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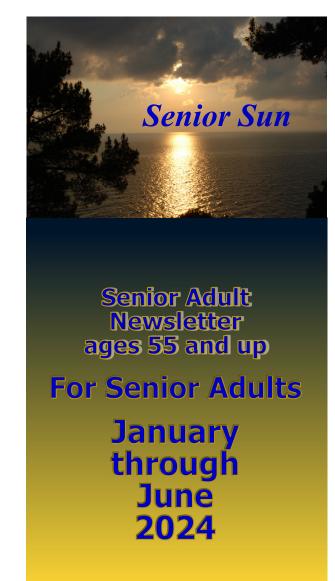
- **★ Mon, Jan 1 Happy New Year!**
- * Tue, Jan 2 Church offices Closed.
- * Sun, Jan 7 LORD's Supper observed.
- ★ Wed, Jan 10 Life Line Health Screening, Gym, 8-5.
- ★ Wed, Jan 10 Pastor's Wednesday night class, Room 110 at 6:30.
- ★ Sun, Jan 14, Feb 4, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12, & Jun 9 - New Members Class, 9:30 in the parlor.
- * Sun, Jan 14 Men's Steak 'n' Bake, in the Gym at 5:30 p.m.
- ★ Sun, Jan 21 & 28 Midweek Discipleship Fair. Sign up in the Ministry Gallery.
- ★ Sun, Jan 21 City Conversations, NFW campus, 6 p.m.
- ★ Wed, Jan 24 GriefShare "Loss-Of-A-Spouse" seminar. 6:30 p.m. in Room 200. It's free!
- ★ Sun, Jan 28, & Sun, Apr 7 Leadership Equipping Meeting, 5 p.m.
- Sun, Feb 11 TAILGATE SUNDAY! All morning. The gospel will be presented. Invest & Invite.
- ★ Wednesday, February 14—Valentines Day!
- ★ Tue, Feb 23 Women's Ministry Flourish, 7-9 p.m. at NFW campus.
- **★ Thursday, February 29—Leap year!**
- **★ Sat, Mar 2 Men's Ministry Breakfast,** 8 a.m. in FH.



Events/Dates subject to change



- **★** Sat-Wed, Mar 9-13 MS Mission Trip to Brownsville.
- **★ Sat-Fri, Mar 9-15 HS Mission Trip to Farmington.**
- ★ Sun-Wed, Mar 17-20 Spring Bible Conference, 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center.
- ★ Sunday, March 17—St Patricks Day! Wear Green.
- ★ Sat, Mar 23 Annual Eggstravaganza! 10 -12 on the South Lawn.
- Thu, Mar 28 Pre-Easter Service, "Prayer in the Upper Room." 6 p.m. in the Worship Center.
- ★ Sun, Mar 31 Easter Sunday! He is Risen!
- ★ Fri, Apr 26 Annual Women's Gala! 5:30 in the Gym.
- ★ Thu, May 2 National Day of Prayer, Noon.
- ★ Fri, May 10 Sons of Jubal Concert, 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center.
- **★ Sun, May 12 Happy Mothers Day!**
- ★ Monday-Friday, May 27-31 Student Choir Mission Trip.
- Mon, May 27 Memorial Day observed. Church offices closed.
- ★ Friday-Saturday, May 31-June 8 Latvia Mission Trip. Team of 8 doing VBS.
- **★ Sun-Wed, Jun 2-5 VBS Week!**
- **★ Sun, Jun 16 Happy Fathers Day!**





From: Jody Hayes To: Senior Adults

News Junkies!

Do you recall the days when reading the morning newspaper was a pleasurable experience? A piece of toast (with jam!) and a cup of coffee was a great start to the day! Maybe you would skim the headlines, crack a smile at the funnies and make a run at the crossword puzzle. Then, maybe not give the news another thought until the evening news or perhaps until the next morning's newspaper.

Nowadays we live headline to headline and we cannot stay away from it! We lose perspective because too many stories fill too many hours and too many platforms. Minor inconveniences are reported with the same gusto as a legitimate emergency – ad nauseam.

Beeps and whistles and tones on our phones notify us every time a politician voices an opinion, someone fires a gun, celebrity causes an uproar or the temperature rises a single degree. And most of what we hear causes anxiety, stress, anger, depression, etc. Spending so much time reading endless headlines isn't healthy. Becoming a news junkie isn't advisable. We can't ignore the news and bury our heads in the sand but Phil 4:8 says that we should fix our thoughts on what is true, noble, just, pure, lovely and of good report.

Remember, God isn't obsessed with headlines or surprised at the events of the day. He knows what's happening

behind every closed door, in every governmental agency, and in the hearts of every head of state. In Psalm 2 the psalmist asks, "Why are the nations so angry? Why do they waste their time with futile plans? The Lord laughs...the Lord scoffs at them." He finishes with a reminder that says, "...what joy for all who take refuge in Him."

Through Christ, take refuge in the hands of the Sovereign God whose control of the events is unquestionable. It is not the headlines that concern God as much as the faith of His children. His concern is that we live peace, joy, love and hope in a world that is engulfed in all that is opposed to those things. The Way-Maker matters infinitely more than the newsmakers.

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Revelation 22:12

"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.

Transitions

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Lucy Bruner 11	