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# PrimeTime

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Churches are encouraged to copy and distribute this publication to all adults 55 and older in their congregation.



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The definition of significance conveys the idea there is meaning, importance, and something momentous happening. The Boomer generation (born from 1946-1964) of life are transitioning from the frantic rush of life to a more contemplative questioning period in life that asks, "Who am I?" One question they begin thinking about is the purpose of life and whether they have made a difference.

This search for significance hit me at a very early age. When I turned 29 I thought my life's significance was finished and that I wouldn't accomplish much more! Funny as it is now, it was not funny at the time. I went through several months of depression and questioning what the future held for me. When I hit 50 it was a breeze. Some laugh at the very idea of a mid-life

crisis while others crumble. The key, I believe, is in the idea of significance to life.

The Boomer age "provides a golden opportunity to step back and take a good look at ourselves-- particularly with a view to finding our personal significance in Christ and leaving a lasting heritage."

### Leave a great heritage for those who follow behind.

This is a time in life when there is a "focusing on posterity rather than prosperity." (Woodrow Kroll and Don Hawkins, *Prime of Your Life* (Grand Rapids: Fleming H. Revell, 1999, p. 18)

Boomers can celebrate their significance in Christ in a variety of ways.

- *Celebrate today.* All that you have is today.

There is little that can be reconstructed from the past. The future is uncertain. So savor life today.

- *Celebrate attitude.* It has been said: "older people have a stubborn streak and they are so pessimistic!" Unfortunately some

have allowed a negative attitude to become a part of their life. Throw the cynical attitude out the window. Invite a positive attitude to enter through the front door. Allow the Holy Spirit to work in your life. Choose to have a positive attitude.

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# Prime Time Willow Valley Retreat



Prime Time coordinator, Derl Keefer, announced the 2009 Prime Time retreat will be held at the Willow Valley Retreat and Conference Center in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, October 6-9, 2009. Willow Valley is a Christian retreat and convention center located in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch country and adjacent to the original Amish community.



Located less than two hours from Baltimore and Philadelphia and less than three hours from Washington, DC, this retreat offers great opportunities for pre or post retreat events. Well known for its exceptional facilities and amenities, Willow Valley, offers a nine hole executive golf course, indoor and outdoor pools, lighted tennis courts, Jacuzzis, saunas, and a complete fitness center.

The daily schedule will include a variety of informative, challenging seminars and inspirational worship services featuring the dynamic preaching of General Superintendent Nina Gunter. Afternoon excursions options include visiting the quaint Lancaster



area, the Sight and Sound presentation of The Beginning, relaxed shopping, and more.



For more information about this exciting event, call 877-240-2417 or go on line to register at <http://web.nazarene.org/willowvalley>.

## Upcoming Prime Time Events

October 6-9, 2009

Prime Time Retreat Willow Valley, Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
Willow Valley Retreat Center  
Nina Gunter, Speaker  
Brian Arner, Musician

March 23-26, 2010

\*Prime Time Retreat Branson, Branson, Missouri  
Chateau on the Lake Hotel  
The Toler Brothers, Special speakers and Musicians

September 21-24, 2010

\*Prime Time Regional Spokane Event

May 21-24, 2011

\*Prime Time Olivet Nazarene University Educational Enrichment Event on the campus of Olivet Nazarene University

\*Watch for details on the Prime Time page of the Adult Ministries Connection (AMC) web site.

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# Meet Your Prime Time General Council

The Prime Time General Council helps give direction and cast vision for the purpose of making Prime Time Ministries creative, forward thinking, and beneficial to Prime Time Ministries and Prime Time adults at the local and district levels. Two members of that Council are Rev. Darrell Rotz and Robert (Bob) Porter.



**Rev. Darrell Rotz** and his wife, Leah, live in Temecula, California. Darrell is retired after a significant and successful career in which

he pastored for 26 years and was a Christian School superintendent for 14 years. In his retirement, he is deeply involved in the “business” of ministry to Prime Time adults. Rev. Rotz has been a vital member of the Prime Time General Council for 10 years.

In his local church, Murrieta Gateway Church of the Nazarene, Darrell teaches a Sunday School class he started eight years ago. The Faithful Bible Explorers class has grown to include over 125 members. In addition to teaching, he also serves on the Prime Time Council (10 years), oversees retreats, and serves as a resource person for workshops and seminars.

Darrell is the Prime Time regional director for three California districts: Anaheim, Los Angeles and Southern California. Over the years, the annual retreat at Murrieta Hot Springs Resort has been attended by hundreds of Prime Time adults. He also is involved in planning two, annual Christmas luncheons for approximately 600. In his “spare” time he serves as a tour guide for several motor coach and cruises per year. In the past twelve years these tours have taken him and Leah and Prime Time groups to 52 countries including the Holy Land and Paul’s Missionary Journeys.



**Rev. Robert (Bob) Porter** and his wife, Bonnie, live in South Portland, Maine. Bob worked for the Bell System Phone Company

in Massachusetts and Maine for more than 33 years. He also served the US Army in the Army Security Agency. Upon retirement he completed the course of study for Deacon of Music Ministries and was ordained in 2006 on the Maine District. Bob is now a commissioner of the South Portland Housing Authority and a director of the South Portland, Maine Development Corporation.

Bob is heart-deep in the ministry of his local church, South Portland Maine Church of the Nazarene. He serves on the Church Board, has been Sunday School superintendent, worship leader, a frequent and accomplished soloist, choir member, hospital calling group leader, and a vital member of the church’s Prime Time Ministries group.

In addition to work at the local church level, Bob also ministers through the Maine district by serving as the Nazarene Missions International Zone chairperson, Men’s Ministries director, Adult Ministries director, Song Evangelist (25 years), was one of the first Area Ambassadors for Jesus Film Harvest Partners, and is a trustee to Eastern Nazarene College.

Rev. Porter’s twelve years of service on the Prime Time General Council for the Church of the Nazarene has been a blessing.

He has attended and helped in a variety of ways at many of the Prime Time Retreats. In 1999, Bob stepped in as director at Schroon Lake when Jim Minor, Prime Time Ministries coordinator, became ill.

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– Spring Into Significance

- **Celebrate work.** You may have retired from your secular job, but God doesn’t have a mandatory retirement age for ministry. Get involved in helping others. It can be at church, a school, a hospital, a hospice unit, a day-care, and on and on. Use your secular expertise or recreational expertise in meaningful service to others.



- **Celebrate God.** The Christian’s job is to respect and honor God. Bask in His unconditional love!

Let’s spring into significance by leaving a great heritage for those who follow behind.

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# Joy of the Spiritual Journey

A Senior Adult Bible Study  
By Derl Keefer

Scripture: Ephesians 4:21-24;  
Colossians 3:1-11

In three short chapters, Paul has taken his readers on a theological journey into some of the most profound truths offered in the Bible. He has delved into the mystery of the plan of God's salvation through the love of Christ. The apostle has shown us we can be made holy and blameless before God, adopted as

His children, redeemed from hell, and sealed with the Holy Spirit through the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Paul takes a turn on the journey from theological doctrinal journey to a journey through practical living. Mark Holmes comments, "[Paul] enters into what is known as *parenesis* (advice) where he removes his scholar's robe and takes up the shepherd's staff. Now the truths take on a more practical form, as Paul reveals their proper application."



## Think It Over

Do you have a desire to deepen your spiritual walk? Maybe you have walked with God faithfully for decades; perhaps you are making a new commitment. God needs to be in control of their lives. So how do you allow God to mold you in your 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s and beyond?

What does Paul tell Christians to put "off" from their lives in Ephesians 4:21-24 and Colossians 3:1-11?

How might these negative things impact senior adults? Why is it for the Christian to put off those things?

What does Paul tell Christians to put "on" in Ephesians 4:21-24 and Colossians 3:1-11? How might these positive things impact the Christian senior adult? Why is it important for the Christian to put on those things?

The spiritual journey should be one of reflection and thinking about God's promises. How does waiting on the Lord's help direct our spiritual journey? Read Psalm 37:7.

Psalm 77:12-13 reminds the Christian to consider God's mighty deeds. How might considering these deeds encourage our walk with God? Record some mighty deeds that have encouraged your walk.

Think about how the following disciplines can deepen your spiritual walk—prayer, Bible reading, church attendance, sharing the gospel with others, praising God. What are some goals you could set to deepen your walk with Christ?

It is exciting to know God is the center of life. We can be assured He will help those who seek His direction to find spiritual significance . . . whatever part of life we are in.



## Legacy Corner

Estate & Gift Planning Matters

## Doing Well While Doing Good

By Bob Crew

How can you really increase your annual cash inflow (doing well) through charitable giving (doing good)? With a Charitable Gift Annuity you can!

A Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) is one of the most popular planned giving tools available and has been since the 1800's. The Church of the

Nazarene Foundation has written hundreds of gift annuities. A CGA makes a high guaranteed payout to the donor for the remainder of their life. The payout rate is based on the age of the donor and can be for a single or joint life. Because the charity receives whatever is leftover this gift also creates a tax deduction for the donor.

Gift annuities work better the older the donor is. Based on current rates an individual in their 80's today can get a payout on a CGA of 8% - 10.5%. With a CGA you can do well for yourself and do a good thing for the Kingdom as well.

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