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From the President's Desk

You have probably noticed the abundance of "Help Wanted" signs in Missouri. During a recent lunch break, the restaurant's paper menu included a job application. The dinner theater Julie and I enjoy has reduced capacity due to a shortage of servers. *Now Hiring* is the theme of billboards along Interstates 35 and 70 that historically advertised cars, colleges and clinics. While politicians and financiers debate the ultimate cause of this labor shortage, all agree the healthcare industry has borne the brunt of this workforce shortage. Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries has not been immune to these challenges. Last year, Baptist Homes' senior leadership identified *recruiting and retaining quality staff* as our #1 strategic initiative. Since that time, our leadership team has implemented practical and innovative approaches to attract and retain quality staff. However, I suspect that others in our industry are doing the same.

What sets Baptist Homes apart is our commitment to embrace a biblically informed worldview. In addition to innovation and competitive pay and benefits, the tools at our disposal include prayer, fasting and faith. To that end, it is my desire to invite readers to pray for workers committed to making "Christlike Ministry the Standard of Care for the Aging." This commitment to provide quality, God-honoring care to our residents depends upon a faithful team of employees who embrace their service as a calling and extension of their Christian faith.

A healthcare career is rewarding and sustaining. The opportunities for advancement are abundant. My healthcare career began as a nursing assistant in a small rural nursing home and progressed through nursing into a leadership role. Many of our current campus administrators and directors began their healthcare careers in entry level positions and progressed into leadership roles. Careers with Christian ministries such as Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries and the Missouri Baptist Children's Home allow church members to enjoy a career while practicing "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father" (James 1:27) by looking after "orphans and widows in their affliction."

Cultural changes and political ideologies may attempt to redefine work ethics, responsivity and entitlement, but at Baptist Homes, we will continue to trust in the Lord for laborers committed to entering into the fields that are ripe for harvest. If you know someone who would like to discuss a career opportunity with Baptist Homes, encourage them to check out https://thebaptisthome.org/employment/. God may be calling you or someone you know to a fulfilling healthcare career.

I would be amiss not to express my appreciation to our existing workers. We have an amazing team who have weathered the storms of a pandemic, labor shortage and growth (yes, growing pains are real). To these workers, I lift a prayer of thanksgiving.

At Baptist Homes, you will not see "Help Wanted" signs plastered on our buildings or campus grounds. Nor will you find an application for employment included in the pages of *My Home* magazine. What you see and hear is a heartfelt invitation to join us in prayer for God's favor in meeting the staffing needs at each of our campuses, and of thanksgiving for the caregivers faithfully serving "as to the Lord" (Colossians 3:23).

Together in His service,

Rodney Harrison

The Least of These

Many of you became acquainted with the ministry of The Baptist Home, now Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries, through the care of a loved one. This wonderful ministry is deeply personal to you as it is to me. I was called to the ministry in January 2006, the first month and year that Steven Jones assumed the position of president following the retirement of Larry Johnson. The Baptist Home was not unfamiliar to me having grown up in Ironton and having visited The Home and the residents several times for the annual auction and for mission's projects as part of GAs. I remember well the sense of awe I felt when I walked the halls of the grand Riggs-Scott building as a child, and that same wonder is still with me today.

When I began my career with The Baptist Home, I had no idea just how impactful that decision would be for me and my family. I had worked in healthcare before, having worked in a doctor's office in town and later having worked several years at an area hospital. I had even worked with residents and their families as a nursing home admission's clerk, so I was not unfamiliar with the challenges associated with choosing a lifecare home for a loved one. When I came to The Home, there was much that was familiar to me, but there was also a lot that was very, very different. If any of you have ever visited other nursing homes and then walked through the doors of one of the Baptist Homes' campuses, you will understand exactly what I am referring to. I can tell you what that difference is in two words, ***God's presence.***

Becky and her grandmother

God's presence. Those were the words my mother used to describe what she felt after meeting with Administrator Sherri Snider to discuss admitting my brother, who was nearing the end of his battle with brain cancer, for care. ***God's presence.*** Those were the words that described what I felt after watching my grandmother weep with joy when she visited her room at The Baptist Home for the first time and a year later, as I held her hand while she took her final breath. ***God's presence.***

Yes, I believe God's indwelling presence is what shapes The Homes' culture of care and is arguably the defining characteristic that sets it apart.

Since I was a little girl, I have held a deep respect for The Home and the residents it serves. As an adult and employee for more than fifteen years, that respect has grown beyond respect to a genuine love for the residents and their families. Since the beginning of Covid and visitor restrictions, all of us have watched as nursing home residents across the nation have endured the worst of this pandemic. It has been heartbreaking to witness families separated for months, unable to kiss a new grandchild or hug their loved ones. While visitor restrictions have been softened, we are watching with trepidation the rise in new Covid case numbers across the state and worrying about when the next lockdown will come. We are praying that another Covid outbreak never comes.

Covid fatigue is real. It is every bit as real for our residents and their families as it is for our staff. It is out of love and reverence for this ministry that I am extending this heartfelt plea. In a time of unprecedented hiring shortages, please pray that God would bring us caregivers that are passionate about caring for the aging and will do so with a spirit of kindness, compassion and Christlike love. Pray that God would provide our current caregivers with uplifted spirits and restored strength to face this invisible enemy with renewed determination. And, pray for our residents' families. Ask God to fortify their hearts and calm their fears during this time of uncertainty.

God has already been working on my heart in this area. I have watched for months during this pandemic as The Home has struggled to find staff, especially nurses, to fill openings on its campuses. The need is very real, and I am compelled, with God's help, to do what I can to help fill this need. This will be my last letter as editor of *My Home* magazine as I have resigned as Director of Communications to pursue a career in nursing. It has been an honor and a great privilege to have served in this capacity for the last seven years. I hope that as you read the pages of this magazine now and in the future, that it will continue to be an encouragement to you and a trusted resource for addressing the many difficult issues that come with aging. I covet your prayers as I begin this next chapter of my life and ask that God will lay upon your heart how you, too, can minister to the aging, the least of these our brothers and sisters in Christ. *"And the King will answer them, 'I assure you: Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.'" – Matthew 25:40*

Becky Barton, Director of Communications

A **New** Beginning:

Baptist Homes of Independence

Independence Campus

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Top: The Independence campus main facility. Mid-Left: Administrator Kate Flinn
Lower photos: Resident room and the physical therapy and rehab area.

The dream of having a Baptist Homes' campus in the Kansas City metroplex has become a reality. Breaking from tradition, this campus was acquired and not built from the ground-up. The campus, formerly known as Truman Gardens and Independence Chateau, is located in the historic city of Independence and is located off a quiet street in a family-friendly community. While small, it has a charm all its own. One entire wing has been recently updated with new carpet, paint and furnishings. The facility has a large dining area with large windows which provide an abundance of natural light. Also distinctive to this campus, is a very spacious and well-equipped physical therapy department and an enclosed courtyard with a garden area for residents who desire a quiet space to think, reflect and pray. In the days before Covid, the entire community utilized the physical therapy and rehab department for outpatient services.

Administrator Kate Flinn is excited to be a part of the Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries' family. She has been in the long-term care industry for over eight years but came to Truman in 2017. She began as the social services director and became a licensed nursing home administrator in early 2020. Almost immediately, Kate was thrust into having to learn and adapt quickly to many challenges associated with COVID-19 and nursing home restrictions. In addition, Kate's warm smile and sunny disposition have endeared her to her residents and staff.

Kate is not a stranger to northwest Missouri having grown up in Kearney. She discovered her love for the aging while attending college. She began her college career at Northwest Missouri State in Maryville where she had an emphasis in biomedicine and spent time volunteering in a local nursing home. She later transferred to Missouri State in Springfield, Missouri, where she studied gerontology, the study of aging. She graduated with two degrees, a Bachelor of Science in Gerontology and Psychology. Kate shared that she has always had an interest in caring for the aging. She said, "As people get older, everyone becomes more unique due to their various life experiences. I've always had a special love for the elderly. The most challenging aspect of caring for those suffering from dementia is becoming connected and helping them deal with the loss and grief associated with those losses."

Kate was raised in the Methodist church and understands the importance of providing spiritual care to the aging. She said, "I have a deep, personal respect for my residents and their faith background. I am committed to helping them continue their faith journey." Kate has already experienced the support

of the Missouri Baptist Convention when members of the MBC Disaster Relief team showed-up with trucks and chainsaws to help remove a dead tree from the front of the building. She was deeply appreciative of their efforts.

The care facility is currently licensed for 120-beds; however, plans include reducing the number to 60-beds to allow for private rooms. If anything was learned through COVID-19, it was that transmission can be reduced by providing private rooms with private bathrooms. Additional changes include the remodeling of the 16-unit residential care apartment complex located next to the main facility which was included as part of the purchase.

Baptist Homes President Dr. Rodney Harrison felt the opportunity for expansion into the Kansas City metroplex was a God-given opportunity. He said, "This has been on my mind since I became president back in early 2020. Baptist Homes has had a history of expansion. And so, in our 108 years, we have seen additional campuses, but they have been predominantly rural. And so, to miss out on, for example, the largest metroplexes, were something that was a burden on my heart. I love watching what God does when He takes something that needs improvement, and it is able to be restored to, not only usefulness, but to bring glory to God."

Baptist Homes of Independence will be undergoing additional renovations and updating over the next twelve months but is open and ready to receive residents. To apply or schedule a tour, visit the Baptist Homes' website, www.thebaptisthome.org or contact Kate Flinn, kflinn@thebaptisthome.org, phone (816) 373-7795. *BLB*

Members of the MBC Disaster Relief team visited with trucks and chainshaws to help remove a dead tree from the front of the building.

Baptist Homes of Independence

We address the challenges of growing older by providing Christlike care that honors God, minimizes fear, and maximizes peace of mind for you and your loved ones.

BAPTIST HOMES HEALTHCARE Ministries

Baptist Homes and Healthcare Ministries is proud to announce the opening of a new campus. Baptist Homes of Independence, formally Truman Gardens, is now accepting applications for residency. For more information, call (816) 373-7795 or email Kate Flinn at kflinn@thebaptisthome.org.

Our Family Tree

Center Point Baptist Church

Center Point Baptist Church, Steelville, MO

Center Point Baptist Church has been a faithful donor for at least 34 years because that was when Mrs. Anna Broadhuhn became a resident at The Home in Ironton at the age of 83. She lived alone some years after her husband "Broadie," as she called him, passed away. Anna was active in the church and loved the Lord. My dad, Delmar Hutson, was pastor at Center Point from 1967-1997, and the church would visit The Baptist Home at least once a year and do a service. Through the years, there were other residents from the Steelville area and maybe from Center Point. It was during my dad's tenure that Anna became a resident. She lived at the Ironton campus, now referred to as Baptist Homes of Arcadia Valley, the rest of her life and went home to be with the Lord in 2005, at the age of 101. Current Pastor Matt Cook said, "You probably know, of course, that the history of giving to The Baptist Home goes way back before my time as pastor. I believe your dad really communicated the vital importance not only of The Baptist Home (Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries), but of all the Missouri Baptist entities."

Anna had a lasting impact on the Arcadia Valley staff. I visited with Professional Assistant Patty Risher, and she had fond memories of Anna. Patty joined the staff in 1999, and Anna had already been a resident for 12 years. Patty recalled that Anna used to love to fish and was known for being very outspoken. On one such occasion Anna asked Patty "if she could get the dress any smaller?" Her way of suggesting the dress was too tight. Patty responded to Anna goodheartedly by saying, "Well, I have gained a little weight since I got it." Patty understood that Anna, like so many others at this stage in their lives, tend to be "unfiltered" in their comments. Despite her somewhat harsh sense of humor, Anna became a favorite of Patty's. Anna was known for her sayings like "that's the way the cookie crumbles" and for having a bass which she had caught personalized and mounted in her room. Anna was also known for her green thumb and beautiful African Violets. One day, a staff member asked her if she could nurse her sick violet back to life, and so Anna did. It did so well that Anna substituted the beautifully recovered violet with one of her other ones thinking no one would notice. On shopping trips, the residents had some money to spend. Anna would spend more than she had and say to the clerk, pointing to the accompanying staff member, "Oh, she'll get the rest."

In addition to her Baptist Home family, Anna's church family loved her, too, with all her quirks, her sense of humor and her stories. A time came when they entrusted her care to a member of the Missouri Baptist family, The Baptist Home, knowing that Anna would be loved and cared for the rest of her days. The church came to visit regularly and sent letters and care packages. But to this day, long after Anna has gone to heaven, Center Point Baptist Church continues to support The Baptist Home, now Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries, largely because they know the value of Christlike care for the aging that has been consistently provided since 1913.

We say "thank you" to Missouri Baptists for their giving through the Cooperative Program which includes Baptist Homes and all our entities. We are also thankful to individuals and churches who give to support this wonderful ministry. Your gifts serve to fulfill our vision of "Making Christlike ministry the standard of care for the aging."

Left Photo: Anna Broadhuhn; Right Photo: Anna Broadhuhn (seated) at her 103rd birthday celebration with Patty Risher (at microphone).

Spencer Hutson, Church Relations Specialist

New Administrators Selected for Ozark and Chillicothe Campuses

Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries is pleased to announce the calling of Ms. Pamela Workman as the new administrator of the Ozark campus and Mr. Reed McBroom as the new administrator of the Chillicothe campus.

Pam Workman

OZARK CAMPUS

Pam was appointed as the administrator-elect for the Ozark Campus following the retirement of Sonya Newton, who retired in mid-April. This appointment became permanent in June after Pam successfully completed a month-long mentorship with Mrs. Sue Joslen, who served as the interim administrator immediately following Sonya's retirement. According to Dr. Rodney Harrison, BHHM President, "In addition to Pam's knowledge, skills and Christlike demeanor—aptitudes that set her apart from other candidates--she was a resident and staff favorite for this position."

Pam brings thirty-two years of long-term care experience to BHHM. During this time, Pam has served a variety of roles including marketing director, assistant administrator, dietary manager and certified nursing assistant. This past year, Pam has served as the social services director for the Ozark Campus.

Pam holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Missouri Valley College and is a certified activity director, social service designee and certified dietary manager. Pam believes that the Lord led her to the Ozark home and that all her years of service in the long-term care industry have prepared her for this new ministry role. Pam shared, "I believe it has been His plan all along. In all the thirty-two years of doing this type of work, I never envisioned doing anything else. I can't begin to express how honored I am to have this chance to lead the Ozark campus."

Pam attends Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church in Dogwood, Missouri. The church is the same one she began attending as a child and where she has fond memories of attending Vacation Bible School and traveling to area churches to sing. It was in the cemetery of this small church where she was saved after reading scripture to her brother who had passed away as a baby.

When asked about her vision for the Ozark campus, Pam said, "I see nothing but growth and progress for the campus at Ozark. We have so much room to grow and to help those in need. I see our ministry growing as well. Most of all, I see people of faith receiving the best possible care that can be offered. This campus is special, and I am just honored to be a part of it."

Reed McBroom

CHILLICOTHE CAMPUS

At the Chillicothe campus, Reed McBroom assumed oversight of the campus upon completion of a month-long internship with Interim Administrator Sherri Snider. According to Harrison, "Reed McBroom was chosen after months of prayer and review of dozens of applicants. Reed was chosen because he embodies the Baptist Homes vision of making Christlike ministry the standard of care for the aging."

Reed is a Northwest Missouri native, having grown up in Brookfield. He holds a Master of Arts in Leadership and a Bachelor's in Health Sciences from Truman State University. Reed served as defensive captain for the Truman State football team and helped lead the team to one of their most successful seasons. During his time at Truman State, Reed was active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Reed completed his healthcare internship at Pershing Memorial Hospital in Brookfield, Missouri. During his graduate studies, a growing interest in long-term care leadership developed. Reed currently lives in Chillicothe and is looking forward to establishing a church home locally.

Reed is very excited to get to know all the residents, families, and staff and shared his vision for the Chillicothe campus. He stated, "I am thankful to the Lord for blessing me with this opportunity to serve Him and care for our residents. My vision for the campus is to create and sustain a facility that cares for our residents' spiritual and physical well-being through Christlike love and compassion."

Please join us in welcoming both Ms. Workman and Mr. McBroom to the family of Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries.

Becky Barton, Director of Communications

Finding God's Peace in Our Lives

The following is an excerpt from the Biblical Perspectives on Aging podcast interview with Dr. Jeremiah Johnston. Dr. Johnston is the founder of Christian Thinkers Society and a well-known apologist. The excerpt has been edited for readability.

Andy Braams: I am here with Dr. Jeremiah Johnston. Dr. Johnston is the founder, the primary person for Christian Thinkers Society.

Specifically, this podcast is built around issues of aging – as the title of the podcast, Biblical Perspectives on Aging [indicates]. Obviously, we all deal with anxiety, but those anxieties change over time, they change in focus and such.

So, what would you say about God's peace, about that Shalom, for those who are facing uncertainties that come with aging? How can His peace – the peace of God – help those who are aging?

Dr. Jeremiah Johnston: Well, that is such a good point and praise God for everyone who's listening to this right now.

You're dealing with questions that many people have, and you have this opportunity as someone who is aging to share those great, wonderful, not secrets, but truths that you've learned about the faithfulness of God in your life. But it doesn't mean that we don't need the peace of God every day, even as we age.

And all I can do, Andy, is go back to the scriptures because in Philippians 4 – I believe the greatest anti-worry, anti-anxiety passage in the Bible...and again, that's not original to me, a lot of people believe that is Philippians 4 – where the apostle Paul gives this beautiful description of how we can experience the peace of God in our life.

And so we do that and the big point that I want to come to is, we experienced the peace of God through thinking. Now in Philippians 4, I have my Bible open to Philippians 4, if anyone wants to follow along with me. It begins, "Rejoice in the Lord. Again, I say rejoice."

By the way, this is the only New Testament book that picks up that theme of rejoicing in the Lord. And where's one of the primary passages? It comes out of the book of Habakkuk. I think Paul was familiar with Habakkuk 3. "Rejoice in the Lord. I say, rejoice, let your graciousness be known to everyone. The Lord is near."

And so, for those of us who are aging, we can claim this passage, too. For those that are aging right now, the Lord is near to you, number one.

So, how do I experience peace? I always recognize the presence of God. The Lord is near.

Now here's what's really cool. "Let your graciousness be known. The Lord is near." Verse six. Now this is where it gets powerful. "Don't worry about anything. But in everything through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

That's a beautiful promise. Now here's the antidote for worry. If you're aging, if you're listening to this podcast, if you're concerned about things. And who isn't?

"Finally brothers and sisters, whatever"...now he gives six adjectives, two nouns, and one verb in Philippians 4:8. He says, "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever's lovely, whatever is commendable, if there's any moral excellence, if there's any praiseworthy..." and now this translation says, "dwell on these things." It's literally the Greek word "think" about these things. Measure them, account them in your life, appropriate these things to your life, think on these things.

So, here's the answer to your question. How can we have peace, Andy, if someone's aging watching this broadcast and just concerned? Peace comes through thinking, first and foremost. The peace of God is not a skill that we're born with. It is a discipline that we learn in our life through thinking through the implications of our beliefs.

And that's where Paul says you can experience peace. We recognize the Lord is near, but then we have to think about what we're thinking about, don't we? Because the mind is a battlefield. We have to think about what we're thinking about, and you don't have to agree with every thought that comes to your head.

You can kick those thoughts to the curb. You don't have to get on the train of certain thoughts of worry. And Paul keeps saying, these are the things you need to dwell on. And then the peace of God will literally garrison and protect your hearts.

Andy Braams: So let's get practical on that for just a moment. Obviously, as you said, Paul gives a list of attributes to think through, adjectives, the noun, the verbs there. Somebody is struggling, whether it's a health issue, maybe it's a middle-aged person worried about their parent who is aging, whatever that might be.

How would you recommend that they take these principles, [this] thinking, taking the emotions out of it, right? That's the beauty of thought – we begin to strip the emotions out of it. How would you recommend that somebody apply these attributes that Paul mentions in Philippians 4 to move the dial of their anxiety, realizing it's a process? You know, it's not going to – there's not a switch to flip – but to move that dial so that their anxiety drops, that they feel more of that Shalom of God?

Dr. Jeremiah Johnston: We have to continue every day to bring God's truth in our life. And so, it's what spiritual deposits are you going to make into your life today?

It happens every day. God promises grace for today, doesn't He? His grace is sufficient for today. Worry wants us to go catastrophic about the past. Catastrophic about the future. Everything's going to go terrible. God will give me grace today. I need to be faithful with what God has put in front of me today.

I need to invite God, through prayer, to intervene in my life at every place. And so, I think that going back to Habakkuk, prayer is so crucial for the peace of God.

And then secondly, bringing the promises of God over your life, you cannot do that without the scriptures. And we have to continue to bring truth over our life.

I don't care if it's apologetics. If you want to talk about the physical bodily resurrection of Jesus, or if God exists or why we can trust the Bible, or if there was a historical Jesus, or if you're just struggling with anxiety today. Do you have an upcoming surgical procedure? If you were worried about a child, we have to bring the truth of God over our life and over these situations.

And then we have a choice. I can either get lost in, "Why did this happen?" or I can get literally stationary in the truth of God's promises. And so, we have to live in God's promises, not in explanations. No one lived on explanations in the scriptures. All of them lived on the promises of God. And so, at a very practical level, I think those are the tools.

What spiritual deposits am I making today? Because worry, you know, it gets us nowhere. It gets us nowhere. And I'm not minimizing that, but I'm just saying we have to come up with solutions.

And it's amazing too, how God will give us wisdom when we pray, when we quiet our hearts before the Lord, when we cry out to God, and we share all of it and the unvarnished reality as clearly as we can. God gives us wisdom when we ask Him, doesn't He? And then you'll begin to see things move and change in your life.

To listen or to read the transcript of this interview in its entirety, visit biblicalperspectivesonaging.org, or find the Biblical Perspectives on Aging podcast on your favorite podcast app and select episode 7.03.

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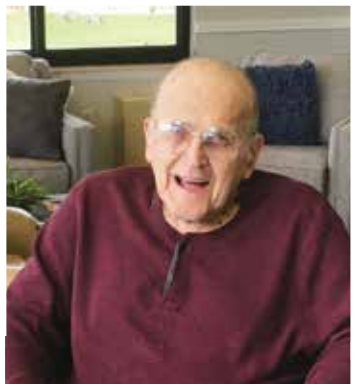

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Upcoming Campus **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

ARCADIA VALLEY BIRTHDAYS

Oct 6 **Ruth Short (IL),** Charrette Baptist, Marthasville.
Oct 22 **Ed Goodwin,** Scottsville Baptist, Scottsville, VA.
Nov 5 **Doris Miles,** First Baptist, Ironton.
Nov 10 **Shirley Esparza,** First Baptist, Arnold.
Nov 14 **Carol Likely,** Presbyterian, Steelville.
Dec 6 **Boyd Huett (IL),** Grace Baptist, Dunnellon, FL.
Dec 28 **Jo Ann Davis (IL),** First Baptist, Ellis Grove, IL.

ASHLAND BIRTHDAYS

Oct 10 **Carolyn Guelbert,** Heartland Baptist, St. Louis.
Oct 15 **Wanda Boyd,** First Baptist, Marion, IL.
Oct 21 **Sonya Hollingsworth,** First Baptist, Jefferson City.
Nov 6 **Gloria McGhee,** Family Fellowship, St. Peters.
Nov 10 **Jeanie McGowan,** First Baptist, Jefferson City.
Nov 12 **Ruby Lindsey,** First Baptist, Winfield.
Dec 13 **Robert Boyd,** First Baptist, Marion, IL.
Dec 22 **Marilyn Richey,** LDS, Columbia.
Dec 24 **Veda Cline,** Dorsett Village, Maryland Heights.

CHILLICOTHE BIRTHDAYS

Oct 7 **Louise Dean (IL),** First Baptist, Maysville.
Oct 8 **Gary Dean (IL),** First Baptist, Maysville.
Oct 12 **Willa Jean Estes,** Calvary Baptist, Chillicothe.
Oct 12 **Helen Wilkinson,** First Baptist, Moberly.
Oct 20 **Irma Templeman,** United Methodist, Chillicothe.
Nov 8 **Kathryn Gooch,** Meadville Baptist, Meadville.
Nov 20 **Marjorie Lawson,** Utica Baptist, Utica.
Nov 22 **Betty Smith (IL),** Calvary Baptist, Chillicothe.
Nov 29 **Betty Phillips,** First Baptist, Chillicothe.
Dec 1 **Emma Gardner,** First Baptist, Laredo.
Dec 1 **Wandalea Sconce,** Heritage Baptist, Springfield.
Dec 10 **Lucinda Morris (IL),** Methodist, Perasie, PA.
Dec 18 **Ruth Gray,** Free Methodist, Chillicothe.

OZARK BIRTHDAYS

Oct 3 **Mary Bryan,** Redeemer Bible, Owasso, OK.
Oct 4 **Pansy Lindsey,** Second Baptist, Springfield.
Oct 18 **Ruby Rose,** Pisgah Baptist, Dixon.
Oct 23 **Dick Clark (IL),** First Baptist, Republic.
Oct 24 **Lucille Brown,** First Baptist, Springfield.
Oct 28 **James Bunch,** Glenstone Baptist, Springfield.
Oct 31 **Phillip Harper (IL),** Schweitzer United Methodist, Springfield.
Oct 31 **Peggy Smith,** South Gate Baptist, Springfield.
Nov 3 **Charles Fredrick (IL),** Holiday Island Community, Holiday Island, AR.
Nov 3 **Tibby Martin (IL),** Ridgecrest Baptist, Springfield.
Nov 9 **Maxine Williams,** Hopedale Baptist, Ozark.
Nov 11 **Harold Cummins,** First Baptist, Springfield.
Nov 15 **Joyce Butts,** Broadway Baptist, Springfield.
Nov 18 **George Noble (IL),** Second Baptist, Liberty.
Nov 19 **William Rentfro (IL),** First Baptist, Springfield.
Nov 20 **Lucille Shrimpton,** South Haven, Springfield.
Nov 23 **Nora Marshall (IL),** First Baptist, Ozark.
Nov 24 **Wes Brizendine (IL),** First Baptist, Springfield.
Nov 29 **Carol Matthews,** First Baptist, Ozark.
Nov 30 **Betty Brizendine (IL),** High Street Baptist, Springfield.
Dec 5 **Dorthy Campbell,** First Baptist, Kansas City.
Dec 9 **Eleanor Sweet,** First Baptist, Raytown.
Dec 10 **Patsy Schudy (IL),** South Haven Baptist, Springfield.
Dec 31 **Bob Krofta (IL),** Hopedale Baptist, Ozark.

ARCADIA VALLEY ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 9 **Beauford (IL) and Norma Jones,** First Baptist, Ironton.
Oct 30 **Donald and Thelma (*) Hoffmann,** Lower Doe Run Baptist, Ellington.
Nov 4 **Boyd and Elaine Huett (IL),** Grace Baptist, Dunnellon, FL.
Nov 20 **Roy and Betty Mason,** First Baptist, Wright City.
Nov 21 **David (*) and Carol Likely,** Presbyterian, Steelville.
Dec 5 **Robert and Patricia Blick,** Windsor Baptist, Imperial.

ASHLAND ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 30 **Keith and Jeanie McGowan,** First Baptist, Jefferson City.
Nov 23 **John and Gay Barton,** First Baptist, Kansas City.
Dec 21 **Larry and Ruby Lindsey,** First Baptist, Winfield.

OZARK ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 21 **Wes and Betty Brizendine (IL),** First Baptist, Springfield.
Oct 26 **Bob and Margaret Woolley (IL),** South Haven Baptist, Springfield.
Nov 12 **Larry and Sara Patterson (IL),** First Baptist, Ozark.
Nov 14 **Al and Bonny Langston (IL),** First Baptist, Springfield.
Nov 23 **Morton and Ruby Rose,** Pisgah Baptist, Dixon.
Nov 24 **Donald and Carole Tarrant (IL),** First Baptist, Springfield.

Deceased **Residents**

ARCADIA VALLEY DECEASED RESIDENTS

Jun 13 **Eunice "Maxine" Parkes,** First Baptist, Ferguson.
Jun 26 **Icie "Roberta" Sherman,** First Baptist, Crystal City.
Jul 3 **Mary Ann Knight,** Kirkwood Baptist, Kirkwood.

CHILLICOTHE DECEASED RESIDENTS

May 27 **LaVerna Williams,** Mt. Zion Baptist, Chillicothe.
Jun 14 **Maria Greiner,** New Life Fellowship, Chillicothe.
Jun 21 **Lucy Wagner,** Immanuel Baptist, Independence.
Jul 4 **Norma Toot,** United Methodist, Wheeling.

OZARK DECEASED RESIDENTS

Jun 10 **Marjorie Crum,** First Baptist, Ozark.
Jul 26 **Dorothy Leimkuehler,** Concordia Baptist, Concordia.

(IL) Independent Living Resident
(*) Not a resident of Baptist Homes

Campus **New Residents**

ARCADIA VALLEY NEW RESIDENTS

May 22 **Marlene Wynn,** The Rock Church of St. Louis.
Jun 10 **Lois Hill,** First Church of the Nazarene, Ironton.
Jun 10 **Doris Miles,** First Baptist, Ironton.
Aug 2 **Loraine West,** Ellington.

ASHLAND NEW RESIDENTS

May 1 **Veda Cline (IL),** Dorsett Village, Maryland Heights.

CHILLICOTHE NEW RESIDENTS

Apr 30 **Nancy Baker,** Fellowship of Greenwood.
May 4 **Irma Templeman,** United Methodist, Chillicothe.
Aug 1 **Louise Dean (IL),** First Baptist, Maysville.
Aug 1 **Gary Dean (IL),** First Baptist, Maysville.

INDEPENDENCE NEW RESIDENTS

Jul 15 **Twila Bennett,** Immanuel Baptist, Independence.

OZARK NEW RESIDENTS

May 10 **Glenna Baumgardner,** Ozark.
May 17 **Marzelle Perkins,** First Baptist, Ozark.
Jun 1 **Robert Pennington (IL),** Grubb Springs Baptist, Harrison, AR.
Jun 1 **Doris Pennington (IL),** Grubb Springs Baptist, Harrison, AR.
Jul 1 **William Rentfro (IL),** First Baptist, Springfield.
Jul 1 **Becky Young,** First Baptist, Springfield.

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3 Steps to Becoming a Resident

What you need to know

STEP 1: Complete an Application

The first step in applying for residency at one of the Baptist Homes is to complete and submit a short application. Upon receipt, your administrator will review the application, request additional information if necessary and contact you confirming that your application is being processed. Apply for residency at www.thebaptisthome.org/application-for-residency.

STEP 2: Meet with a campus administrator

Your application will be reviewed by the campus administrator. A short interview will be required to assess if the Baptist Homes are able to provide for the applicant's welfare and medical needs. A review of finances will also be required if the applicant needs financial assistance. Very few applicants are ever denied admission to the Homes for inability to provide care or because of limited financial resources. Applications that fall outside of normal admission guidelines must be reviewed by the Executive Committee of the Baptist Homes.

STEP 3: Begin your lifecare journey

Once your application has been reviewed and approved, we will assist you with the move-in process. We understand this move may be difficult. It is our greatest desire to provide assistance every step of the way and make the process as stress-free as possible.

Final Prep: Necessary Documents

When entering one of our Homes, you will need to sign a resident agreement and complete an Advance Health Care Directive. We also encourage you to have a legal estate aging plan in place. A legal estate and aging plan defines contact persons and responsible parties and may be comprised of a Durable Power of Attorney for financial health decisions, a will and/or a trust. You can develop these documents with your own advisors, or the Baptist Homes' staff can assist you.

Learn More: Understanding Costs

Each level of care (dependent upon the campus) has an established rate which provides stability for the resident, family and budget. The Baptist Homes understand that being able to forecast and budget the costs of care is vital to financial stability for the resident and/or family.

Making the Right Choice for You

The Baptist Homes want you to make the right choice when choosing a facility and level of care.

For assistance, contact the Baptist Homes at (866) 454-2709 or visit www.thebaptisthome.org/MakingTheRightChoice for a form to guide you through the process.

Hearts to Serve:

Don & Deanna Campbell

Don and Deanna Campbell in their Arcadia Valley Independent Living Apartment

Don, in full gear, worked to clean out the spring on the AV campus.

Don and Deanna Campbell are the kind of folks you would want as your next-door neighbors. They are friendly, quick to smile, and easy-going. If you have ever started a project and realized that you need another set of hands to finish it, or if you could use a hand moving that large dresser in or out of your house, then you know what I mean.

The Campbells came to live in their Independent Living Apartment at the Baptist Homes of Arcadia Valley (Ironton) a little over a year ago. Being warm, friendly, and outgoing, they both have made friends with the other residents in Independent Living and as much as possible during this last year, with residents in the main building. Don is a 25-year veteran of the Kansas City Police Department, and Deanna has an extensive background in accounting, banking, and office administration. For four years, Deanna worked for the Corporate Office of the Baptist Homes in Arcadia Valley. The Campbells have been married 52 years and have two daughters, Angie and Dawnel.

Both Don and Deanna are quick to share their faith, and they consider working hard for the Lord and their church to be expected of all good Christian men and women, regardless of their age or stage of life. They both had the opportunity to participate as short-term missionaries for two weeks in 1983 as a part of Bold Mission Taiwan. Their main role was to share their personal testimonies during the time that they were there.

Don and Deanna are members of Stouts Creek Baptist Church in Ironton, and they actively serve and work within the church and in their community. Because they both have strong servant's hearts and a vibrant work ethic, it is not unusual for them to be mistaken for employees of the Baptist Homes. Don and Deanna spend a portion of most days during the spring, summer, and fall working to improve the beauty of the grounds and property around the Baptist Homes campus. Raking leaves, trimming back bushes and plants, and picking up fallen branches are just a few of the "chores" that they have taken upon themselves. They are proud to be members of the Baptist Homes' family and the residents and staff are thrilled to have them!

Jim Wills, Campus Pastor - Arcadia Valley

James Cowins Honored for Excellence in Care

Baptist Homes Employee James Cowins was presented a resolution by Missouri Representatives Dale Wright and Chris Dinkins in recognition of his outstanding care for one of the Home's late residents, Mrs. Robbie Robinson.

James, who works as a C.M.T., was recommended for this special recognition by the resident's son, Dr. Dennis Robinson, as a way to express the family's thanks for the quality of care his mother received during the last stages of her life. James was deeply humbled and appreciative of the special recognition saying, "I am receiving this on behalf of my team."

To Your Health

According to seniorsmatter.com, studies show a definite correlation between participation in a regular creative art activity and increased physical, mental and social health. Residents at the Ozark campus have had several opportunites to exercise their artistic muscles while having fun. A few activities included paper mâché', decorating cookies, painting with water guns, instructive painting class and coloring contests.

Left: Group instructive painting class; Middle: Claudia Mallard; Right: Yvonne Swadley

1st Annual Charity Golf Tournament

The first annual charity golf tournament was held to benefit our residents at the Baptist Homes – Ozark campus. A total of 25 teams and 99 golfers came to support the event. Thanks to our event sponsors for helping make it such a successful tournament!

Tournament Event Sponsors:

- **Cart Sponsor - Daystar Distributing**
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- **Tournament Sponsor – LaTour Asset Management, LLC**
- **Gift Baskets and Door Prizes – Local Hospices: Intrepid, Phoenix and Campassus**
- **St. Louis Cardinals Baseball Tickets – Ozark LTC Rx**
- **Prize Sponsor – Guardian Pharmacy**

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CHILLICOTHE CAMPUS

12th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

The 12th annual charity golf tournament was held to benefit our residents at the Baptist Homes – Chillicothe campus. A total of 15 teams and 60 golfers came to support the event. Thanks to our event sponsors for helping make it such a successful tournament!

Thank you!

Tournament Event Sponsors:

- Chillicothe Family Pharmacy
- HLTC Pharmacy
- Ozark Pharmacy
- Moyer & Moyer Insurance
- Miller Management

Top Photo: First Place Team - Miller Management; Bottom Left: Several golfers enjoyed taking a few practice shots.; Bottom Right: Baptist Homes leadership Rodney Harrison and Ron Mackey visited with players prior to play.

JULY 4TH FESTIVITIES

The Chillicothe campus decided to celebrate big with fireworks this year! Residents enjoyed a program full of history and patriotic music, sweet treats and a huge fireworks finale.

Above: Residents lined up to watch the fireworks display. Top Left: Angie Hamilton, Activities Director, and Reed McBroom, Administrator, showed off the fireworks for the celebration.; Top Right: Kathryn Gooch and Betty Phillips enjoyed the sparklers.; Bottom Left: Mary Bell Tedder; Bottom Middle: Miriam Stelplugh; Bottom Right: Margaret Marshall

Construction Begins on New Care Facility and Duke-Nelson Chapel

The initial groundwork has begun on the new care facility which will provide assisted living, intermediate and skilled care. At the heart of the new facility will be the Duke-Nelson Chapel which was made possible through the generosity of many donors and a $100,000 Challenge Grant provided by the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation, Midland, Texas.

PWArchitects rendering of the care facility.

LIVING IN COMMUNITY

Despite the ongoing construction the residents at the Ashland Campus have enjoyed a summer of community engagement with the start of a community garden, lively table games and chapel services, just to name a few.

Pastor's Luncheon-First Baptist Church Adrian

On Monday, July 19th, two Baptist Homes' leadership staff met with the Osage River Baptist Association pastors for lunch at First Baptist Church, Adrian. Baptist Homes President Rodney Harrison and Vice President Ron Mackey shared the plans for reopening the Adrian Manor and Crystal Manor as Baptist Homes of Adrian. There were approximately a dozen pastors in attendance.

Independence Campus Mourns Loss of Staffer

Baptist Homes of Independence is saddened by the passing of Ms. Cherie Winter. Known by residents and staff as "Cherry" for her incessant desire to bring a smile to a resident's face, Cherie was an example of how one person can make a difference. Cherie is survived by her sister, Cheryl Layson, who is also part of the Baptist Homes of Independence campus. Please join the staff of Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries as we pray for Cheryl, the Independence campus residents and staff during this time of mourning.

When Life Seems Unbearable

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NIV)

A health crisis in an aging loved one is an emotional and spiritual crisis that none of us are prepared for or equipped to handle. The aging senior feels guilt in being a burden and fears facing a decision they've dreaded their whole lives. They now find themselves in a situation where they feel out of control of their own body.

Their families/caregivers are facing their own crisis as well. Perhaps they promised to never send mom or dad to "one of those places", or, even worse, their aging loved one is no longer able to express their desires and the decision lies squarely on the family member's or caregiver's shoulders. It is at this crisis point that everything it means to be a family is tested to the breaking point. ***It is at this point where the promises of Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries are put to the test.***

Primary caregivers are at high-risk of suffering from despair and burnout. **Seek help.** Do not see this feeling as a sign of weakness. You may need more assistance. Carrying the burden alone can be very hard. Help can come in many forms, and what is helpful to someone else may not be what you need. Seek counsel on what you are experiencing, and what options are available. Look into respite care providers to help you care for your loved one. Find a distraction, if even for a few hours. For example: go fishing, read in a library, spend time in nature, etc.

Caregivers bear a wide variety of burdens that can wear them down. This makes it hard to provide the care needed or to continue to see the loved one as a person and not a burden. Remember - now is the time to cherish your loved one because the time is short.

God never promised to shield you from hardship, but He did promise to be with you.

Baptist Homes Staff

Expert Advice: What to Expect

TBH Administrators often give the advice to families of newly-admitted residents that they may see a higher-than-expected list of issues that will surface in the first week of their stay. With 24-hour care by trained care providers, issues that may have gone unnoticed by family will be obvious to caregivers. **This is normal.**

Additional Resources:

Finding a Support Group

Finding the right support group and support network is important; however, it can be a challenge. Below are some guidelines to start looking for support as you walk though this difficult time.

- ***Hospital social workers can provide a good list of options.***
- ***Go to the source. For example:***
  - ***Grief support - contact Hospice***
  - ***Substance abuse - contact a treatment center***
  - ***Serious Illness - talk with medical center/doctors***
- ***Churches often have or host support groups.***
- ***Google - sometimes just starting with a simple Google search can provide some options of groups to look into.***

Finding a Counselor

Finding a counselor can be difficult and involve a lot of trial and error. Your primary care physician, your pastor, or other trusted source may be able to recommend someone.

Remember, it is a relationship so you may have to "date" a little until you find the right fit. Don't be afraid to "break up" with a therapist even if you have only had one session. Ask questions about treatment approach, philosophy, outcomes, and expectations.

Call your insurance company to see if counseling sessions are covered under your plan. In many cases, insurance benefits cover a certain number of visits per year.

Dealing with the Big One

As a child growing up in Oklahoma, spring was the season when we knew the winter wildfires would be coming to an end as the dry, dead prairie grass was soon replaced with new, living grasses. It was also the season to scan the southwest horizon looking for the "Big One." Every "Okie" I know has a story about the "Big One" – the large, destructive tornado that tore through a town, city, or neighborhood and changed the landscape forever.

The past eighteen months have been a long, slow, seemingly never-ending battle with a different kind of "Big One." Homes, buildings and farmland have not been destroyed, but the "Big One," known as Covid-19, has been as devastating as a lifetime of tornadoes occurring in a brief period of time. In the pages of this news magazine, we have explored the consequences and impact of Covid-19 on multiple occasions and in many ways. We have explored the challenges of connecting our residents with their loved ones in new, inventive, technological ways. We have examined the surprising resiliency of our elders as they face this pandemic at a stage in life when they seem too frail for such. We've lauded our staff as "heroes" for their hard work, long hours and difficult tasks.

There is one thing we've not deliberately focused on – one thing that has, in the past few months, become increasingly obvious. COVID-19 has and is taking a tremendous toll on the emotional and spiritual well-being of those caring for the elderly. An article in the "Journal of Public Health: From Theory to Practice" states the following about this impact, "A primary challenge in the COVID-19 pandemic has been to take care of infected patients, which defines a serious risk to the workers because of the need for constant contact with infected patients for extended periods of time. Widespread infection and fatalities among the HCWs have been reported previously for MERS and SARS and currently for the COVID-19 disease, imposing considerable amounts of social and mental pressures on the workers." (June 2020)

There are the external pandemic pressures of coping with PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) on a seemingly endless basis. I spoke with one new employee, and she said, "I don't know what anyone really looks like as I've only seen them through a mask." There is the struggle of working short staffed as some have had to be off from work for extended periods of time, and others have decided to leave healthcare for personal reasons. Then there are the internal pandemic pressures of working in an environment in which you struggle each day to keep people well and unexposed. In addition, there is the fear that you might take the virus home to your own loved ones.

But most impactful of all, as the pandemic just continues to grind on like an EF5-tornado is the spiritual exhaustion, the grief of losing a resident you loved deeply, watching a fellow worker come to their own breaking point and deciding to find another way to make a living. Many are weary in well-doing. I've had conversations with staff that have been heartbreaking. What should we do in these moments? How should we minister to those who are exhausted when there seems no end in sight?

Job's friends are often remembered for their harsh rhetoric, but early on, their behavior was very helpful and illustrative for us today. In Job 2, we read that when his friends heard of Job's plight, they did several things. First, they took the time to go to Job (2:11). Second, they wept with their friend as his plight overwhelmed them (2:12). Third, they sat in the dirt with their friend for seven days in complete silence (2:13).

I believe we are at a moment when standing ovations, nice Facebook posts, and cheering from the sidelines have run their course. What is needed now is genuine empathy, true compassion, allowing the struggle of others to break our own hearts. So, I ask you to join me in this way. When you see the masked face of our caregivers on our social media posts, stop what you are doing and pray for them. Take the time to write a card to one of our facilities to let the staff know you are praying for them. Take the time to symbolically sit in the dirt with them being the presence of Christ on their behalf during these challenging days. Thank you in advance for holding up those who are caring for the least of these in the midst of the Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries.

Dr. Ron Mackey, VP of Community Engagement

Tell Me Your Story

Kelly Corrigan is an American writer, podcaster and storyteller. I recently viewed on YouTube a graduation speech she gave in 2021. The main thesis of her presentation: "Everyone has a story to tell and things to teach you." She gets her listeners' attention by telling three brief stories, and then following up each story by asking, "Have you ever heard a story like that? I almost missed it."

Corrigan inspired the high school graduating class she addressed by driving home simple but profound advice. If you want to have a great life, you must make connections with people and ask questions. I couldn't agree more!

One of the many joys I have as an advancement officer for Baptist Homes is talking with people and building relationships. Women and men, laity and ministers, donors from rural, suburban and city communities. I have learned so much by getting to know people and listening to their life stories. The stories I've heard have been happy and sad, scary and thrilling, plain and ordinary as well as, unbelievable and amazing!

I have also gotten to know many of the residents in the Baptist Homes' system. Some are living independently within our system while others need assistance. Some cannot live without the nursing care of our dedicated and compassionate staff. Every resident has a story to tell and things to teach others. Many times, these stories are echoes of a beautiful hymn written by Katherine Hankey - "I Love to Tell the Story."

"I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true,
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love."

In listening to people tell their stories, something very interesting has consistently happened. People are interested in hearing about what is happening in the Baptist Homes. How the Lord is blessing and leading Baptist Homes to expand and broaden the ministry. How people are strengthening the Baptist Homes ministry through financial gifts that support our mission to "to JOYFULLY SERVE in a CHRISTLIKE manner by EDUCATING, ADVOCATING, and CARING for the aging for the GLORY of GOD."

I'd love to hear YOUR story. I'm interested in hearing how the Lord has and is moving in your life. I would enjoy making a connection that builds a friendship and opens doors for individuals, Sunday School classes, churches, and associations to partner together to support Baptist Homes' mission of caring for the aging for the glory of God.

Everyone has a story to tell and things to teach others. I wonder what I might learn from you.

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[i] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEA9JRMjH2o
[ii] Baptist Hymnal 1991 #572

Nick Davis, Director of Advancement

A Lesson in Faithfulness

The Thornberrys

Wanda and Robert Thornsberry

Wanda and Robert Thornsberry were married in 1953, and they lived on a Century Farm homesteaded by his grandfather, ten miles outside of Richland, Missouri, their entire married life. Robert or "Bobby as everyone in the family and the folks around here called him" passed away in 2014.

The Thornsberrys have been long-time supporters of The Baptist Home. Wanda always felt more compelled to support the care of the aging saying, "So many don't pay attention to older people." The Thornsberrys are long-time members of Swedeborg Baptist Church where her late husband served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher and where Wanda still attends. Their two sons are deacons in their home churches.

Wanda remembers retired Baptist Homes staffers Jim Nelson and Roger Hatfield and the late Larry Johnson, president of The Baptist Home from 1997-2005. She recalled that they used to stop and visit with Bobby. Wanda reminisced saying, "He was quite the visitor." Wanda shared that they always tithed to the church and sent gifts to The Baptist Home that were above and beyond their tithe. She said, "The Lord has been so good to us. We can't complain about anything."

When asked about why they gave so faithfully to The Baptist Home, Wanda said, "It's taking care of older people that don't have family. I have a son close by, and I am very well taken care of. I am 90 years old and still in good health. They need Christian homes, not a regular nursing home, but one where they have Bible studies and things like that." Wanda shared that her and Bobby have visited the home in Ironton (Arcadia Valley) and the home in Ozark several times.

It is people like Wanda and Robert Thornsberry that have been the strength of benevolent care for residents of the Baptist Homes which enables us to provide Christlike care to the aging now and into the future.

Spencer Hutson, Church Relations Specialist

Do you have a story to share with Baptist Homes?

We want to hear yours!

Everyone has a story to tell and things to teach others. Baptist Homes would love to hear about how you or a loved one has impacted and been impacted by the ministry of Baptist Homes. The stories of faithful giving, selfless service, Christlike caregiving and persevering love that make up the living story of Baptist Homes are truly inspiring. They are stories worth sharing in times like these.

Contact us with your story and someone from Baptist Homes will contact you about how you can share it with others.

Send your story to:
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Director of Advancement
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(573) 822-4319

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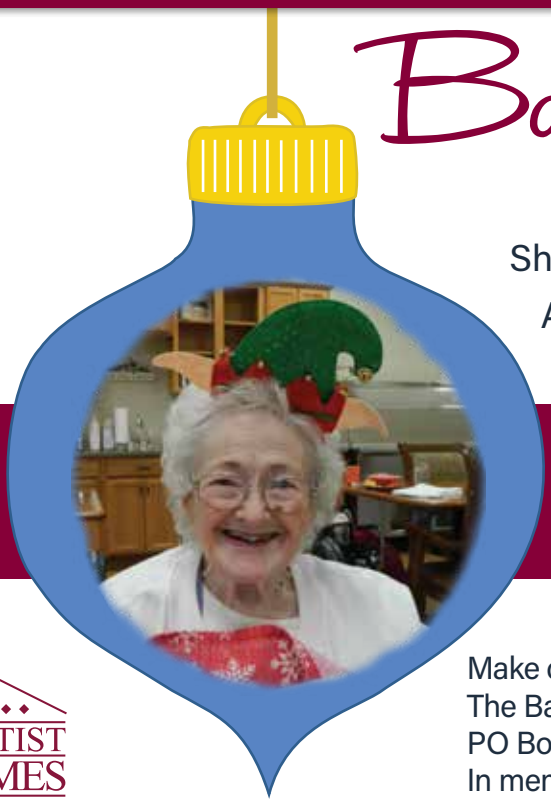

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