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How many of you think you will see your 200th birthday let alone plan a celebration? Likely not. Even so, how many ways can you think of to celebrate a 200th anniversary?

Dancing in the street? Jumping rope? Indulging in your favorite gourmet meal or just lying in bed all day? Maybe as a time of reflection, worship, praise, thanksgiving.

I remember playing “hide and seek”. The “it” person (seeker) would call out “ready or not, here I come” signaling that something was about to happen. Well, we’re not playing “hide and seek” but a 200th birthday is about to happen right here on the corner of Seventh and Broad, Nashville, TN.

July 2020 marks the 200th birthday of Nashville First Baptist Church. A lot to celebrate about!

Celebrate: (a) honor by solemn ceremonies or by refraining from ordinary business, (b) to demonstrate satisfaction in (as in an anniversary) by festivities or other deviation from routine, (c) to observe a notable occasion with festivities (Webster).

Other than ‘family’, the Church may be the oldest surviving institution known. Philosophies, ideologies, governments, cults have come and gone. Not so the church. Founded thousands of years ago, still a major factor on shaping the lives of individuals and families, and the character and destinies of civilizations.

We, who fellowship at Nashville First Baptist have a history to be thankful for and, yes, to be proud of. Two hundred years of influencing and changing lives,

of influencing and impacting downtown Nashville, middle Tennessee and beyond through missions and denominational influence.

Today, you and I are privileged to be part of Nashville First Baptist where God is still working out His redemptive plan. To do so, He will need the same dedication and commitment from you and I that the founders and faithful servants of the past 200 years have manifested. Today we each have a mandate to flesh out, to share, the love of God and his redemptive purposes.

So, back to the idea of celebration. Can you imagine any celebration without food? Not likely I’d say. I can only imagine how many recipes are tucked away in the pages of your favorite cookbook or stored away in your memory. Perhaps some of those were passed on from family ancestors. Some have become family traditions. So, why not share those good recipes and spread the joy!

So much for my meandering and tangents. To the point: it’s all about a cookbook. Yes, First Adults Council of Nashville First Baptist thought compiling and publishing a multigenerational cookbook would be a good addition to the 200th anniversary celebration. This task will be lead by Annette Howse, Melanie Dunn, Susie Roberson, Elaine Williams and Teenie Fearheiley. Further details will be shared in The First Adults Newsletter. We will collect recipes electronically, so start collecting your favorite ones, we will be setting up an email address specifically for this purpose.

Keep waiting for more specific information. Meanwhile - - -

Happy Cooking and Baking!

First Baptist Church WMU



What were you doing the week of March 3-10 or more specifically Tuesday March 5th? Hopefully you were celebrating the Week of Prayer for NAMB and the life of Annie Armstrong!

The ladies in the pictures had a great time celebrating the WMU mission... "to inform and inspire Christians to influence their world for Christ".

Yes we could do the same at home reading the Missions Mosaic, praying and hopefully sharing Jesus with others. BUT there is nothing like getting together with fellow Church members and being encouraged to keep on keeping on as well as learning so many new, good things that are happening our world today. Missionaries in our city and worldwide are doing their job and they need our support...our prayers and our financial help. Annie Armstrong was a wonderful example of what one lady can do. We are obviously not Annie, but God has a mission call for each of us. In addition to the good food, fellowship and prayer time we were so blessed to hear Jeanette M's story of her call to overseas work. Not only was it a special personal story, but we were also reminded that God uses us ordinary people in the lives of others in the mission experience. Jeanette is the daughter of Nancy and DeLane Ryals. Nancy was with us that day and DeLane is living with Jesus in Heaven. They were NAMB missionaries and raised Jeanette in a "mission atmosphere".

Most of us are not "professional missionaries" but we have all been called for a purpose and sent either near or far and certainly can influence our own families as well as the Mission Friends, GA's and RA's in our

WMU Members present:

Seated: Left to right: Sharon Roberts, Shirley Murphy, Nancy Ryals, Betty Neff, and Andrea Lindsey.

Standing: Left to right: Carol Chambers, Mary Frances Turner, Kelly Porch, Lois Cantanzaro, Sharon Herrera, Helen Owens, Diane Smith, Martha Waddington, Frances Casey, Marge Leathers, Karen McArthur, Diane Jordan and Eve Ellis.



church. WMU will help us as we answer that call and move on that path.

The WMU 2018-2019 watchword is "My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord, You know that everything you do for Him is worthwhile",! Corinthians 15:58.

WMU needs YOU and YOU need WMU. God uses us and becoming part of WMU is a wonderful way to be part of the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20. There are several Groups that meet monthly and we are so open to your suggestions as to how we can grow and go in FBN and in Nashville. For more information please contact Sharon Herrera at sendsjh@yahoo.com.

JOIN US MAY 23 AND 24 FOR THE ARK EXPERIENCE AND THE CREATION MUSEUM

We hope you will plan to join us for our trip to the **Ark Experience and Creation Museum**. Very reasonable group rates will be available. On the first day, we will travel via a luxurious motor coach through the beautiful green hills and valleys to Kentucky to visit the Creation Museum. Wow! What a visit! After this stop, we will check into a local motel for the night and dine at an area restaurant. The next morning, we will rise and shine as we enjoy a free breakfast and then proceed to the Ark Museum to tour a life-size replica of Noah's Ark. After our visit, we will enjoy a scrumptious lunch and return to the Music City with fond memories, laughter, and song. More details will follow when our trip of a lifetime is finalized. This will be led by our "First Baptist Travel Trio Consultants", **Pam Stockett**, passenger list, consultant; **Dr. Bill Chaney**, experienced motor coach driver for Anchor Transportation; and **Dr. Greg Patterson**, experienced tour guide.

Now for the Facts

Who: First come, first paid, 50 participants

What: Highly requested overnight trip

When: May 23 and 24, 2019

Where: The Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum

Why: Popular request

How: Anchor Motorcoach, Driven by Dr. Bill Chaney

Tour Guide: Dr. Gregg Patterson Reservations: Pam Stockett

Total Cost: \$240.00 per person, based on double occupancy

(includes, transportation, hotel room at the Hyatt Place, complimentary breakfast on May 24, admission to museum and ark, and lunch on the ark.)

Lunch and dinner: May 23: on your own

Deposit due: May 5, \$120.00

Balance due: May 12, \$120.00

Checks should be made out to Nashville First Baptist Church.





PAM'S Corner

Senior Adult Rally

Fourteen of our First Adults members attended the rally at Judson Baptist on Thursday, April 25. The event opened with music by the Judson Jewel Tones, Judson's senior adult choir. The choir rehearses twice a month, with the second rehearsal of each month, including lunch at a selected place followed by singing at an area health care center, retirement home, or senior adult location. The choir enjoys singing and ministering to others. The group is directed by Jerry Rankin, with participation of his wife, Virginia Rankin. Yes, the parents of Tony.

We enjoyed a great message by Robert J. Morgan, teaching pastor of The Donelson Fellowship. He walked us quickly through the Bible with scripture quotes and then applied them to daily living.

Our members included those pictured: Front row: Left to Right: Sharon Roberts, Jane Montgomery, Carolyn Brakefield, Martha Strode, second row: Martha Kirkland, Billy Vasut, Lenora Bell, Rene' Holt, back row: Pam Stockett, Helen Cannady, Michel Kuzur, Ruth Kuzur, and yes, the one and only, Executive Director of NBA, our own Rusty Sumrall.



YOUR FIRST ADULT COUNCIL

Chair: Tom Clark; Staff: Tom Crow and Pam Stockett; Lynne Wells, Graphic Designer; Members: Carol Chambers, Bill Chaney, Curtis Freed, Rene Holt, Fred Linkenhoker, Joe Nave, James Porch, Sharon Roberts, Glennda Simpson, and Sam Talley, Coordinator of Martha's Friends: Pat Haskins **Tom Crow** Tom Crow@firstbaptist-nashville.org

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In Memoriam

**Vena Proctor
3/13/2019**

**Ron Brethen
4/10/2019**

50+ Anniversaries

June

**Glenn and Bettye Freudenthal
6-02-62**

**Robert and Wilma Lehmann
6-3-56**

**Arnold and Sue Von Hagen
6-7-63**

**Charles and Betty West
6-10-56**

**J.W. and Evelyn Clark
6-14-49**

**Phillip and Judy Mikesell
6-14-69**

**Fred and Glenda Turner
6-16-56**