



# Prime Timer's Newsletter

Mission Statement: Provide opportunities for the senior members to be involved in the fellowship, service and evangelism activities of Meadow view, assisting the congregation in its outreach and growth.

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## For the Bad Times

**Bible Thought:** *“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also” (John 14: 1-3, NKJV).*

Jesus’ words in John 14 were spoken to His apostles near the end of His earthly mission. He told them about the heavenly place prepared for His faithful followers. He emphasized that He is the one and only Savior of mankind. He spoke of the greatness of the work they would do upon earth. He promised that they would be guided by the Holy Spirit in their teaching. And, He assured them He would leave them a special kind of peace.

What’s more, this unparalleled peace is for all who continue in Christ’s teachings as given through those apostles. This peace, “which surpasses all understanding” and which guards our hearts and minds (Philippians 4:7), is grounded in the hope of heaven. It is God’s antidote for all life’s losses and tosses, all our tears and fears.

-George Merritt  
Troy, Alabama

## A Tribute to Don Denton

DON MILTON DENTON of Mesquite passed from this life Wednesday February 6, 2013 at the age of 82 years, 8 months, 6 days. He was married to Joyce Stinson Denton and they would have celebrated 60 years of marriage later this year. He always referred to Joyce as “Jolly” a nickname given to her by her brothers and sisters as a child. Don had a great relationship with Joyce’s parents and often talked about their influence on him. He enjoyed coffee, liked to fish and camping, and he had a love for the LORD’S church.

Don was very talented as he could fix almost anything. His vocation was that of a cable/ TV technician. He carried a small screw driver in pocket filler in his shirt pocket. I have seen firsthand that little screw driver do some amazing things.

Don was an active member of the Meadow View C of C. He and Joyce visited the Casa View C of C in Oct 1967. They soon placed their workmanship at Casa View C of C (Casa View moved to a new location in 1987 and became the Meadow View C of C).

Don’s job then put him on the road all over the country installing TVs and cable in hospitals, hotels and nursing facilities. He told about the time in North Dakota when a snow storm one night kept him and Joyce in their room as about 24” of snow kept the door from opening as the door opened outward. The manager called and said he would have them out in a couple of hours. His talent to fix that which was broken was recognized and he was assigned to restore/repair the electronics that was broken. This allowed Don & family to be in one place. They resided in a home directly across the street from the Casa View C of C building on Oates Drive. They again placed their workmanship with the Casa View C of C and again began their efforts for the LORD.

Don and Joyce were one of several couples that knocked doors and passed out brochures to support a missionary effort by the Casa View congregation in Leadville, CO in 1972. Casa View was supporting a preacher that was excited about the work there. Don was appointed as a Deacon in 1974 and served several years in that capacity.

He was one of the original bus drivers along with E.W. Withrow when Casa View started a bus ministry in October of 1975. John Sims was bus director and J.L. McNamee was over bus maintenance.

Don had a real passion for that work and drove for over 25 years only stopping due to health issues. There are some kids that rode his bus that are now adults and are members of the Lord’s church because of Don’s service.

He became involved with Mountain Fork Christian Camp located in Beavers Bend, OK in 1976. He served as Sr. Counselor in cabin 9 for the Jr. Session and later as a roust-about for almost 20 years. Joyce served as a cook for many years at the same camp. A conservative estimate of riders he had as a driver was 41,000. Amazing!!

Our trips to camp were always an adventure as the something seemed to happen to the bus Don was driving. Don somehow always got us there and back overcoming flat tires, engine vapor lock, water pump failure, carburetor issues and trailer hitches that didn’t stay hitched. I have so many Don Denton stories.

We were returning from camp on a Saturday morning after a week at camp and the water pump on the bus goes out a few miles from Cooper. We were stranded beside the road with a bus load of tired kids and adults. A passer-by stopped and allowed Don to contact a wrecker and the bus with all its occupants were towed to a garage in Copper. The bus was so old that no parts were available locally. We were stranded until late Saturday afternoon when a relief bus arrived to transport kids and adults on to Mesquite. The garage owner directed us to a small park a quarter mile away. Don stopped at small convince store for bread, lunch meat, chips and drinks and allowed our misfortune to become a picnic.

Don was a friend and brother in Christ for 39 years. During that time I was able to witness his steadfastness in love and service. My life was blessed by his example:

- He always showed up
  - He had learned the secret of being content
  - In all the time I have known him I never saw Don angry
  - His sense of humor
- He will be missed.!



**March Activities:**

**Potluck Luncheon: Monday 4th @ 12:00 p.m.**

Please bring something to donate toward the Food Pantry

**Rapha International / Healing Hands: Thursday 14th @ 9:00 a.m.**

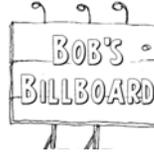
Meet @ 8:45 a.m., leave @ 9:00 a.m.

**Day Trip: Ft. Worth Log Cabin Village History Museum Thursday 28st @ 8:00 a.m.**

Meet at the building at 8:00 a.m., leave at 8:15 a.m. Cost \$3 per person. Lunch will be on your own.

Please sign-up at the information desk.

**Steering Committee Meeting: Monday 18th @ 2:00 p.m.**



“When going through problems or trials  
this motto is good: “ Try Thanksgiving

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