

# Perspective

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## Programs By Shirley Mears

### "Threshold! America's Rendezvous With Which Destiny?"

On Monday, March 14, 2016 our speaker Ed Moore will be sharing the passion that fuels the ministry he and his wife Sandy founded in 2006. He will bring Prayer Force 1, the unique bus he has created. The exterior paint scheme and interior furnishings remind one of the plane that carries the U.S. President. ASP luncheon participants will be able to tour the bus.

Ed Moore has been a missionary, pastor, author, boat builder, state senator and delegate to a presidential nominating convention. He holds a degree in Pastoral Theology from Hyles-Anderson College. He has held various ministry positions spanning a period of forty-two years, including seventeen years as Pastor of Pecan Valley Baptist Church in Newalla, Oklahoma.



Ed and Sandy Moore founded Prayer Force One to lead out in a national call for prayer and the spiritual renewal of America. Among the publications he has authored are *Prayer Force One: Across America* and *Hail To Heaven's Chief - Presidential Tributes to God*. In 2010 he and Prayer Force One established The Prayer Force One Medal of Honor to recognize national leaders who have made

substantial contributions to the promotion and defense of America's Christian heritage.



Prayer Force 1



OUR MARCH 14 LUNCHEON begins at 11 AM in the Webster Commons, Heritage Room, on the campus of Southern Nazarene University. Members will receive a reminder call. If you have not received a call by Thursday March 10, 2016, RSVP by phone to (405-728-0515) or by emailing [donlinclarley@prodigy.net](mailto:donlinclarley@prodigy.net)





## President's Column

By  
Leonard Skodak

### Not There Yet!

Recently, while driving across the city, I was listening to one of my favorite singing groups. When the Talley family finished their song, one of the ladies in the group said something that caught my attention.

She talked about a recent awakening she had while in a Wal-Mart store. It was one just like I've had many times, not only in a store but also while driving or in any number of similar situations.

You are in a hurry to get somewhere and you're running late. As she did, she ran into the store for something. When she got to the checkout, people were lined up and moving slowly. She began to fidget and get impatient. Have you ever been there?

I know I have, far more times than I wish to admit. I started thinking, "I wish they would open more lanes. Why did they have to close this traffic lane down during rush hour? They're messing with the traffic lights again and fouling up the traffic flow." Well, you know what I mean.

Ms. Talley was going through these emotions when she happened to look down and notice the word "Compassion" on the shirt she was wearing. It stopped her short in her tracks.

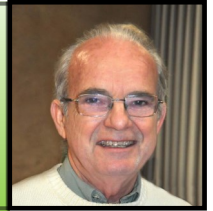
When things like this happen, do we feel superior or more important than those around us, like we are the only ones rushed for time? Do all people have similar experiences, Christian or non-Christian? If a non-Christian were to see a Christian acting this way, what do you suppose they would think? I've heard both ministers and Sunday school teachers give examples of this. I must admit it is a great struggle for me especially when driving. There are all of those stop-light runners, speeders, and lane cutters who nearly take off your fender.



Well, enough said. I need to put myself in prayer mode and work on this area of my life. My wife surely will be pleased. She says that she has never heard as many one-sided conversations as when I drive.

## The SNU Connection

By  
Howard Culbertson



Along with its classic motto – Character, Culture, Christ – SNU through the years has had mission statements that emphasized the transforming power experienced by its students, staff and even faculty.



The university's current vision statement says, "*Southern Nazarene University will be a school . . . with one of the most transformative campus experiences on earth.*"

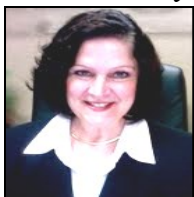
Last fall, new wording for the SNU mission statement was adopted. Its opening words say SNU's missions is "*to make Christ like disciples through higher education in Christ-centered community.*"

The previous version of that statement actually used the word "transform," saying SNU's mission is "to transform lives through higher education in Christ-centered community." Life transformation has been evident in the student athletes we've met at this year's ASP monthly luncheons.

Our March luncheon takes place when the campus is deserted during Spring Break week. Although we will not have an athlete in person, we will hear stories of two student athletes whose lives have been transformed while on the SNU campus.

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## **The Director's Corner**

*By*  
**Eunice Trent**

### **Southern Nazarene University Veterans Benefits Office**

Because SNU recognizes the sacrifices that have been made by our nation's active duty service members, veterans, and their families, the university recently opened a Veteran Services Office to assist veterans in accomplishing their educational goals.

The Veterans Educational Transition Success (VETS) Center will be an all-inclusive center designed to assist Veterans transitioning from the military to civilian life through educational and personal success.

If you have served our country as a part of the armed forces, you may be eligible to receive education benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs. The new SNU Office of Veterans Benefits can help you utilize those benefits with coordination through the VA.

As a side note, USAA and HIRING OUR HEROS commissioned Sperling's Best Places to identify the good places in the nation for veterans to find employment whether they're starting out, mid-career or retiring from the military. Oklahoma City is listed in third place on the list of top 10 American cities that greet veterans with open arms.



Lee Buck, Veteran Services Coordinator  
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## **Book Discussion**

*By*  
**Carole Gossett**

### ***The Last Oracle* by James Rollins**

This book is a thriller.

I found Rollins writes so much truth in his books, both historical and modern day science.



I suggest you go to the back pages before reading this novel. Read the "Author's note to Readers: Truth or Fiction." I did that and found myself referring back to that section as I read the book.

Join me at 9:30 a.m. in the President's Dining Room.

### **March Holidays**

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| 13 | Daylight Saving's Time       |
| 17 | St Patrick's Day             |
| 20 | Spring Begins<br>Palm Sunday |
| 27 | Easter                       |
| 30 | National Doctors' Day        |

Flower—Daffodil

Women's History Month

National Nutrition Month







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NATHAN MELLOR**

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## Music Notes

By  
Wayne Sacket

### MUSIC NOTES

We are fortunate to have quintessential musician Wally Brown share his gift from God with us. If you take the time to sit and chat with him, you cannot help but be blessed by his testimony.



When you sit and listen to Wally play, you wonder what professors and mentors he must have sat under and how long he had to study to be as good as he is. To say he studied under Rudy Atwood of “The Old Fashioned Revival Hour” or Liberace would be a truth – sort of.

Our March musician has had no formal training. His ear and “hunt-and-peck” beginnings established his foundation. At five years of age, he started pecking around on any piano he could find. By the age of ten, he was able to play jazz, except his parents wouldn’t let him. He continued to listen to different musicians, then would find a piano to try to repeat what he had heard.

When Wally was 15, his father lost his job in Duncan and the family moved to Midwest City. He heard classical music being played, and his repertoire expanded again.

When it came time for college, Wally went to what is now Southern Nazarene University and auditioned in front of the head of the music department. When he finished, the professor jokingly said they would not be able to teach him any more than he already had learned.

All Wally Brown has done his entire life has been to give God all the glory for his talent. When asked what he will be playing, he often replies he doesn’t know. He sits down at the instrument and what comes out is whatever God lays on his heart.

He has played piano and organ for churches, restaurants, universities, and evangelists. To whomever needs him, Wally has dutifully said yes.



## ASP “Trek” Time

By  
Pat Perry



Pat is vacationing in Cabo, Mexico. Next month she will be providing information on the OKC Retro trip, Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Azaleas & Amish trip, Thursday, April 28th.



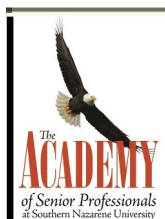
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THE GOD AND  
FATHER OF OUR  
LORD JESUS CHRIST!  
**IN HIS GREAT MERCY  
HE HAS GIVEN US**

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A LIVING HOPE  
THROUGH THE  
RESURRECTION OF  
JESUS CHRIST  
FROM THE DEAD,  
AND INTO AN  
INHERITANCE  
THAT CAN NEVER  
PERISH, SPOIL  
OR FADE.  
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### ASP Calendar

Monday March 14, 2016

9:00-11:00 a.m. Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot  
(41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons  
9:30 a.m. Book Discussion  
11:00-a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage  
Room  
1:00-1:30 p.m. Shuttle will return to parking lot  
1:15-2:15 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

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