

SERVANT LINK

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The Changing of Seasons

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Out west, it's always a little late in the year that we finally begin to see the leaves fall off the trees and the seasons change, but the changing seasons have been visibly underway in much of the United States and Canada for several weeks. The air is a bit crisp in the mornings, and the evenings cool down much faster; the colors are brighter in the trees and darker in the sky. It is a lovely time of year, but it comes with a necessary period of adjustment as well.

Similarly, ministry seasons have a way of changing without much prodding or provoking on our part. It seems that just as I begin to find a groove in ministry life, things have a way of changing. No group of Christian leaders knows these changing seasons quite like you do. You have experience that we less seasoned servants of the Lord simply cannot understand.



Congratulations! Let's Celebrate!

Connie Salios celebrated his 90th birthday on August 13. You can send him a birthday greeting at csalios@nabconf.org.

Milton and Alice Zeeb celebrated their 65th anniversary on August 31 in Arizona. You can send a belated anniversary note to Milton and Alice at 6945 E. Main St. #1217 Mesa, AZ, 85207 or ellimilt@cox.net.

Lucy “Wipf” Dalzell celebrated her 85th birthday on October 14. Lucy served in Japan with the NAB from 1960 until retirement in 1996. She married Floyd Dalzell on March 15, 1997. The Dalzells have been doing itinerant pastoring in the area around Sioux Falls, and they are living in Emery, South Dakota. You can reach out to Lucy for her birthday at floyd.lucy@triotel.net or 315 N. 6th, Emery, SD 57332.

In Care and Prayer

Ted and Marietta Faszler praise God for protecting their lives during a very serious car accident in August. They are recovering from broken ribs, sprains, and bruises. Ted and Marietta planned to travel to Arizona in late September to enjoy the winter near their daughter and family.

Home to Glory

Dr. David J. Draewell—March 13 (age 86). He was the ninth president of the North American Baptist Seminary from 1970 to 1981, after serving the NAB Conference as secretary of Stewardship and Higher Education and pastoring churches in Michigan and Ohio. After leaving the seminary, he served as vice president for Business Affairs at Judson University in Elgin, Illinois, for fifteen years. During that time, his wife, Betty, was a secretary in the NAB Missions department. In retirement, they spent fifteen years in Florida. In 2013, they moved back to Sioux Falls to be closer to their son, Tim; his wife; and their two grandsons. You can reach Betty at 3408 West Ralph Rogers Rd., #C 304, Sioux Falls, SD 57108. dbdraewell@aol.com

Viola Pahl—May 16 (age 90). Her memorial was held on June 12 at White Rock Baptist Church. Fred and Viola served in various NAB churches in Alberta

and Saskatchewan before they retired as chaplains in White Rock, British Columbia. Fred passed away in 2005, and from her wheelchair Viola continued to write English textbooks and poetry and encourage many. She is survived by her daughter, son, four grandchildren, one great-grandson, and many family members and friends who will miss her upbeat attitude to life and her ministry. A special email has been set up if you would like to communicate with the family—remembering.viola.pahl@pahl.ca—or contact Sue Pahl. sue@pahl.ca

Ella Lenz—June 6 (age 94). She had been in the hospital and nursing home since her stroke on January 2. The funeral was at the Lutheran Church in Fessenden, North Dakota, on June 10. Her daughter, Pat Lenz, was an NAB missionary in Cameroon. Pat can be reached at PO Box 261, Fessenden, ND 58438. (701) 341-6007 Pat.lenz45@gmail.com

Bernie Fritzsche—June 15 (89). He entered into the presence of the Lord in Montana while traveling with his wife, Lorraine, from their home in Beaverton, Oregon, to a memorial service in Milbank, South Dakota. Bernie served in the NAB International Office in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, as the director of Church Planting after planting and pastoring churches in Oregon, the Dakotas, Iowa, and Florida. In his retirement, Bernie was Pastor Emeritus at Bethany Baptist Church in Portland, Oregon, and he and Lorraine remained active in conference events. They were introduced to each other at the 1949 Triennial in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and as a couple attended every Triennial since. On August 1 they would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. A memorial service was held at their home church in Portland on July 1. Lorraine is thankful for their two sons, Mark and Dean; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many friends. She can be reached at lfritzsche@frontier.com.

Jeannie Weick—July 20 (76). She passed away suddenly of an aortic aneurysm while visiting their second daughter in Calgary. A memorial celebration was held in Abbotsford, British Columbia, on September 3. Wilfred and Jeannie met while on God's Volunteers. They then married and went to Japan as NAB missionaries from 1967 to 1983. They returned to Canada to pastor churches in British Columbia and Alberta. In recent years, they were involved with funeral home ministries and, most recently, prison

ministries. You can reach Wilfred at jtweick@telus.net or at his new home with his son, Brent, at 18262-70 Avenue, Surrey, BC V3S 6Z1 Canada.

Randy Dennis Reese—August 11 (54). Randy suffered a sudden heart attack while on a work-related trip in Abbotsford, British Columbia. Randy came to know Christ in high school and was mentored by many people in the Yorkton area. While on New Day, he met Susan, who later became his wife on July 19, 1986, at Trinity Baptist Church in Sioux Falls. In 1996, Randy served as assistant professor of Evangelism at Sioux Falls Seminary. Randy's heartbeat was for developing lay leaders in the church. He founded the ministry of VantagePoint3 in 2000. God blessed their marriage with a son, Liam, in April 2001. A Celebration of Life was held at Central Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on August 19. Memorial notes and gifts can be directed to VantagePoint3, 2104 S Summit Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

Virginia Neuman—August 20 (79). Virginia passed away after a long battle with ovarian cancer. Her memorial was held on September 10 at Grace Fellowship in Sultan, Washington. For twenty-three years Bill and Virginia pastored their first church in Sidney, Montana, and later pastored in Startup, Washington. They were administrators of the Central Baptist Home in Norridge, Illinois, from 1964 to 1966. After retirement, they were called to interim positions in Missoula and Stevensville, Montana, and Idaho Falls, Idaho. Virginia leaves her husband of fifty-two years of marriage and ministry, Bill; her brother and his wife, David and Janet Priestley; five children, Colleen, William, Paul, Mark, and Eric; ten grandchildren; and innumerable friends. Three days after her death, their first great-grandson was born. She was preceded in death by her parents and a granddaughter. You can reach William Neuman at wvneuman@gmail.com or 1113 Sunny Ridge Lane, Sultan, Washington 98294.

Jackie Howell—August 21 (77). Jackie fought a short battle with cancer and passed in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She served in the NAB in various capacities, but was most well known as the director of the NAB Heritage Commission. She always wanted to tell the story of the heritage of our conference. Her funeral service was held in Sioux Falls at Trinity Baptist on August 25. She is survived by two sisters, a brother, nieces and nephews, and many friends in her many

circles at Augustana University, Trinity Baptist Church, the NAB Conference, and the Heritage Commission.

Roger Reed—September 14 (age 71). Roger was at home under hospice care due to a long battle with cancer when he passed. He married Anna Joy on July 1, 1967, and moved to Madison, South Dakota, in 1969, where he became a professor at Dakota State University and retired in 2005. He was an active member at West Center Baptist Church, an NAB church in Madison, and a board member of the North American Baptist Seminary. They have two daughters, Shan and Shonda. Shan, an NAB missionary in Japan, was able to return to Madison the day before his death and was present at the funeral at their home church on September 19. You can reach Shan at shaninjapan@mac.com.

Along the Trail

Clyde Zimbelman traveled with a group from Village Parkway Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas, to Lizapa, Honduras, in July to teach a course for lay pastors.

Gordon and Joyce Harris have retired from years of teaching at the NAB seminary in Sioux Falls, where they've taught since 1976, in addition to filling in at the NAB International Office in recent years on an interim basis. They have relocated near their daughter at 3403 Jenne Hill Drive, Columbia, MO 65202. (573) 234-2837

Florence Miller is doing fine at age 92. Her computer is not cooperating well, so you can drop her a line at The Willows, 3440 Niles Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085. (269) 408-1925

Jim Green has retired from a church in Linden, Washington, and has relocated to Sequim, Washington, with his wife, Annette. Jim has pastored NAB churches in California, Oregon, and Washington.

Dr. Marvin Dewey accepted the position of vice president of Institutional Advancement at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, and began on September 16. Marvin completed his time at Sterling College on August 31 and moved from Sioux Falls, where he had resided for the past few years. Marvin.dewey@gmail.com

Along the Trail Continued

Rev. Jim Black resigned from his pastoral position at First Baptist Church in Valley City, North Dakota, in February 2016. Jim and Lisa are now missionaries with Converge and will be traveling from their US home to minister to the Fulbe people in Nigeria. Pray for Jim as he plans to go to Nigeria this October to launch what he is calling, "How Shall They Hear?" He has been given one thousand solar-powered MP3 players by a Christian agency in the United States. jimblack59@gmail.com

Dorothy Holzimmer will turn 95 in November. Dorothy and Fred were NAB missionaries in Cameroon from 1952 to 1983. Fred passed away in 1983 and Dorothy now lives with her daughter, Joy Smith, in Virginia. Dorothy is recently wheelchair bound after a few falls, and her mind is starting to fail her, but she is eating and sleeping well. You can write to Dorothy c/o Joy at 1067 Woodbridge Ct. Forest, VA 24551. (434) 229-9493 jjoysmith2@juno.com

It's Good to Get Together

Renew friendship with many NAB friends at the 2017 Phoenix NAB Gathering, scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, at 9:30 a.m. at Sweet Tomatoes in Scottsdale, Arizona. Contact Ted Faszler with any questions at tedfaszler@gmail.com.

Correction Notice: We misreported in the spring Servant Link that Milton Zeeb is suffering with dementia, but it is only Alice who is afflicted with dementia. We apologize for this error.

Recently my family and I had lunch with a retired pastor and his wife. We had a wonderful time getting to know one another a bit better and connecting through our families. On one side of the table my kids sucked down soda pops, which they don't normally get, while at the other end this tremendous couple shared their experiences of forty years in the ministry with my wife and me. Having been around a few bends in their own ministry and marriage, they had the insight to see around the corners in our life. We left that lunch encouraged by their love and care for us.

There is a beauty in communal living that grants us the privilege of sharing life like this. In His infinite wisdom, God has built the Church—this global, multi-generational collection of saints—from the vast assortment of humanity, and it is to our betterment. There is no better way for us to learn than by sitting at the feet of those who have travelled roads we will never see and experienced adventures we will never have. This is good, and this is right.

As sure as the falling of the leaves or the cool of the night, so are the changes in the seasons of ministry. Thank you for weathering the changes in the lives of your own ministry and coming out on the other end strong for the Lord and His church. Might I encourage you to take an hour this month and have a meal or coffee with an NAB pastor in your area? Like my friend did with me, you can help them navigate the changing of their own seasons. ■

The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever. (Isaiah 40:8 NLT)

This publication connects retired NAB workers with one another, with the NAB, and with God.

Please let us know about your changes, celebrations, prayer concerns, particular interest in any area of conference ministry, and resources you have discovered to make senior life better. **Send updates to Ron & Joan Stoller.**

A Servant Link could be a note in the mail, a phone call, an email, or a gift—maybe a good book.

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