



Program
by
Shirley Mears

For many years, the December luncheon of the Academy of Senior Professionals at Southern Nazarene University has had the privilege of hearing from the university president. This will be our second time to hear from Dr. Keith Newman, SNU's fifteenth president in its storied 118-year history.



Growing up in Houston, Dr. Newman early learned the value of hard work. The oldest of four children raised by a single mother, he has become a gifted leader. He has served as a pastor and as an administrator at Mount Vernon Nazarene University and Indiana Wesleyan University as well as SNU.

He worked at several different jobs to be able to attend Houston Baptist University. Then, he was encouraged to apply with the Houston Police Department. While building a career in police science, he worked in the radio patrol, the juvenile division and then became a sergeant in the Homicide Division. There he met another homicide detective, Carolyn. They fell in love, were married and now have two children, Andy and Alana. Dr. Newman is known as Pop to granddaughter Avery.

Dr. Newman has a Bachelor of Arts with a double major in history and Christianity from Houston Baptist University.

After he left the Houston Police Department to become a Nazarene pastor, he earned a Masters of Ministry from SNU. His Doctorate of Education is from Spalding University (Louisville, KY) with a concentration in Leadership.

ASP member Rick Farmer has featured Dr. Newman in his "Know My Faith" series of Ted-Talk-like brief video presentations: www.knowmyfaith.com.

LUNCHEON DECEMBER 10, 2018, 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, December 6, you can RSVP by phone (405-728-0515) or by emailing donlincarley@prodigy.net.

*See page 6 for luncheon menu

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





President's Column
by
John Martin



Interim Director
by
Brent LaVigne

ASP Friends,

Do you just love receiving a gift? Who doesn't?

Oftentimes in this season of the year, it is said "Christmas is for kids." If we are thinking about packages and toys and games and treats, and child play, then I would agree. Those trappings of the Christmas season are mostly for youngsters to enjoy.

However, it is during the four weeks of Advent that we believers can affirm and celebrate that the greatest gift of all time was the Gift God gave us in the arrival and ultimate sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ. The term "advent" is an anglicized version of the Latin word *adventus* which means "coming". So it is that during Advent, we wait for, we groan for His arrival. It is precisely in this uncomfortable tension that we find exactly the center of God's will for us.

Between the *now* and the *not yet*, Jesus came to Bethlehem as a helpless babe. From those humble beginnings to a rugged cross on Golgotha, God's greatest Gift would finally prove how far Love would go to make Love's point.

That, for each of us, is the greatest gift of all. Celebrate His coming this Christmas Season! Merry Christmas to you all.

John Martin

The most anticipated gift I ever received was a bow and arrow set when I was in 5th grade. Prior to that Christmas I did everything I could to assure that I would receive what I had asked for. I asked for it far in advance. I demonstrated that my interest was not a passing fad, and I was even very specific about what kind I wanted. Yet, I was unsure if I would receive it come Christmas day. Though the archery set has been the most anticipated gift of my life, I have no idea what happened to it.

The gifts that I do remember and which have had the most impact on me have been friendships. Think about the people who you needed, and that God provided. I can think of many examples and, unlike that archery set, I know where they are today.

This Christmas I am thankful for another gift. While I have been the interim director of ASP, I have been praying for the right individual to serve as ASP's director. And God has provided Carolyn Jagers who will begin serving as ASP director in January. Carolyn grew up in Dallas and graduated from SNU. She and her husband Dan have two children and several grandchildren, all here in the Oklahoma City area.

Carolyn is a woman of God with positive energy who serves in a Live Last way. Let's celebrate the gift she is to me, to our university and hopefully to each ASP member.



Thank you for Living Last (Mark 9:35)

Call for Volunteers



SNU Admissions Department has invited members of ASP to write notes to prospective students. We meet Friday mornings for about an hour beginning at 10 a.m. at the Marchant Center in an upstairs conference room.

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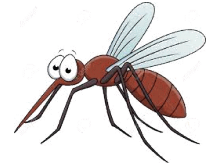
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**SNU Connections
by
Howard Culbertson**

Mosquitos!

We're going to talk about those pesky little summertime insects in December luncheon's SNU Connection time.



Our interviewee will be SNU biology professor Caio França, a native of Brazil who came to Oklahoma Baptist University to play soccer and study biology. He did both even though he already had a bachelor's

degree in animal science from a university in Brazil.

Dr. França received his Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology from the University of Oklahoma in 2016. He joined the science faculty of Southern Nazarene University in the fall of 2017.

His undergraduate studies in Brazil included a genealogical analysis of native goats in the Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Norte. However, it is his doctoral work at OU that will be investigated during the SNU Connection interview time at the December ASP luncheon. The research for his dissertation investigated ways to keep mosquitos from transmitting malaria and other diseases. He is still involved with developing research on mosquito-borne infectious diseases.

In addition to his teaching work at SNU, Dr. França is a research associate at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History and is SNU's institutional representative in NASA's Oklahoma Space Grant Consortium. He taught briefly at Oklahoma City Community College and at his alma mater Oklahoma Baptist University before being hired by SNU.

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November Re-Views



It was the right decision to stay home and out of the very chilly weather.

Our November ASP meeting was cancelled because of snow, wind and cold temperatures.



Fred Floyd was wishing he had a heavier coat on.



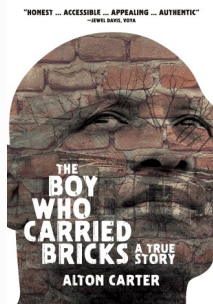


Book Discussion
by
Barbara Culbertson

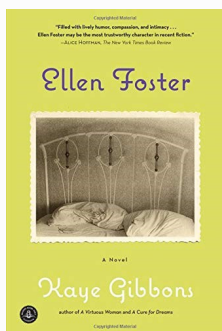
Merry Christmas from ASP

Because our November meeting was cancelled, let's discuss our November selection, *The Boy Who Carried Bricks*, prior to the December luncheon.

Oklahoma native Alton Carter wrote his autobiography hoping to help change foster care and to give hope to children living with abuse. His work poignantly recounts his survival despite extreme poverty, neglect, and abuse at the hands of both his biological family and then in the custody of DHS.



Although the book may evoke intense emotions, it is not a sob story. Carter emphasizes responsibility and points to hope. If you have not read *The Boy Who Carried Bricks*, please do so and join us December 10 at 9:30 in the President's Dining Room on third floor of the Commons. If you were already prepared for this book's discussion, take advantage of the extra time to read one of Carter's other books: *Aging Out* and *The Boy Who Dreamed Big*. Those would be great gifts for youngsters and teens!



January's book choice is almost a sequel to Carter's tome, although it is a fictional work in a totally different setting. The story, *Ellen Foster* by Kaye Gibbons, takes place in the American South in the 1970s. It is written in first person, as if it were the author's autobiography. The 11-year-old main

character tells her story un-self-consciously, giving us insight into a childhood most of us did not experience, filled with poverty, abuse, and dysfunction. Although these words appear to warn of a tear-jerker, Gibbons recounts the story in a manner that helps the reader share Ellen's hopeful perspective.





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Monday December 10, 2018
 9:00-11:00 a.m. Shuttle Service from the
 Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the
 Webster Commons
 9:30 Book Discussion, President's Dining Room
 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Meeting in the
 Heritage Room
 1:00—1:30 p.m. Shuttle Service to the parking lot
 1:15-2:15 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

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***Luncheon Menu for December 10, 2018**

Starters: Garden Salad with Ranch and
 Golden Italian dressings
 Whipped Gelatin Salad

Entrees: Oven Roasted Turkey
 Baked Ham
 Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
 Sauteed Green Beans with Onions and Bacon
 Rolls and Butter

Dessert: Chocolate Frosted Lemon Sheet Cake

Beverages: Water and Iced Tea, Coffee Station