

Come into my heart Lord Jesus

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"Lord keep your arm around my shoulder."

The goings-on of the WISE OLD OWLS of Central Baptist Church,
Marshall, Texas.

Carol Pace, editor-in-chief

OCTOBER 2011 SAVANNAH AND NASHVILLE



A group of WOOs, joined by friends of the WOOs, made a memorable trip to Savannah, GA and Nashville, TN. With the weather near perfect, the bus took off to a land of historic wonder. There was much to see, from antebellum houses to lighthouses on the beach. This is the group in front of the little "Prairie House" at Coffin Point. This was only one of the many points of interest for the travelers. The little house withstood a gathering of all the group inside. Whew.....!

DON'T FORGET THE **WOO CHRISTMAS BANQUET**, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8th
With Special Guests, The Madrigal Singers of Marshall High School
Tickets are \$8 per person for catered meal. Reserve by calling (903) 935-9391

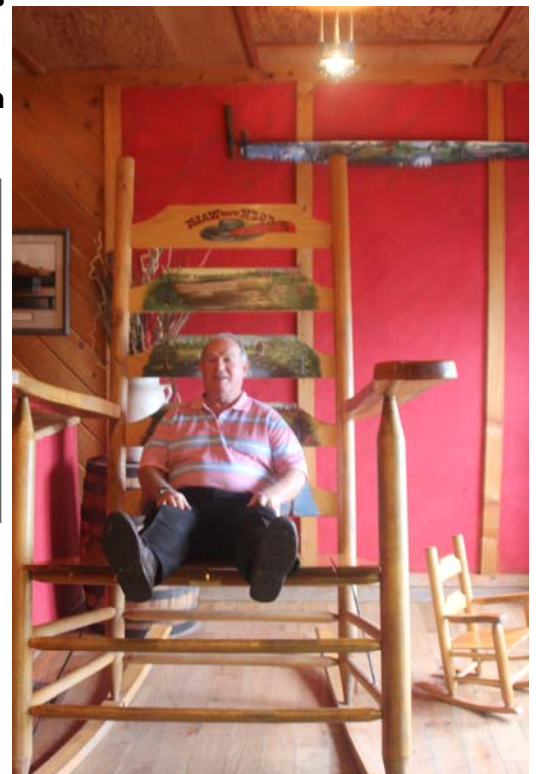


Another highlight of the trip, when the group left Savannah was traveling to Nashville, TN., where they enjoyed a concert by the highly acclaimed CenturyMen, featuring our very own Don Parks, seen here. Also on the list in Nashville was the 85th Birthday celebration of the Grand Ole Opry. This was a trip that held something for everyone. And from all reports, a good time was had by all. You might notice the man in the chair below is our little friend Wallace (or is that chair larger than most ?) I think the picture we missed is him getting IN the chair.

Just like all good WOOs they never missed a meal. They even stopped for ice cream along the way. CP

There is no WOO meeting in November as we will be enjoying giving thanks with friends and family . Be sure to join us in December for the Christmas Banquet December 8th. Call today to make your reservations. (903) 935-9391.

Ideas for WOO Monthly Programs? Ideas for WOO trips?
Write your ideas down and submit them to any of your WOO officers or to Don Parks. This is YOUR WOO Club!





Gladys Alford is indeed one of “senior” Wise Old Owls.

Her address is 703 Ambassador, Marshall, TX. 75672. The telephone number is 903-935-7389. Mrs. Gladys’s birthday is September 27.

Gladys was raised in a Christian home. She had 5 brothers. She made a profession of faith when she was 15 years old. She was baptized in a creek. Her dad taught music so she has sung all her life. Her dad, brothers and Mrs. Gladys sang together at church. One time they were having a camp ground singing and Mrs. Gladys was too small for the congregation to see so they stood her on an organ stool to

sing. She sang alto and her dad sang bass. In reminiscing, she said she has had a wonderful life. Her family would go to church in a wagon and have “Dinner on the ground”. She remembers her dad making coffee in a wash pot at these dinners! She is now living with her son, Donald Alford and daughter-in-law, Jane Alford . She has one grandson who lives in Virginia. She never worked outside the home until her husband died. Gladys didn’t want to follow Donald around while he was teaching so she went to work for Perry Brothers. Said she could have used a posthole digger if it was needed! An expression she used while we were visiting was “LIP POPPING”. She said too many people just did lip popping! In 2005 Gladys flew on a plane with Donald and Jane to Washington D.C. I know you would enjoy a visit with this precious lady. She is in a wheelchair now and does have some other health issues but loves to talk. She is not on a restricted diet.

Meet our Homebound by Diann Hester



Vic Schwartz, Sr. is another one of our Wise Old Owls.

Vic’s home address is 56 Buena Vista, Marshall, TX 75672.

But for now he is living at Marshall Manor, Room# D-6.

His telephone number at home is 903-935-5446.

His birthday is July 9th. Vic is married to a lovely lady, Estelle.

Vic and Estelle have three sons; Vic, Jr. lives here in Marshall, Jack lives in Killeen and Bob lives in Longview. Vic grew up in a German settlement in the Hill Country. He grew up speaking German. There were nine (9) in his family; 5 boys & 4 girls but one of Vic’s brothers died as a child. His Dad was a farmer in the Hill Country. Vic never had much of a hobby but he stayed busy with his job and work around the house. In his adult years he became the manager of Panola-Harrison Electric Co-op. here in Marshall, His son, Vic, Jr., followed his footsteps and started working at the co-op. at age 14. Vic, Jr. also became manager of Panola-Harrison Electric Coop. Vic became a deacon at Central Baptist Church and is now retired from being an active deacon. But here again, Vic, Jr. became a deacon just like his Dad had done. Vic fell and broke his hip. His hip has healed nicely but his good leg is becoming weaker and also dealing with other health issues. When he was home, he enjoyed watching the birds at his bird feeders. Vic would enjoy your visits now at Marshall Manor.



If you missed our Halloween meeting , you missed a treat . I wanted to share some of the wonderful costumes worn by members who were there. Don't let anything keep you from a WOO meeting. We always have a great time . You were greatly missed.



Someone came in her jammies.....

Her husband stayed home in shame !

(Just kidding, he was putting in an alarm)

Central Baptist Scrapbooks

I remember when Janet Newsom ask me if I would do a scrapbook of the church, and said sure. The next day I “panicked”!! How do I do this? What goes in it? Getting started to find those answers and find how much I enjoyed doing it, was looking at Central Baptist members as a big loving family, and that made it easy.

You all are so sweet to talk to, fun to take pictures of, and I have loved being asked to put together all the events we've enjoyed thru the year. My first attempt was filled with as many pictures of everyone as I could stuff in it. Hope you saw yourself, it is Central's 2010 scrapbook.

This year I am currently working on showing Central's past and present, and how this wonderful church came to be and it's history of sweet members, pastors and mission endeavors, plus current events. So many of you have given me names of devoted members who have worked in the church, starting the missions still working today and pictures that go back to the beginning in 1943. Thank you so much.

I was happy to visit with Rev. Harvey Lewis's sweet wife, Mrs. Rhea Lewis recently, and learned how she started the clothes closet on the second floor of the church in 1963.

So when you see me grabbing a picture, SMILE! YOU'RE IN THE CHURCH SCRAPBOOK !

Joyce Salyards

Home for Christmas

Musical Drama

coming to Central
SUNDAY EVENING,
DECEMBER 11, 2011
6:00 p.m.

Featuring the Sanctuary
Choir, Childrens Choirs,
Soloists and instruments.



**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS FOR THIS
HISTORIC EVENING**

A Note from Don Parks

The life of THIS Minister of Senior Adults in the past few weeks has been anything but dull! The traveling in the Southeast was a great blessing with the WOOs and having Wallace and Susie Watkins along was an added blessing. I don't know that I've ever seen WW quite so laid back. My thanks to Susie and Wallace for their help on the trip as I headed to Nashville to begin rehearsals with the CenturyMen.

What in the world was I expecting when we met WOOs on Halloween Day? My soul, my soul! The creativity of senior adults is matched only by their "nerve". We had so many good laughs. The costume aspect of the day kept some of you away, and I'm sad for that in that we had such a wonderful time. As your president has already stated . . . don't let anything keep you from a WOO monthly meeting. We are always uplifted by our time together. Make, what is often "an extra effort", and know that your efforts are often the blessing that you are to BE for someone else. Receiving of a blessing for having been there is the added bonus. Don't miss out on your blessing of fellowship together.

Many thanks to Bea Harris for making things look so nice month after month with our decorations. Thanks to Lee and Joyce Salyards for preparing food and seeing that it is there for us. Carolyn Haynes and Sandra Turner always keep us so up-to-date with our monthly programs. Carol Pace and the addition of the WOO News are two things for which to be very thankful. Thank you for your birthday gift. I do like turning 56! (There is a town in Arkansas by the same name, by the way!)

So, dull, never! I am thankful to be called to a ministry that is such a blessing, and to the very BEST church. Thank God today, in this season of thanks, for so many blessings related to your WOO friends and this ministry of Senior Adults. *DP*

CHRISTMAS BANQUET 2011

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

12:00 NOON

FELLOWSHIP HALL

**COST \$ 8 PER PERSON
FOR THE CATERED MEAL**

**SPECIAL GUESTS
MADRIGAL SINGERS
MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL**



A Personal Testimony - A Witness to God in my Life

It was the 1940s, and my parents looked for jobs. My first memories are living with my grandfather. It's funny what things stand out, like we had Post Toasties together and huge hot bakery cinnamon rolls with raisins, while reading the "funnies". Memories of him walking beside me as I learned to ride a tricycle, and giving me hugs if I fell off. He listened to my reciting many nursery rhymes and grandpa would read bible stories and taught me to sing "Jesus Loves Me". I loved him so much, but grandpa had a stroke, and died when I was 4 years old. I couldn't understand where he went, and I learned about sadness.

The Lord already had a plan for me to move, meet new friendly neighbors and sweet childhood friends, I was blessed to grow up with. Isn't the Lord's plans wonderful to guide us?

When my parents divorced, it made me a strong, hard headed, little girl of 7, interested in my new life adventure as a 1st grader. I was ready to tackle the world, well maybe not exactly "tackle".

Mother became a working mom and I became a "latch key" kid. All paths that God led me down, made me strong. Maybe so I would survive my appendix bursting at age 9, and how God blessed me when the pain stopped in the hospital. Two weeks of penicillin shots, I was stitched up, and healthy again. God filled my life full of sweet teachers, both at school and teachers who taught me ballet. Too soon my dancing career was over at the age 12, when we couldn't pay for lessons any longer. It was the same time I took the VBS bus to a little Baptist Church. Taking Jesus into my heart as my personal savior, I was baptized and saw my life was filled with blessings to be thankful for. I found I was never alone, God had always been with me. Do you have that feeling too?

He put me in the right place to meet my sweet husband-to-be and we were married in that same little Baptist church where I had been baptized. We've been blessed with three beautiful, healthy children, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren to date. Old friends we've known for years and new good friends we've met at Central have touched our hearts. Our church home lifts our faith with close fellowship of worshipers and a pastor, we thank God for. Whether in joyful times in my life, or facing the saddest times of the deaths of our only son and parents, the Lord has been with me all 71 years, September 2 was mine and Lee's 55th wedding anniversary. Truly I am a witness to God's hand in my life.

Joyce Salyards

BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN GIVEN MUCH

(Hymn 665)

Because I have been given much, I too, must give;
Because of Thy great bounty, Lord, each day I live
I shall divide my gifts from Thee with every person
That I see who has the need of help from me.

Because I have been sheltered, fed, by Thy good care,
I cannot see another's lack and I not share
My glowing fire, my loaf of bread, my roof's safe shelter
Overhead, that they too may be comforted.

Because love has been lavished so upon me Lord,
A wealth I know that was not meant for me to hoard,
I shall give love to those in need, shall show that love
By word and deed:

Thus shall my thanks, be thanks indeed.

Grace Noll Coward 1936



*Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise.
Give thanks to Him, and bless His name.*

Do YOU have something for the NEXT edition of the WOO NEWS? We are looking for testimonies, poetry, stories about WOO experiences, Sunday School or small group news and events, and also lots of humor! See Carol Pace, or Don Parks and get your submission in today for inclusion!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2012 !

(Remember that WOO Club Meetings change to the THIRD Monday of each month!)

Jan 16	WOO Club Meeting and Luncheon 12:00 noon
Jan 22	WOO CHOIR presents "God Will Take Care" at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary
Feb 20	WOO Club Meeting and Luncheon 12:00 noon
Mar 4	Roosevelt Washington Memorial Concert 4 pm
Apr 3	WOO One Day Bus Trip

