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A Suggestion For Your Bucket List

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If you have never been on a day-long Nashville First senior-adult bus trip, you need to add it to your bucket list. It's a thing to be remembered.

I climbed the steps of the Anchor Transportation bus with the driver, Bill Chaney, standing by. I really didn't know what to expect, but this up-to-date vehicle was far advanced from the yellow school bus which took me on my 1948 high-school-senior trip to the Gettysburg Civil War battlefield. This thing had 4 rows of cushioned seats, a carpeted ceiling, and individually-controlled air conditioning. Wow! I settled in for a quiet ride, when all of a sudden a loud voice introduced the sound system. "Are you ready for a day of laughter and history?" Greg Patterson asked. Ready or not, I joined 47 others with a hardy, "Yes." Then, after a travel-safety prayer by Tommy Dixon, Greg continued with instructions to turn off cell phones. Next, he gave names to each of the four rows of seats. On his right were the "Bold and Beautiful." On his left were the "Young and Restless." He explained that we would take turns exiting the bus according to these names - a strange procedure for me. I was accustomed to "Women and children first."

The ride to McMinnville was somewhat uneventful with a few noted exceptions. For one, there was a Pam Stockett who patrolled the isle like an army sergeant, sometimes forgetting to tightly hold on when the driver had to suddenly put on the brakes. And there was a Frank Leebern going up and down the aisle, struggling to get by Pam, as he passed out bottles of water and then tried to collect the empties along with other trash. Among the trash were the empty sandwich-sized plastic bags that once contained Barbara Pedigo's ham biscuits - a great substitute for the morning snack that this type 2 diabetic forgot to bring along.

All of a sudden we were at Falcon Rest, a Victorian mansion built in 1896 by entrepreneur Clay Faulkner, "the secret soldier of the Civil war," for his wife Mary. A white-haired, bushy-headed, mustached, long-bearded tour guide came on board. With a voice that made me thankful I could turn down my hearing aids, he began to tell about the place and inform us that we would all be enlisted to help him pull off a history show depicting the way the South was unjustly treated by the North. When I told him I was a Union sympathizer, he gave me a part anyway.



Following the history show, meal, mansion tour, and a couple restroom breaks, we boarded for a side trip to Rock Island. Actually, for some of us, this part of the trip may have been the bigger attraction of the day. In 93 degree heat, a view of Rock Island Lake made me almost wish I had brought along my swim suit. And, a view of the gorge filled with a sprinkling of swimmers, sunbathers, and falling water from Twin Falls made me wish all the more.

We gathered under a shelter for the unveiling of a giant birthday cake. Right away, I marveled that such a sight could have been pulled off without a refrigerator. But, somehow Sam Talley, Bob Grammer, and Nick Holt had packed the cake in an ice-filled cardboard box, and there it was as fresh as ever. Jan offered a prayer for the cake and for the people whose birthdays we were celebrating.

On the way home, the McDonald's restroom break cost everyone the price of an ice cream cone. I didn't pay up. But, knowing the trip was nearing an end, I began to reflect on the day. I won't remember much about the history lesson at Falcon Rest - accurate or not. I will remember the beauty of McMinnville's country side and especially Rock island. But, more than all, I will remember Jan's prayer over the cake. It reminded me that people of faith don't lose it when they lose their mates. I want to remember the names of many who, before today, I just nodded to as I passed them in the corridors at church. And I won't forget the dedicated leadership of our church staff and the service of our many faithful volunteers. These memories tell me why you need to put a senior-adult bus trip on your bucket list.



What's the point of so many First Adult outings?

By Lisa Bergen Wilson

*First Adults have so much money we can't spend it all.
First Adults get on any bus that pulls into our parking lot.*

First Adults call our bus "Jim" so we can say "We're headed to the Jim" to our friends.

The fellowship is sweet and so are the treats on the bus!

We're trying to stay as busy as the youth program so we can get our picture on First Connections cover!
In the past 12 months, I've been forced to admit and enter a new life stage.

I am a First Adult.

I refused to join the group with the label "Senior Adult" because it sounded too mature for me. No offense, anyone! However, once you join, you'll never want to unjoin. (That's all I'm sayin'!)

The Bus Ride

No trip is possible or complete without a means of travel! Travel for this overnight trip was efficiently carried out by our very comfortable motor coach, driven by our own Bill Chaney. Buses mean seating arrangements, shared snacks, attempted naps, songs, games, and other shenanigans. If you've been around First Adults any length of time, it also means continued relationships and new friendships. We even picked up a small group from Hendersonville who joined our menagerie. These kind folks fit right in as brothers and sisters in Christ and held their own with conversation and snack food sharing. And no trip is successful without planning and direction, all courtesy of Pam Stockett, Greg and Etta Patterson. (I'll emphasize shenanigans again at this point!)

Creation Museum

The state-of-the-art Creation Museum allowed us to "venture through biblical history, stunning exhibits, and botanical gardens". This 75,000-square-foot facility has welcomed millions of guests since opening in Petersburg, Kentucky, and was an interesting and educational experience for our group.

The word science means "knowledge." We dove into the Bible and the scientific evidence presented to gather as much knowledge about God's creation as we could. We learned about the different types of science and discovered facts and logical arguments we might have never considered.

Ark Encounter

Ark Encounter features a full-size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, this modern engineering marvel was amazing for our group to explore! Ark Encounter is three exhibits in one—the massive Ark structure itself, the incredible craftsmanship, and the beautifully fabricated teaching exhibits. The combination of all three gave each of us ample reasons to think differently about the biblical account of Noah's Ark. For example, dinosaurs on the ark? Well, yes, when considering they would have been infant animals not full grown (as with all the animals most likely) and considering the Creationist view that dinosaurs died after the Great Flood due to the Ice Age that followed. After an enjoyable two days with other First Adult members, I will be back soon.

If you are even slightly interested, we promise you won't be disappointed in these attractions. See for yourself!



The 200 Memory Book

No matter how long you have been around Nashville First Baptist Church, you probably have favorite stories to share with your church family ... funny stories or fond memories of special people, places, or events. Stories can be brief. We will also have a “Do you remember” page with just a list of remembrances, not detailed stories.

If anyone has, or can draw by memory, a sketch of how the main floor of the church was laid out in the days of Dr. Powell, please submit it!

You may enjoy organizing a “memories sharing party.” Record your conversation or take good notes and send them in! You may also send photographs.

Please send your remembrances to Sandra.Snyder@nashvillefirst.org or HelenHHOwens@gmail.com

2020 CELEBRATION COOKBOOK NASHVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

There are three ways you may contribute a recipe:

1. * **Physical handwritten copy**

(follow format below)

2. **E-mail:** Recipes@NashvilleFirst.org

(follow format below)

3. **Online** - sign in to: www.typensave.com

user name - recipesforyou

password - celery203

Name of contributor:

Name of recipe:

Ingredients:

Directions:

Serves:

Notes: (Ex. Does this recipe have a special meaning to you? Write the short paragraph. How long/when did you join FBC?)

*For handwritten copies, please give to one of the following committee members:

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att: COOKBOOK

* PLEASE GET YOUR RECIPES IN BY SEPTEMBER 30.

* PLEASE CONTACT YOUR FRIENDS WHO ARE FORMER MEMBERS; HAVE THEM SEND A RECIPE. WE WOULD LIKE THE YEAR THEY JOINED AND THE YEAR THEY MOVED.

*FIRST ADULTS COUNCIL IS ORIGINATOR OF THIS COOKBOOK

ANNETTE HOWSE Cookbook Committee
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PAM'S Corner

Whew!

It has been a great summer. New ideas under construction along with our new building. I hope you are reading our weekly newsletter, if you are not receiving it, let me know and we will add you to the email list. Join us for monthly community gatherings and visit to Chaffin's Theater for brown bag lunch and a show this fall. Dates for The Barn include, Aug. 22, Sept. 5, 26, Oct. 24, and final show for us this year, Nov. 7.

Life is hopping around here. Thankful for the opportunity to serve with you.

See you soon,

Pam

In Memoriam

Martha Chamlee
5/16/2019

Frances Dyer
5/27/2019

Peggy Stockett
5/30/2019

JW Clark
6/21/2019

50+ Anniversaries

August

Bruce and Bonnie Meriwether
8-2-58

Gene and Sandy Adams
8-2-69

Bill and Faye Coles
8-5-62

Bob and Lois Jones
8-8-59

Dick and Gaye Waggener
8-11-56

Tom and Darlene Clark
8-12-61

David and Polly Scutt
8-12-60

Jan and Elaine Willams
8-14-64

Sam and Melody Hirt
8-17-62

Doug and Eve Ellis
8-20-61

Don and Judith King
8-20-66

Harold and Betty Bergen
8-26-55

Larry and Eleanor Yarborough
8-26-61

Harold and Julia Smith
8-30-56

Bob and Joyce Byrd
8-31-57

Bob and Peggy Newport
8-31-57

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