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SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

GOD'S GIFT OF LONGER LIFE

The Gathering Monday, April 9, 2018

Coleman Family Hall

9:30am SENIOR GAMES CFH

9:15am SR. ADULT COUNCIL BFLC, 2A

10:30 am LECTURE Worship & Arts

We welcome to the Gathering our own Marilyn Dickson as our guest speaker this month. She will be giving us an insight into the "Ten Best Reasons to Enjoy Aging". Please join us for words of wisdom from this wonderful lady!

11:45 am LUNCH Coleman Family Hall
Chef Nacho and Sheila from Twin Rivers

1:00 pm ENTERTAINMENT Worship & Arts
J. R. Edmondson, Texas writer and impersonator, will be taking us back in time for stories and a visit with the legendary actor "John Wayne". Let's give him a big Texas welcome!



I have only attended one fall retreat, but I am already looking forward to my second experience. Last fall, over fifty senior adults gathered at the Prothro Retreat Center for several days of worship, study, and fellowship. For my first impressions.....Prothro is a magnificent location for spiritual reflection. The weather cooperated. It was cool, and beautiful, even for Morning Watch. The lake provides a great backdrop.

The 2018 Annual Autumn Renewal will be October 15-17, again at the Prothro Retreat Center. The planning team has made some changes to accommodate some of the challenges from last year. The most important change is the cost which has been reduced to \$225 per person. The cost reduction has been achieved primarily through a decrease in the number of nights we stay at Prothro, from three to two nights. The number of meals will also be reduced.

The retreat will begin a few hours earlier, too, asking people to arrive by 10 a.m. rather than after lunch on Monday. Following a final worship service with communion, we will return home around 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

The highlight of the 2018 version of the retreat will be your guest preachers. Reverend Rich Rindfuss will lead the Morning Watch services on Tuesday and Wednesday. Bishop Max Whitfield will lead the Bible studies on Tuesday and Wednesday. And, Max's son Rev. Rodney Whitfield will be the preacher for the two evening worship services and the final worship service on Wednesday.

Along with these structured spiritual experiences, there will also be plenty of opportunity for fellowship, fun and free time. In all, these three days will offer an opportunity for a great spiritual retreat.

It seems like a long time away, but October will be here before we know it. Plan now to register, and join your friends (maybe new friends) in an unforgettable experience at the 2018 Annual Autumn Renewal.

~ Dan Flanagan

Thank you to Tobie, Chef Michael, Debra and Nikki from the Wellington at Arapaho. Lunch was absolutely delicious with a reminder that Spring is around the corner. We appreciate all you do for FUMCR!

April 9 we welcome Chef Nacho and Sheila from Twin Rivers.

If you would like to volunteer to be a lunch server at the Gathering, please contact us at dvtarrant@tx.rr.com or let us know at the Gathering in March. Thank you!

Don and Valerie Tarrant

Gathering Services Handyman Program

**Help with Minor Home Repairs /
Medical Equipment Loan Program**

info@FirstRichardsonHelpers.org

Hotline Number 972-996-0160

Call Howard Kennedy 972-661-9088 if you need medical equipment or would like to donate



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Wed, April 11 11 am—12 noon I-Phone Workshop II Room 203

Join Kevin Burns and Drew Presley to learn more about your I-Phone. The class is free and open to all, but registration is required. Sign up at April 9th Gathering.

Wed, April 11 1:30—2:30 pm Android Workshop II Room 203

Join Kevin Burns and Drew Presley to learn more about your Android smart phone. The class is free and open to all, but registration is required. Sign up at April 9th Gathering.

Thurs, April 12 Eden Hill Winery \$20 per person

Visit the winery and enjoy a wine tasting with a cheese tray. Lunch is on your own \$ at Lava Cantina. Check in 10:30 am Women’s Center, return to church 3—4 pm. Call Mary Ann Whitmire at 214-823-1777 with questions or to sign up.

Thurs, April 26 Book Review Club 7:00 pm Ogden Fellowship Hall

Join us as Gayle Brink presents “True Grit” by Charles Portis. The novel, published in 1968, is the basis for the movie of the same name starring John Wayne. It tells the story of Mattie Ross, who is just 14 years of age when a coward going by the name of Tom Chaney shoots her father down in Fort Smith, Arkansas and robs him of his life, his horse and \$150 in cash money. Mattie leaves home to avenge her father’s blood with the one-eyed Rooster Cogburn, the meanest available US Marshal, by her side. Refreshments will be served. Cost is \$4.

Thurs, May 3 First Monday Trade Days Canton, TX \$7 per person

Spend the day at the famous “First Monday Trade Days” at your own pace and enjoyment. Check in 7:15 at Women’s Center, return to church by 4 pm. Call Mary Ann Whitmire at 214-823-1777 with questions or to sign up.

Beat the Summer Heat with Movies in the Worship and Arts Center

Movies TBD, titles coming soon, but mark your calendars:
May 16 at 1:30 pm, June 25 at 1:30 pm, July 12 at 10 am, August 20 at 1:30 pm

Senior Adult Fall Retreat “Catch the Spirit”

Prothro Conference Center at Lake Texoma
October 15-17 (3 days, 2 nights) Cost \$225 per person (payment plans available)
Signs ups begin and registration forms will be available at the April 9th Gathering.



BRIDGE: Wednesdays, April 4 and 18 1 pm BFLC 1D
(March top scores: Beverly Whitley 3690, Janet Larson 3400, Kathy Morris 3300)

Senior Adult Game Day: Monday, April 23 1 pm BFLC 1D

