# The Prime Times

Newsletter for the UBC Primetime Ministry

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On This Day in History

U.S. hockey team makes miracle on ice

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"A cheerful heart is good medicine." Prov. 17:22

January 7
University Baptist Church
Primetime Dinner
Honoring Marilyn Browne
and Nina Connelley for
many years of service

January 18 Webster Presbyterian

January 26
School Teachers at East
Harris County Activity
Building / Pasadena

For information, call Marilyn Browne 281-303-0141

January / February 2016



#### ONE PERSON WE ALL NEED

by Dr. Milton Redeker

Let's say you're a patient about to undergo major surgery. Just before they wheel you in the doctor blurts, "you know, I've never actually done surgery before....but hey, we'll give it the ol' college try."

How would you respond? You'd explode: "Wait! Stop!" That's because you want somebody who's been trained. Really trained. You want a skilled and seasoned surgeon, one who has traveled across the country to study under the most outstanding doctors in his or her specialty. You want a professional, one who has learned specific, tried-and-true techniques of doing medical work correctly—one who has spent years being guided, observed, confronted, reproved, rebuked, and corrected. In a word, you need someone who has been mentored.

In the second chapter of Paul's final letter to Timothy, we see the importance of mentoring in another realm—an eternal one. What's more, we discover how that kind of mentoring best occurs: "the things which you have heard form me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. (2 Timothy 2:2)

In other words, Christians are to faithfully mentor those who are coming along in the spiritual life. The verb that gives us this direction is entrust. The term literally means to hand over something to someone...for safekeeping. I like that image. In the same way we'd invest in a trust fund, we pass along a valuable message when we invest the truth of God's Word into the lives of others.

Paul's words to Timothy outline a process of multiplication that can be visualized in a simple chart:

Paul—Timothy—faithful men and women—others also.

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#### **ONE PERSON WE ALL NEED** (continued from page 1)

by Dr. Milton Redeker

Paul the apostle entrusted his heart, soul, truths, encouragements, affirmations—his very life—to Timothy. Timothy was a recipient, much like the second runner in a relay receives the baton from the first runner. Timothy then looked for others to pass that baton on to—those who would be faithful to pass it along to others also. This process has been occurring since Jesus initiated it with His apostles, including Paul. In fact, we are all recipients of Paul's baton.

Why do I say this with such conviction? I, too, am the product of mentoring. There have been men in my life, who have made a difference. I owe much of who I am today to the lengthening shadow of their influence. Gratefully, I stand on their broad shoulders. Four of those men are my Dad, Richard Eden, Dr. George Smith and Mart Hardin.

How about you? Do I write to any today who feel past their prime and rather useless? Any empty nesters with no one left to influence? Let me assure you, you haven't lived this long for nothing! There's a younger generation in the family of God, many of whom yearn for your time...men and women who need your wisdom...who long for a trusted mentor willing to impart the thumb print of character on them.

Moreover, there are those around the world in need of mentoring. Part of my passion as Director of Sr. Adult Ministries of University Baptist Church of Houston, Texas is to encourage senior adults to make an impact in the lives of our youth and young adults. Make no mistake, we all need mentors. Furthermore, we all need those we are mentoring. We need to care enough about people to build into their lives. As a result of being mentored, an individual learns the value of being vulnerable, open, unguarded, honest, and ideally a person of authenticity.

#### **Primetime Council Members**

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If you have any suggestions for programs or personnel, please contact one of our Primetime Council Members.

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#### **UBC 2016 Emphasis...** "Making Room for Others"

Is there room in the minds and hearts and schedules of us, the UBC family, for Christ to live in us? And if Christ is in us, and we make room for Christ to live in us, we will surely think differently, feel differently, act differently, so that we will become more like Christ, more selfless, more other-focused. And not just for a season, but transformed internally so that we learn not just to think, feel, and act differently, so that we are BECOMING different people—we ARE different.

So now we're asking, "How do we do this—create space in our lives for God?"

- 1) The first step, we believe, is to remove things that are presently taking up space.
- 2) The second step is to INPUT SOMETHING INTO OUR LIVES that will focus our attention on God and put us in a position for God to occupy the space more "permanently", ultimately helping us to become more like Christ.

Step one: an individual response. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall January 3rd.

Step two: we are preparing to offer a tool in which believe we will discover the transforming power of God in us that can fill our lives with HIS thinking, HIS heart, HIS ways, and thus think less about ourselves and more about others. We will be studying the book "The Good and Beautiful God" in small groups on Sunday Nights.

#### Senior Adult WBS Group Leaders



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# Senior Adult Ministries



Dr. John Bisagno

#### **Primetime Dinner**



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#### Senior Adult Revival



Four Docs

#### Senior Adult Leadership Luncheon



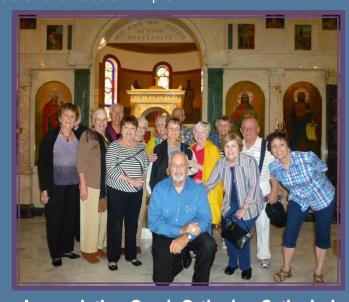
Dr. Redeker and Debbie Hampton



Milton and George Archer



Dr. Robinson and Jackson



**Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral** 

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# Primetimer Road Trips 2016

#### April 6-7

- 2 day chartered bus trip to Dallas
- George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum
- Bluebonnets visit on return
- Special Guests Matt & Trudy Marsh
- Reservations by sign-up sheet in WBS groups
- Deadline for sign-up and payment by March
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#### October 14-15

Senior Adult Retreat to the Danbury Lodge Friday Noon — Saturday Noon





#### JANUARY 7

#### Stars 'N' Stripes

Stars 'N' Stripes has been under the direction of Marilyn Browne for many years. She along with Nina Connelley are retiring. Brenda Sessums will be the new director.

Please take a moment at the Primetime Dinner to tell each of them how much you appreciate their many hours, months and years of faithful service.





### **Dinner Dates**

#### FEBRUARY 4

Dr. Joe Pouzar

UBC member playing his accordion.

Married to Dr. Linda Pouzar.

#### Paula Cook

Part of what will be so remarkably missed by Paula's departure is that not many people will know how faithful and dedicated to senior adult ministry she has been. Those golden moments don't happen often but I've seen them transpire before my very eyes. Thank you my friend, for all your care to bring first class dining and entertainment to the Primetimers...some beautiful and breathtaking, others informative and fun...you made all of us feel that life is worth the living.

#### MARCH 3

#### **Buddy Griffin's All Stars**

"ALL STARS" Youth Banjo Band consists of 60+ members (ages 7 – 17 years old). Their program feature a wide variety of music from oldiegoldies, waltzes, pops, gospel tunes and more; using the 4-string tenor banjo, bass, drums, keyboard, guitars, mandolins and ukuleles. The "ALL STARS" are guaranteed "to put a smile on your face, a song in your heart, a snap in your fingers and a tap in your toes!"

- No Dinner
- Concert in Worship Center at 7:00 pm
- Love offering will be taken





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## Happy Birthday to YOU!

#### January

1 - Ruthanna Ward

3 - Dan Davidson

5 - Marilyn Hackett

6 - Martha Monroe

16 - John Kinsey

16 - Janet Long

16 - Nancy Magee

16 - Lynn Stovall

17 - Velma Robinson

18 - Edith Delwood

18 - Sue Harris

20 - Barbara Brenton

21- John Lilly

22 - Jeanene Boucher

22 - Cyndi Draughon

22 - Bob Voss

23 - Joyce Bowman

24 - Cynthia Neal

25 - Billy Booker

25 - Betty Heath

20 Delly Health

25 - Shirley Hughes27 - Betty Hammond

27 - Mike Herman

27 - Ronald Hill

28 - Dianne Fanning

29 - Debbie Hampton

31- Bill Bushell



#### **February**

1 - Joe Anderson

9 - Esther Barker

10 - Anthony Del Sardo

10 - Sue Knippa

17 - Billy Magee

19 - Herb Miller

19 - Reagan Steinmeyer

20 - Clarice Cliffe

20 - Paul Ellingsen

20 - Lawrence Lohse

22 - Mary Holt

25 - Betty Hill

29 - Edna Chrestman