

# Prime Times

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## SENIOR ADULT CHURCH & COMMUNITY VALENTINE'S DINNER TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024

This is your special invitation to get your reservations in for our first meeting of the New Year. Reservations are made by purchasing a ticket at the church office or in the Commons area. A place where you can purchase your tickets will be set up on Sunday, January 7. Tickets will be open for the public and other churches on the following Monday. We are expecting over 400 to be in attendance so you don't want to miss this opportunity to get your tickets. On this special Valentine's Eve event, you will enjoy a delicious meal and a program that will have you laughing and enjoying a great evening of entertainment. Dr. Dennis Swanberg, Christian humorist and comedian is back by popular demand. He is known as "America's Minister of Encouragement!" He uses laughter as a tool to promote faith and family values and motivate people in all walks of life.

*February 13 at 6:00pm in the Worship Center*



**\$25 per ticket | Only 450 seats available!**  
Purchase your ticket in the Commons or the church office.

All ages are invited to come celebrate Valentine's at our church and community wide dinner. The evening will begin with a delicious dinner of steak, vegetables, and dessert. Back by popular demand, entertainment for the evening will feature Dr. Dennis Swanberg!



**WINTER 50+ SENIOR ADULT DAY**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**LATHAM SPRINGS BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT**

The winter get together of Senior Adults at Latham Springs is a wonderful time that many of our seniors at First Woodway attend. While many attend and use their own transportation, First Woodway will provide your transportation to and from Latham Springs. The vans will leave the church at 7:45 am sharp and return following the afternoon program. If you would like to go, you need to call in your reservations for transportation no later than Monday, January 15th. The cost for the program and your noon meal that day is \$8.00 per person and may be paid when you arrive at Latham Springs. Hope to see you there.

**BRO. ROY'S BIBLE BITS**  
**EMBRACED BY GOD'S LOVE**

**SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY: "THE UNFAILING LOVE OF THE LORD NEVER ENDS!" LAMENTATIONS 3:22 NLT**

As we begin this new year what better time is it to focus on God's love? Every day of your life - indeed, every moment of your life - you are embraced by God. He is always with you, and His love for you is deeper and more profound than you can imagine. "The unfailing love of the Lord never ends!" And now, precisely because you are a wondrous creation treasured by God, a question presents itself as we begin this New Year 2024: What will you do in response to God's love? Will you ignore it or return it? Will you return it or neglect it? The decision, of course, is yours and yours alone.

When you open yourself to God's love, you feel differently about yourself, your neighbors, and your world. When you embrace God's love, you share His message, and you obey His word. If there is anything in this world that is needed today in these uncertain times, it is for people to see the love of God shining through us! What great advice as we go through these new days of this New Year.

When you accept the Father's grace and share His love, you are blessed here on earth and throughout all eternity. Accept His love today and carry it with you no matter where these next days, take you.

**Quote for Reflection: "God has pursued us from farther than space and longer than time." --John Eldredge**

Truly, God's love makes everything better, including you! Today, take God at His word. When you do, God's transcendent love will surround you and transform you no matter how hectic your days are.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY...**

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP**  
**JANUARY 14, 2024**  
**CHOIR SUITE**

Sunday Evening Senior Adult Worship restarts on January 14th at 5:00 pm in the Choir Suite. Each Sunday evening offers you the opportunity to sing some of the great hymns of earlier days, hear the Word of God proclaimed, pray for special needs and have fellowship with Senior Adults. We hope you make your plans to be here and be a regular at our Sunday evening worship.

Our Senior Adult Pastor will be sharing an encouraging word from the scripture called "Steppingstone People" taken out of the book of Acts. Are you a steppingstone person? Come January 14 and discover what that means.

**SENIOR ADULT AND ACTEENS FELLOWSHIP NIGHT**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 6:00 PM**

After our Sunday evening worship at 5:00, we will enjoy the first of our Senior Adult and Acteens Fellowship night on the 3rd floor of the educational building. It all begins with a delicious meal served at 6:00 pm with fellowship and fun to follow. This is always a special time for our Senior Adults and Acteens. For this fellowship night, WE are providing the desserts for this evening. This gives our Senior Adults the opportunity to give back to these wonderful girls and leaders for all they do for us. Signups to bring desserts will be in our worship service prior to this special night. Don't miss this night that over 75 of our Senior Adults, Acteens, and leaders meet for this time together!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS & DISCIPLESHIP STUDIES**  
**RESTART DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24**

Mark your calendars for the above date when the church wide meals and Bible studies restart here at First Woodway. Each Wednesday you will have the opportunity to share a meal together and then to attend a discipleship or Bible study tailored just for you and your desires. The meal will be served from 5:00 - 6:15 with studies to follow at 6:30 pm. Watch your newsletter and emails for more information on the meals and the studies available for you.

**GOODTIMERS SPRING NEWS SPRING GOODTIMERS DATES**

Our SACC Team is planning some wonderful meetings for you this spring. Here are the dates you need to mark on your calendar: March 12, April 9, & May 14. All our meetings will begin at 6:00 pm each evening.

**GoodTimers Reservations & Price Changes**

In 2023 all the meals for our GoodTimers meetings have ranged in the area from \$15 to \$18 dollars for the cost of the catered meals. As you can see, with our fee of \$10.00 plus the entertainment costs, it is difficult to come close to covering our costs. Our SACC team in our meeting in November decided to change the fee for GoodTimers to \$15.00 beginning for the March 12, 2024, meeting. Reservations are still made online or by coming to the church office prior to the cutoff date. We regret to have to do this but costs for everything are going up. NOTE: If this poses a problem for you, please contact our Senior Adult Department and we will work with you as we want everyone to come to GoodTimers each month.



**SENIOR ADULT COORDINATING COUNCIL (SACC)  
QUARTERLY MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024, 10:00 AM**

Our next quarterly meeting of the SACC team will be held on Wednesday, January 10 in the Venue. The meeting begins at 10:00 and will be followed by a lunch provided for each of our SACC members. This is an important meeting as we will be planning our Senior Adult Church and Community Valentine's Dinner, our GoodTimers meetings, as well as our Widow/Widowers Dinner. SACC members should have received an email about the lunch. If you did not, please contact the Senior Adult ministry at the church office.

**SPOTLIGHT ON SERVANT LEADERSHIP  
JUDY CARSON**



If there is one lady who genuinely fills the role of servant leadership, it is non-other than our own Judy Carson. Judy does so many things for our Senior Adult ministry as well as many other areas in our church. She serves as our committee leader on our SACC team that plans all the activities for our ministry. Judy handles many of the month-to-month duties that are involved in GoodTimers meetings - reservations, decorations, program, meal ordering, set up and much, much more. Roy, our Senior Adult Pastor, shared these words about Judy. "Judy and I work on many areas of the Senior Adult Ministry as well as areas outside of our church. In all my years of ministry, Judy Carson is a prime example who loves people and gives of her heart in serving in so many areas! She is such a valuable leader in our church's senior adult ministry!" When you have an opportunity to say "thank-you" to Judy, take the time to do so. Our Senior Adults will be honoring Judy in our February Senior Adult Dinner! Thank you, Judy for all you do for the Lord!

**"We Need Your Help!"**

**Updating of our Senior Adult Homebound Ministry**

Our SA Ministry is in the processing of updating our current list of our church and family members who live in our residential facilities or homebound. If you know of a church member or a member of your family that you would like to have on our list, please email the information to our Minister of Pastoral Care/Senior Adults at [rmarshallefirstwoodway.org](mailto:rmarshallefirstwoodway.org). What this means is that once they are on our list, we will be in contact with them through contacts, calls and other types of ministries. Submit your information by sharing their name, location, and whether they are members of First Woodway. Help us to update our list so that we can minister more effectively. Thank you in advance.