty consultant to director. She was named "Star Consultant" 147 times and earned the designation of "Queen of Sales," by outselling more than 5000 other consultants in her division. As Hazel simply states: "I enjoyed selling."

Even though she was busy with her career, Hazel has

always been a faithful member of NFBC. She has been a member of the choir for 53 years and served on numerous committees including the SAALT Council and nominating committee. She loved being the makeup lady for the Winter Gala productions.

Moving Forward

After retirement, Hazel and Charles traveled extensively. They especially enjoyed cruising the rivers of Europe and Russia. Sadly, Charles died in 2004. As she coped with her painful loss, Hazel continued to participate in life to the fullest. These days, she travels with her daughter Cherrie, who lives nearby and manages the marketing for the YMCAs of Middle Tennessee.



Along with the choir, Hazel enjoys being a member of the Heritage Sunday School department. She stays busy exercising three days a week at the Y, reading, and spending time with a great circle of friends. She actively supports The Next Door, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and the YMCA.

Hazel hasn't completely retired as a Mary Kay consultant, but she no longer seeks new clients. A large number of "customers-for-life" call her regularly for products, giving her as much business as she needs.

Hooray for Hazel?

When I Googled Tommy Roe's song, I discovered the lyrics for "Hooray for Hazel" were uncomplimentary to say the least. In the song, Hazel was a cruel heartbreaker—nothing like the Hazel we know. Nevertheless, I'll claim the title as a salute to a dynamic lady who loves God, loves others, and uses her talents and gifts in a most positive way. So ... "Hooray for Hazel Hughes"!

Please Pray

April 5-12

Nine First Adults
will spend a week at
Hogar da Vida
children's home
in Costa Rica

EV'RY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT

A NIGHT OF SPIRITUALS

April 22 5:00 p.m.

Presented by the sanctuary choirs of
Nashville First Baptist and
First Baptist Capitol Hill
Featuring Joseph Joubert
and Renay Joubert

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

St. Jude's Rock 'n Roll

Marathon

April 28

5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Welcome runners and
visitors in a unique way
Contact: Lori Towns

First Health Fair at First



Our first Health Fair, hosted by the First Adults Council, was held on the first day of March. After a rainy start, the sun came out and so did the attendees. Below are some stats about collected through the day:

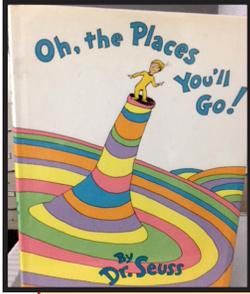
Vendors	25 (approx.)
Mammograms	10
American Red Cross blood drive	34 units
Attendees	60 (approx.)
Door prizes	all won by NFBC members



We are looking forward to hosting future health fairs as part of our ministry to the members and to the community.



PAM'S Corner



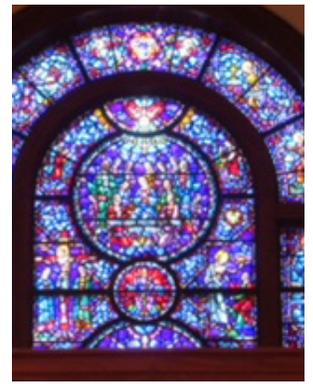
At our First Adults Council planning day, Greg Patterson, with a Dr. Seuss hat and magic wand, read, Oh, the Places You'll Go. He led us to realize sometimes the best trips are close to home.

On Friday, March 22, 15 First Adults gathered for a day trip that helped launch Holy Week. Our first stop was the Upper Room Chapel. Greg and our guide were very informative, and members of the group asked probing questions and made interesting observations. We enjoyed lunch at The Picnic Cafe. It was fun to watch our folks finish eating, then shift around at the tables to build new relationships. We then enjoyed an unplanned side trip with Frank Leebern navigating the streets of Berry Hill to see the country music murals and developing music studios in the area. Our final stop was Woodlawn-Roesch-Patton Memorial Park to view the replica of Jesus' tomb. Our folks were amazed, having had no idea this site exists.

We hope you will make plans to join us as we develop other plans during the year. So far, most of our plans for 2018 are tentative, but you should mark December 7 on your calendar for "A Country Christmas Breakfast," featuring Sam Sanders and Lisa Spencer.

If you would like to read Dr. Seuss's book, stop by my office, and enjoy. To paraphrase the ending: "And will you succeed? (You will have fun and you will make new friends.) Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and $\frac{3}{4}$ percent guaranteed.)

See you on the bus! **PAM**



In Memoriam

Bill Blackwell



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Calendar of Events

- 4/5-4/12** Costa Rica Missions Trip
- 4/22** "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit" concert
- 4/24** Senior Helpers Virtual Dementia Tour

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