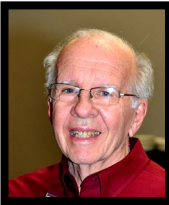


# Perspective

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*Program*  
by  
**Conley Henderson**

The speakers at the Academy of Senior Professionals’ luncheons come from a variety of backgrounds and interests. On March 14th we will welcome a fund raiser from the Salvation Army.



For the past seven years, our March speaker, Mike Jestes, has been working with the Salvation Army as their Divisional Resource Development Director for Arkansas and Oklahoma. He leads a team of six people in fund raising and strategic partnerships throughout the two states.

Mike’s formal education includes an undergraduate degree from the University of Oklahoma in Organizational Leadership as well as a master’s degree from Oklahoma Christian University in Public Administration.

His professional life began with two decades of work in banking and insurance. Then, he served 14 years as executive director of the Oklahoma Family Policy Council, a statewide public policy non-profit associated with Focus on the Family. Prior to taking the position with the Salvation Army, he spent three years on the staff of the Free Methodist Church in Edmond.

In 1998, Oklahoma’s governor appointed Mike to be the chair of the State Advisory Group of Juvenile Justice, a position he held for eight years. More recently, he has been involved with the Oklahoma County Citizens for Juvenile Justice organization.

Mike and his wife, Donna, have been married forty-six years. They have three children and six grandchildren. He says he and Donna enjoy traveling and spending time with the grandchildren.



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LUNCHEON ON March 14 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, March 10, you can RSVP by phone (405-728-0515) or by emailing [donlinicarley@prodigy.net](mailto:donlinicarley@prodigy.net).

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

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***President's Column***  
by  
**Emmalyn German**

A few weeks ago, Dale and I went to the Herrick Auditorium to hear the performance of the Salvation Army Band. It was beautiful music, and we enjoyed the whole concert immensely.

One of the players had a euphonium and had played in the National Navy Band in Washington DC for 20 years. He played a beautiful and challenging solo along with the band that was just amazing. His horn sounded so smooth, just like velvet. When he was done playing, my husband commented that he shouldn't just play for the president, he should BE the president. All the neighbors around us had a good laugh over that.

Over 30 years ago, we were introduced to a Salvation Army church in Australia where we were teaching at our Bible College. They came to our college to perform and shared some funny skits as well. I especially fell in love with the way the girls played the tambourines. As a result, we even formed a small tambourine-playing group with the praise music at our church.

Our ASP luncheon speaker this month works with the Salvation Army here in Oklahoma. You will enjoy what he has to say. Be sure to invite a friend for our luncheon on March 14.

On another subject: We have been working on compiling a new directory for the Academy. So, as you come through the registration line this month, we will want you to verify the information we have for you.



**Meet Our Members**  
by  
**LaNell Stahl**

Morris and Kay Hedge, new ASP members, have recently made their home in the Oklahoma City area, coming to us from Maryland. When asked how they met, Morris said, "I met Kay at a gathering at her boyfriend's house."

Born in Winfield, Kansas, Morris attended Butler University in Indianapolis, and earned a degree in mathematics. Kay, born in Riverdale, Maryland, attended Washington Bible College in Maryland. There, she earned a BS in Biblical Studies then earned a master's in pastoral counseling at Loyola University of Maryland.

Morris, now retired, is a mathematician who worked for the Department of the Defense as a software engineer and cryptologist. Kay, semi-retired, is an ordained Wesleyan minister and a pastoral counselor. When asked what brought them to Oklahoma, Kay shared, "Our pastor son's prayers and the low cost of housing. Also, we were looking for a quieter place to live." They have two sons, one in Oklahoma who is a Wesleyan pastor and another in Maryland who is an environmental scientist. Six grandchildren complete their family.

Reading, playing chess and being a backyard astronomer who enjoys astrophotography fill the retirement days of Morris. Kay, a former 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Karate brown belt, has done women's defense training. Gardening, reading, and painting with water colors bring great joy to Kay in her leisure hours. At present, she is working part-time as a pastoral counselor.





***Obituaries***  
**by**  
**Marla Mercer Cole**

Grant Winfield Keeton passed away on January 16, 2022. He was born April 23, 1926, in Bethany where he attended public school. After high school graduation in 1944, he enlisted in the Navy, entering service on “D-Day.” After the war, he attended what is now Southern Nazarene University where he met and married Evelyn Hudgens.



Grant began a career with the US Postal Service eventually becoming the Bethany Postmaster. Grant was instrumental in Bethany keeping its own zip code. Today, a building near the post office sports a mural depicting the Pony Express with Grant’s portrait.

Grant was very involved in volunteer service. He was president of the Bethany Chamber of Commerce, being named Most Useful Citizen in 1979. He was a Kiwanis member and chairman of “Meals on Wheels.”

He was treasurer of the Bethany Historical Society and helped raise funds to start the Bethany YMCA as well as to build the Bethany High School’s first football stadium. Those efforts led to his induction into the Bethany Schools Hall of Honor.

At church, he taught a youth Sunday school class, was a Caravan leader, and volunteered in youth camps. He served as a church board member for 18 years and was a NIROGA staff member.

Grant was preceded in death by his wife of 73 years. He is survived by daughter Vickie Stearman of Oklahoma City, son Steve of Rogue River, Oregon, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

A memorial has been established at Southern Nazarene University, “The Evelyn Keeton Memorial Scholarship” ([snu.edu/give](http://snu.edu/give)).



***SNU Connections***  
**by**  
**Howard Culbertson**

Our behind-the-scenes SNU employee that we will interview on March 17 for the SNU Connections Moments will be Johnny Stubbs, director of transportation for the university. In that position, Johnny is no stranger to the Academy of Senior Professionals.



Johnny is an Oklahoma native who grew up in Henryetta where his family was part of the Church of the Nazarene. Since graduating from Southern Nazarene University in the early 1970s, Johnny has been involved in the lives of high school and college-age young people.

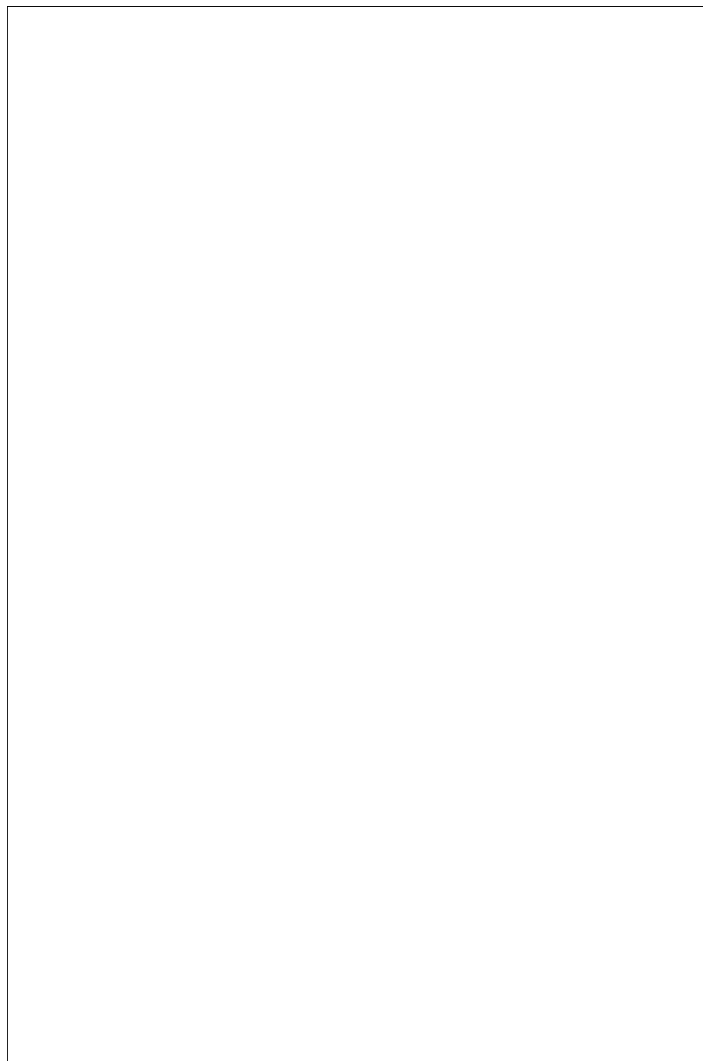
His first post-college job was at SNU where he was assistant basketball coach. He also was resident director for a period of time in Snowbarger Hall, an SNU men’s dormitory. Then, with his new bride Sharon, he served as youth pastor for churches in Amarillo, TX and Sacramento, CA. Back to Bethany, Johnny became head high school basketball coach for Bethany Public Schools as well as a classroom teacher.

Johnny Stubbs has been back on staff at Southern Nazarene University for twenty-one years. For the first 14 years of that period, he was head of security and transportation. The last seven, he has been head of transportation, scheduling the university’s fleet of buses and vans and making sure they have qualified drivers. That task includes, of course, the shuttle bus that each month brings people from Southern Plaza and the Sawyer Center parking lot to the ASP luncheon meetings. Indeed, he often drives that shuttle himself.





*February Re-Views*  
by  
Hal Swinhart



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Legend at Rivendell  
Nov 8, 2021: Floral 23 and Bethany Law Center  
Dec 13, 2021: Southern Plaza Retirement  
Community  
Jan 17, 2022: Concordia Life Plan Community

Feb 14, 2022: Mercer-Adams Funeral Service  
Mar 14, 2022: Integris Hospice  
Apr 11, 2022: Spanish Cove Life Care Retirement  
Community  
May 9, 2022: First Bethany Bank and Trust  
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**Book Discussion**  
by  
**Barbara Culbertson**

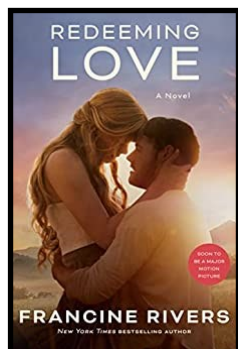
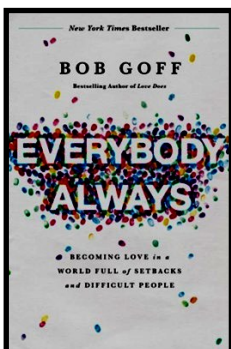
March—is it going to come in like a lion? No matter. We are going to be reading a book by an author that many might label a “lion” -- seems like he goes through life roaring, but not scaring, actually accomplishing wonders!

This author is one we’ve already visited, Bob Goff. March 7, we will be discussing his book *Everybody Always*. It’s a book I’ve read twice, and will read again before March -- not only for the discussion, but because it's a worldview-changing (or challenging) tome. Join us and see if you are also inspired.

April takes us to the showers that bring May flowers (or not). We go to a fiction volume, *Redeeming Love* by Francine Rivers. Perhaps some of you are already familiar with her work, and I have been thrilled with her historical fiction novels, always with a faith base. Goodreads has this to say about *Redeeming Love*:

California’s gold country, 1850. A time when men sold their souls for a bag of gold and women sold their bodies for a place to sleep. Angel expects nothing from men but betrayal. Sold into prostitution as a child, she survives by keeping her hatred alive. And what she hates most are the men who use her, leaving her empty and dead inside. Then she meets Michael Hosea.

Enough to pique your interest? Metropolitan Library System has multiple copies, in diverse formats. Get your copy early and join us on April 4 at 2pm on Zoom.



**Music Notes**  
By  
**Renda Brumbeoloe**

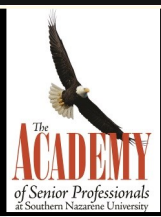
SNU Spring Schedule

Ticketed events are marked with \*\*\*(asterisks). All others are free. Purchase tickets online at [snu.booktix.com](http://snu.booktix.com)

- Tue. Mar 8 Studio Trumpet Recital, Cantrell, 7 pm
- Tue. Apr 5 SNU Jazz Band Concert, Herrick, 7 pm
- Mon. Apr 11 SNU Vocal Jazz Festival Concert, Herrick, 7:30 pm
- Thurs. Apr 21 Percussion Ensemble Concert, Cantrell, 7 pm
- Tue. Apr 26 Iconic Media Concert, Herrick., 7 pm
- Tues. May 3 SNU Symphonic Band Concert, Herrick, 7 pm

MARCH USEFUL INFORMATION

- 1 National Pancake Day  
National Peanut Butter Lover's Day  
World Compliment Day
- 2 Ash Wednesday  
Dr. Seuss’s Birthday  
National Read Across America Day
- 6 National Oreo Cookie Day
- 12 National Girl Scout Day
- 14 National Napping Day  
National Pi Day
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 Spring Equinox



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**ASP Calendar**

Monday March 14, 2021

10:00—11:00 Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons.  
10:15 Southern Plaza  
11:00—1:00 Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage Room of Webster Commons  
1:00—1:30 Shuttle Service to the parking lot  
1:15—2:15 Administrative Council Meeting

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