



Program
by
Shirley Mears

The Academy of Senior Professionals speaker for December 11 is Dr. Keith Newman who plans to speak on “A Christmas Check List.”



Newman, a Southern Nazarene University alumnus, was chosen to lead SNU following Dr. Loren Gresham’s retirement. ASP past president Howard Culbertson and I sat down with Dr. Newman recently. Dr. Culbertson has known Dr. Newman for many years and had an influence on the career path for Dr. Newman.

Dr. Newman is an inspiration since, as a child, he didn’t have a lot of possibilities and support. The oldest of four children with a single mom doesn’t have many benefits.

However, hard times sometimes foster a strong work ethic. Working part-time at five jobs as a freshman in college led Dr. Newman to becoming a Houston police officer. After he became a homicide detective, he met Carolyn, another homicide detective who later became his wife.

After nine years on the police force, Dr. Newman entered the full-time ministry and pastored churches in Arkansas, Texas and

California. While he was pastor of Houston First Church of the Nazarene, his parishioners included ASP members Don and Linda Carley.

For the past several years, Dr. Newman has been involved in higher education administration. His Doctorate of Education from Spalding University had a concentration in leadership. Dr. Newman and his wife have two children, Andy and Alana, and one grandchild.

I asked Dr. Newman what life message he would like to leave for others. He said, “To live life as a server and combine it with the Dynamic Duo of grace and truth, to extend grace and to stand for truth.”

LUNCHEON DECEMBER 11, 2017, begins at 11 a.m. in the Webster Commons Heritage Room on the campus of Southern Nazarene University. Members will receive a call to RSVP. If you have not received a call by Thursday, December 7, you can RSVP by phone (405-728-0515) or by emailing donlincarley@prodigy.net.

Note: SNU Dining has requested that ASP members remain outside of the Heritage Room until 10:30.





President's Column
by
Frank Dewey

During the Christmas season, we often focus on the Nativity accounts in Matthew and Luke. However, a verse at the beginning of John also grabs my attention at Christmas: *“The Word became flesh, and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory”* (1:14).

It bowls me over that the One who spoke Creation into existence humbled Himself to become one of us. As a result, we can never say, “God doesn’t understand!”

John adds that the Word made His home among us. John was perhaps also thinking of the time God instructed Moses to make a tent (or tabernacle) for the ark of the covenant. John’s Greek wording can be translated as “he tabernacled among us.” The Old Testament tabernacle was where God met humans (albeit through one person, the high priest). In the New Testament, God became human, allowing each of us to personally encounter God.

When the tabernacle was finished, a cloud by day and fire by night visibly indicated the glory of God. When Solomon later dedicated the temple, it was said that the glory of God filled the place. When Jesus “tabernacled” among us, John testified that he (and the other disciples) could see the glory of God present. In the old dispensation, that glory often seemed to be fading, while in the new, it is increasing (II Cor 3:18 & 4:17). As I said, it just boggles my mind!

May our hearts be filled once more with wonder, love and praise! Merry Christmas to each of you!

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The Director's Corner
by
Eunice Trent

**A reflection by Vada Lee Barkley,
published in the December, 1994
ASP Perspective**

Christmas fills the air. Merchants remind us to shop early. Salvation Army bell ringers solicit donations. Children compile wish lists. Shoppers figure how far they dare stretch their spending beyond what they can afford. Church choirs rehearse musicals to celebrate Jesus' birth. Congregations join in singing "Joy to the world; the Lord is come."

As we strike up that carol this year, I'll be thinking of the two reasons for His coming. First, the Lord came to share our humanity. Celebrating His humanity should in no way detract from His divinity. At Christmas, much of our emphasis exalts His deity. For example, Luther's all-time favorite carol contains these words: "The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes; But Little Lord Jesus No crying He makes."

Everyone knows a baby cries. How else would a mother know when to nurse an infant? Common sense tells us that a new-born baby, trying to sleep on straw in a cold, stinking stable, disturbed by bawling cattle and bleating sheep, will cry. With all due respect to Luther, he apparently never slept on a straw mattress.

When all the well-wishers called to see Him, Jesus probably cried like any other baby when they woke Him. What does a baby know about frankincense, gold, and myrrh? I question whether they meant anything to Him at that time.

In our zeal to call Him "The Mighty God," we do well to remember another name for Him: Immanuel, "God with us."

In the final analysis, Jesus came to die for our sins. The angel's announcement to the shepherds suggests the destiny of the Child. "And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger" (Luke 2:12).

Dr. Paul Scherer wrote: "*God walked down the stairs of heaven with a Baby in His arms. Knowing full well that the world would reject and eventually crucify His Son, God gave Him to us. No wonder we sing with such enthusiasm: "Joy to the world, the Lord is come!"*"

**Dr. Keith Newman,
our December speaker,
and newly inaugurated
president of
Southern Nazarene University,
has graciously invited
all ASP members and guests
to enjoy special entertainment
from HOPE,
a student music group of
Southern Nazarene University,
and to enjoy a special dessert
during the
December 11 luncheon
in the Heritage Room
of Webster Commons**



Evelyn Keeton brought beautiful Thanksgiving Season and patriotic music

November Re-Views



Eileen Ruger shared her doctoral dissertation project



Linda Carley Introduced guests and new members



We all got better acquainted with Madalyn Long



Gary Lance shared ASP Music support project, and gave away tickets to lucky people



Shirley Mears and Steve Trice



Welcome to new ASP member Grady Bohannon



A farewell with heartfelt thanks to long time ASP Director, Eunice Trent





**Morning Seminar
by
James Worley**

Mark Huitt will join us for our January 9:30 Morning Seminar.

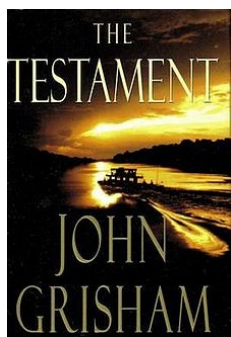
Mark is the Director of Business Underwriting for The Gospel Station Network (<https://thegospelstation.com>). He co-hosts with Phil Parks a live, weekly call-in request show called "The Saturday Morning Gospel Music Show." Along with Tisha Todd, Huitt also hosts The Gospel Station "Spotlight Show."

Mark will bring us news about the "Save the Cross" project on the campus of ECU in Ada, OK, and he will share the story of Randall Christy's involvement with saving "The Great Passion Play" in Eureka Springs, AR. Join us in January for this informative presentation.



**Book Discussion
by
Barbara Culbertson**

ASP's next book discussion will not be held until February. So, you have lots of time to get this book read!



The Testament by John Grisham strays slightly from Grisham's usual themes. After billionaire Troy Phelan commits suicide, the reading of his will surprises his children who have descended like vultures expecting their fortunes. Instead, Phelan has left his entire fortune to an out-of-wedlock daughter with whom

he has not had contact for 20 years, a young missionary serving somewhere in the Brazilian jungles. But she has to be found.

Join us on February 12 to discuss this interesting, fast-read book, and share implications it might have for us.



**SNU Connections
by
Howard Culbertson**

December's SNU Connections segment will explore the doctoral dissertation work of Jim Graves. That dissertation for a Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Oklahoma centered on Dave Brubeck's musical presentation of the Temptation of Jesus titled "The Light in the Wilderness." https://youtu.be/_2OGc0WOfAE



Dr. Graves came to SNU in 2008 where he has conducted the Concert Choir, the SNU Chorale, the Men's Chorale, and the University Singers. These ensembles have performed nationally and internationally. During this academic year, groups under his direction will perform at the Jazz Educators' Network national conference and at the Southwest Convention of the American Choral Directors' Association.

Born in Lubbock, TX, Graves was raised in Boise, ID, where he earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Boise State University. He taught at high schools in Eagle, ID, and in Colorado Springs., CO. He earned a Master of Music Performance from The University of North Texas where he directed the university's Jazz Singers II.

Former SNU student Calley Bliss wrote that Graves "has the ability to motivate and relax people at the same time. His professionalism is constant, and he was always able to take into account the bigger picture, making an effort for everyone to feel they had a part in whatever project was at hand, but all with the final goal in mind."

In addition to teaching at SNU, Jim leads musical worship at Bethany Calvary Church of the Nazarene where he organizes the annual "SNU Festival of Hymns."



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