

# The Prime Times

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## Dinner Dates

### June & July

No dinners...Enjoy  
your Summer!

### August 3

TBD

### September 7

I.B. Hamm

### October 5

Vince King

### November 2

Wesley Wright

### December 7

Quartet of Victorian  
Carolers

## CUT THE APRON STRINGS

by Dr. Milton Redeker

Genesis 22:1-2 "God said to Abraham, "take your son, your only son and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you." You and I would run for cover if God were to tell us to do that. Scripture tells us he got up early the next morning and set out. He couldn't wait to see what God was going to do. He spoke words not of consternation but anticipation. God will provide.

At Moriah's peak with a west wind swirling his gray hair, aging Abraham prepared his boy, his invaluable treasure, for the altar. As he raised the blade to bring it down into his son's chest, the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and shouted, "Abraham! Abraham, don't lay a hand on the boy!"

This was the last of God's final exams for Abraham. You'll have some in your life. Especially if you're a parent. Parenting includes interventions from the Lord to test our faith to the maximum. We'll have plenty more.

God's tests are not frivolous; they're serious. God breaks through the silence and says, "I'm right here. I'm with you in this. I now know you trust me. There's no longer any question your faith rest on Me...not with your treasure. You've passed the final exam!" Every major test that comes our way is designed to put God's character on display. That's what happens after you pass one of God's excruciating exams. Pleasure comes, Rejoicing follows, The heart sings, Faith blossoms, The spirit swells with cheer and laughter abounds!

Chances are good you're facing an Abraham-and-Isaac kind of test right now. It may be a material test---you have to let go of some cherished thing; a relational test---you need to release someone you love into God's hands; the loss of a dream test---you have to say goodbye to the life you envisioned as it slips from your fingers. Let it go...simply, let it go.

Remember; Ultimate tests are about God. His provision is there....really it is. Anticipate the pleasures that come receiving God's provision. It's what is known as the other side of letting go.

## SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

*Danbury Lodge*



Speaker:  
Dr. Bruce Peterson



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Fri, May 19-Sat, May 20



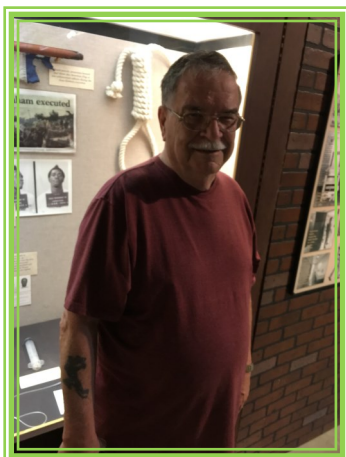
# Snap Shots !



Sowell Family Pickers



Star of Hope Volunteers



Texas Prison Museum

# Star of hope



On March 10, Primetimers had the great experience of volunteering in a soup kitchen at Star of Hope in Houston serving lunch to the homeless! In addition to those who volunteered, many people donated clothing, towels and sheets, kids' diapers, and toiletry items that we took to the Center. As requested by the staff at Star, we also took a stack of 'God bless you' notes handwritten by many. Debbie Hampton's WBS class wrote over 70 cards! When we arrived at Star, we were greeted warmly by the staff, and they expressed their thanks and appreciation. Below are notes about their experience from some of the Primetimers who volunteered to go and serve lunch.

The visit to Star of Hope was the best trip ever. The need for funding is tremendous as we were told by the men's facility staff that they feed 300-400 men three meals a day. They asked us to bring as many towels as possible the next time we come. A GREAT MINISTRY.

*Milton Redeker*

What an awesome experience! I was quite impressed with those in charge of the kitchen. Everything was well planned and the food looked delicious. The people who came to eat all thanked us profusely for being there to help. If the opportunity comes up again, be sure to go. I will!!!

*Glenda Epp*

It was a rewarding experience to see how Christians step up to the plate to take care of our poor, homeless, mentally ill and abused but not neglected because of God's love for each of us. It was my privilege to share my small part.

*Theda Kimmel*

We had an interesting bus trip into parts of Houston we rarely visit. After dropping some of the women off at the women's shelter, four men and two women went to the men's shelter, put on aprons and served about 150 men (some men multiple times). After the meal, we attended a chapel service. We were blessed by both the serving and the worship.

*George Richeson*

I was impressed with the careful handling of all the systems that the SOH had in place which were required to be of consistent help to such a large number of needy people. I loved the hearts of the servers, the managers, and especially, the preacher at the chapel time. The whole experience lifted the sight of those who participated.

*Charles Roberson*

I loved the patience of the ladies that let us invade their kitchen space. Very impressed with the quality of the meals they serve. Loved the smiles on the faces of all the people we crossed paths with that day. My favorite was to hear the laughter of the little children and see the smiles on their precious faces. It was just a good day! "Unto the least of these you have done unto Me".

*Van Roberson*

We were very impressed with the staff and the Men's Facility and it made us realize how much the Star of Hope helps the needy in Houston. Besides serving lunch, we got to attend their noon time worship service where the Gospel was presented. The men who received lunch were very grateful and thanked us for volunteering. We are very glad that we had the opportunity to volunteer, as we came away realizing how blessed we truly are.

*Bob & Wanda Voss*

I discovered again just how God has blessed my life...and my families' lives. I was amazed at how organized everything was. Kitchen was neat and immaculately clean; so much more than I expected.

*Vickie Coody*

I think what impressed me most about Star of Hope Women's Shelter was the kindness of all the shelter workers toward their clients. The workers were never too busy to listen to a client's need or problem. The other thing that I appreciated was how welcomed I felt in the shelter. It was a very positive experience for me.

*Debbie Hampton*

I want to express my thanks to Bob Voss for the initial idea of visiting Star of Hope. And thanks to those who so enthusiastically volunteered to go into this new situation, not knowing exactly what to expect, but happy to serve those in need. Star of Hope was grateful for every donation! Thank you to everyone who brought something for them. The entire experience was truly a blessing for me.

*Martha Monroe*



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**Happy  
Birthday  
to YOU!**



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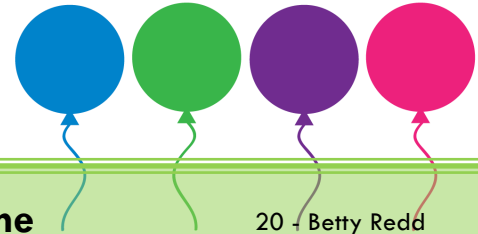
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1 - Sherry White	17 - Bobbie Wallace
2 - Jim McLeroy	18 - Vickie Coody
3 - Mary Jane Herman	19 - Bill Baker
3 - Pete Reeder	19 - Fred Domin
5 - Virginia Thomas	19 - Patrick Turley
6 - Pat Akkerman	20 - Richard Hasler
7 - Edwina Prisk	20 - Lidie Murff
7 - Henry Torrance	20 - Diane Pope
7 - Jack Vandervort	20 - Gary Smith
7 - Charles Weaver	21 - Tim Elliot
8 - Larry Barrett	22 - Phil Brickman
8 - Judy Reeder	23 - Rick Carpenter
10 - Alice Vinson	23 - Sherri Joiner
10 - Alan Wylie	23 - Mary Alice Watkins
11 - Greg Miller	25 - Rainer Krebs
13 - Doris Mortland	26 - Rick Bennett
13 - Hank Smith	28 - Linda Bromley
13 - David Ward	28 - Brenda Noll
13 - Craig Wiley	29 - Nelson Brown
15 - Nina Connelley	29 - Bobbie Norris
16 - Judy Grindstaff	30 - Len Morris
16 - Judy Guy	30 - Judy Parnell
16 - Sherry Moody	31 - Cindy Prindle
	31 - Milton Redeker

## June

2 - Huey Barnett	20 - Betty Redd
3 - Donna Bennett	20 - Galen Russell
4 - Gatha Moore	21 - Tom McDade
4 - Howie Short	22 - Cheri Burke
6 - Pamela Thompson	22 - Linda Polk
7 - Wayne Thompson	23 - Michael Engle
8 - Thomas Burks	23 - Dorothy Killingsworth
8 - Dee Gould	24 - Bill Krueger
8 - Donna Smith	24 - Debra Lee
10 - Karen Kauffmann	24 - Susan Mullins
10 - Thomas Noll	24 - Janelle Murphy
10 - Mary White	26 - Linda Bramlett
11 - Beryl Booker	26 - Don Fanning
13 - Jeanne Maguire	26 - John Jennings
14 - Merlin Merritt	27 - Sabra Barnett
16 - Chelette Baker	27 - Marilyn Browne
17 - Deborah Williams	27 - Dave Eggebraaten
18 - Libby Brown	27 - Noma Light
18 - Clayton Brown	27 - Sylvia Proctor
19 - David Byford	29 - Kathy Valentine
	30 - Mike Duckett
	30 - Joan Yarbrough