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Happy 2019 Second-Halfers,

As we enter a new year how encouraging to know that God is in control of everything we place in his hands.

We want to share with you a great event for the Second-Halfers of Southern California. We are planning our annual "Second-Half" trip and we want to invite you to go with us. The dates are November 1-11, 2019. We are calling this trip "A Branson Spectacular Christmas" as we travel to the live music show capital of the world, Branson, MO. We have personally chosen the top quality shows and events to make this a wonderful celebration of Christmas together.

Some of the highlights of this trip will be in getting to Branson as we have several "mystery stops" that you will enjoy including worshipping at one of the world's largest crosses (oops, I guess that's not a mystery anymore!) Great food and more special places will make the trip more enjoyable and inspiring.

Once we get to Branson the real action begins as we will be going to several world class shows upgraded from previously noted. At this time confirmed shows include **Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner theatre**, **the Branson Showboat Dinner Cruise and Show** and an evening at the multi-million dollar **Sight and Sound theatre "Miracle of Christmas"** production. Some other options may include the Smoke on the Mountain show or the Hughes Brothers or Dutton Family Christmas (you can see we have lots of options). A MAJOR highlight will be going to the number one Christmas destination in the nation, "Silver Dollar City" to see their 6.5 million lights Christmas spectacular. We have attended their event several times and it is amazing! Take a look at the trip poster for more of the highlights of this unique trip.

The cost (\$1465) of the eleven day, ten night (3500 mile) trip includes the bus, all hotels, 15 meals, tips and entrance into all scheduled activities. Second Half-Directors Paul and Norma Grasser plan to join us as well as Leonard and Joyce Weller Horn for this trip. If you have a National Parks Seniors pass please bring it along. Judy and I have stayed at ALL the hotels we will be staying at on this trip and you will get a great night's rest at each place.

For this trip we have chosen to use Via bus lines. I have been on board their buses which have some added features the previous company did not have like leather seats, a drop down writing tray, cup holders, foot rests, and pocket holders on every seat and greater space between the seats. Each person can bring one large suitcase, an overnight suitcase and a carry on bag for the bus. The bus is restroom equipped for emergencies, (we are seniors) but we try and include a quick stop every two hours or so while on the road. The bus is equipped with power receptacles and wi-fi.

We will depart Friday morning at 8:00 am from the Teen Challenge center (the Castle) in Riverside. They are again allowing us to park our cars on their property so it will be a safe place.

You can go to www.50alive.com (our web site) and click on the California Bus trip button to download a poster, registration form and health form which you can mail back to Joyce Weller or if you can scan you can send it to me. We prefer checks or money orders, but if you want to pay by credit card you can go to the Pay Pal button on the web site and pay but we have to add a 3% fee that they charge us for processing. The amount should you choose to pay through Pay Pal would be \$1510. Check out the registration form for more details for deposits, cancellation policy, etc. You can always contact me at 417-838-0059 or johnheide2002@yahoo.com.

This year's cost is based on having 40 paying passengers. If there are less than forty going we will need to ask that a \$100 upcharge be added to the \$1465. The cost is less than last year's trip but is one day longer with lots of extras!

Judy and I look forward to having you "on board" for this trip of a lifetime. It's going to be a great year!

Traveling for and with Jesus,
John & Judy Heide (Tour hosts)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Heide".

U.S. Missionaries to the Second Half Generations!