

Plum Point Young at Heart Group Travels to Branson!



The Plum Point Young at Heart group traveled to Branson, MO on Monday, July 18. After a long day of traveling, the highlight of the evening was the stop at *Lambert's Home of Throed Rolls*. Everyone had a delicious meal and then headed to the hotel for the evening to rest up for the week's activities.

On Tuesday, the group traveled to the *Imax* theater and viewed the show called *Ozarks Legacy and Legend*. This theater is six stories tall and has a 44-speaker surround sound system! After lunch, it was on to a new show in Branson called *The Three Redneck Tenors*. One of our group members, Randall Burton, became a star when he was asked to join the cast on stage to participate in one of the numbers! The final stop for the night was the fabulous *Shoji Tabuchi* show which featured Shoji on the fiddle playing a variety of songs.

Wednesday morning, members of the group rode to the downtown area of Branson where they did some shopping. That evening, they reboarded the bus and drove a short distance to *Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede*. Everyone enjoyed a meal without silverware—everything had to be eaten by hand! Another one of our group members, Eugene Cowan, was selected from a crowd of hundreds to participate in a game of “country horseshoes.” Instead of regular horseshoes, participants must use toilet seats to hit the mark! The last stop for the night was *The Presleys* show which was a combination of singing, music, and comedy.

On Thursday, group members went to Tanger Mall and shopped till they dropped. The grand finale of the trip was the show called *Noah—The Musical*. The show's set was designed to make the audience feel like they were sitting inside the ark with the animals in cages surrounding them.

The journey home began Friday morning. The group traveled through St. Louis and were treated to a view of the *St. Louis Arch—The Gateway to the West*. Members arrived in Columbia around 7 p.m. with fond memories of their Branson vacation.

Participants were:

Laverne Kennon, Rev. Lewis Haynes, Mary Haynes, and Ludora Perkins

Nita Hesford, Dot Jones, Marilyn Mullins, Myrtle Grimes, Kim Barbee, Judy Burton, Margie Collins, Elaine Hatfield, Lois Kendall, Janice Campbell, Charlene Warner, Sue Osborne, Eula Buck, Muriel Green, Barbara Morris, Catherine Kearney, JoAnn Burton, and Elizabeth Burton
J. B. Crawley, Bill Grimes, Justin Grimes, Mike Barbee, Randall Burton, Jack Collins, Travis Hatfield, Jesse Kendall, Allison Frost, Beth Frost, Eugene Cowan, Carol Cowan, Clara Newton, Ollie Newton, Jean Helm, and Nancy Reeves