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Matthew 2:1-2

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Change on the Horizon 2024

As you will read in the following pages, 2023 has been a year of change. The last several years have seen unprecedented changes in our culture, the healthcare industry and Baptist Homes life. Change is inevitable, and with change comes the need to evaluate how things have been done in the past. Throughout 2023, the BHHM Community Engagement team has been evaluating how BHHM communicates to families, residents, churches and supporters. The *My Home* magazine was an effective tool prior to 2020, but as the industry and organization has changed and inflation is starting to show its impact (60% increase cost due to paper and postage rate increases), changes need to be made. Starting in 2024, the *My Home* magazine will no longer be a quarterly magazine, but will be smaller mailed pieces throughout the year and a monthly digital newsletter. Yes, it is time for change, but it is not time to stop communicating. Quite the opposite! The format will just look a bit different.

***My Home* Monthly Digital Newsletter:** This monthly email will continue and grow to provide more news, information and connection points with our staff and residents. We are encouraging all resident family and friends to sign up to receive this email at the first of each month.

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From the Presidents Desk

Maintaining Our Relevance

Following the 100th Anniversary of the Riggs-Scott Building, I had the privilege of preaching at First Baptist Church, Ironton. It was a humbling experience to speak in the same place and from the same text that Dr. Milford Riggs, founder of Baptist Homes and pastor of First Baptist Church, preached 100 years earlier. In my message from Psalm 71, the psalmist attests to God as his rock. Just as our lives must be built on the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ, we at the Baptist Homes are committed to building this ministry on the foundation of compassionate care for the aging that was laid over a century ago. However, this resolve does not equate to stubborn adherence to tradition or unwillingness to innovate and change.

Following the service at First Baptist, I visited with a delightful member who, despite her status as a long-time resident, was a recent addition to the First Baptist family. She shared that her home church had disbanded. Her former church had survived pandemics, wars, the depression, and a fire, yet was unable to maintain relevance in the face of time. This story is repeated dozens of times each year as churches and ministries in Missouri disband. It would be tempting to attribute the decline to demographics, and yet I have visited rural churches that are thriving, including one that required a six-mile drive down a dirt road without a house in sight. These churches survive and thrive because they did not allow tradition and routine to overshadow truth and relevance. To that end, I believe Baptist Homes must maintain relevance without compromising our Christian distinctives.

In 2024, our priority initiative will be to eliminate agency and retain quality staff. Over 80% of senior care facilities in Missouri, including four of our current Baptist Homes campuses, enlisted agency staffing to address the healthcare worker shortage. Baptist Homes is committed to ensuring each campus recruits and retains a quality staff of men and women who work for Baptist Homes and not an outside employment agency. This will be accomplished through a combination of highly competitive pay, industry-leading benefits, and a God-honoring culture.

Changes in how we communicate are coming next year. Content found in the *My Home* magazine will shift from a quarterly magazine format to a monthly digital newsletter and a series of smaller mailers throughout the year. The print magazine consumes a large portion of the communication staff's time and budget. This change will allow the Baptist Homes message to be communicated with greater frequency and timeliness in an era when a majority already keep up with Baptist Homes happenings through social media or the current digital newsletter.

The coming year will also be known for greater ease of access to our senior care services. As I write this, two of our eight campuses accept Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement. By the end of 2024, we anticipate six campuses will be certified for Medicaid and/or Medicare reimbursement of qualifying long- and short-term care. These developments have necessitated remodeling or construction projects at Arcadia Valley and Ozark. Most housing options now include private facilities and sitting areas.

Other priorities for the coming year include a renewed focus on quality care, supporting continuing education for our staff, and expanding ministry and discipleship opportunities for residents and neighbors.

Baptist Homes is a special place. Our commitment to pleasing God and helping others do the same sets us apart as a provider of compassionate care, education, and advocacy for the aging. I am honored to serve this ministry in our second century of service. Thank you for being a part of the extended family that makes Baptist Homes a trusted voice for the aging.

Together in His service,

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As the 'old man' on our executive team, I am often the one who is looked to for historical information. This is often prefaced with the question, "How have we done this before?" Recently, my answers have been, "I don't think we've ever done that before." 2023 has been a year of unprecedented change, but it has also been a year of an unwavering commitment to remain true to our calling -- to be the Christlike standard of care for the aging.

This year, we have had significant construction, remodeling, and reconfiguring on each of our campuses. First, our campuses at Smithville and Adrian have been in a state of construction this entire year. That construction is now finished, and the campuses are being prepared for new residents who will be moving in very soon. The focus recently has been on interior design and decorating to turn these institutionally-designed buildings into a home. At Smithville, the focus is on making the campus a warm and inviting place to live -- helping veterans who've struggled in their civilian years to truly find a place to call home. At Adrian, we are working to recreate and enhance a once-treasured community resource and return the space to the community with the added benefits of a Christian environment.

Second, our three legacy campuses, Arcadia Valley, Chillicothe, and Ozark are in the process of adding needed ministry and healthcare services which will make those communities more viable in the changing long-term care marketplace. Arcadia Valley has gone through a significant restoration of the second floor of the Riggs-Scott building to add economically-priced independent living suites. This process is completed, and new neighbors are finding a home within this community. This same process will begin again soon on the third floor of the Riggs-Scott building to provide economically-priced independent living suites for pastors and others who've given their lives in ministry. We are also, for the first time in the history of the Arcadia Valley campus, preparing to receive nursing care residents via Medicaid reimbursement. This will open the doors of our ministry to a wider range of residents than we've ever been able to serve before. At Chillicothe, we are well underway in converting this campus to a senior living campus of independent living duplexes and assisted living suites. Upon completion, we will provide

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very nice accommodation for those who need assistance with daily activities. At our Ozark campus, the construction of skilled care with memory care cottages will transform how we care for our residents who live on the campus currently as well as future residents who move in.

Third, our new acquisition campuses are open and operating under a model that focuses on the spiritual health of the residents and staff. At Independence and Tri-County, this change has taken longer and involved more twists and turns than we understood when we began. However, when you are seeking to change the culture from just meeting physical needs to serving each resident and employee as the hands and feet of Jesus, it is a worthwhile struggle.

In addition to the construction, remodeling, and reconfiguration, we have been learning how to be a provider in the skilled care environment and participate in the worlds of Medicare and Medicaid. These processes bring with them their own significant challenges and complications, but they allow us to provide more services to more people than ever before, and that is a significant responsibility as we attempt to set the standard for Christlike care for the aging.

Recently, my wife and I have been teaching our oldest grandson how to cut wood with a chainsaw. It's a laborious and dangerous process and there is much to learn. At one point, with wood chips in his hair and sweat running down his face, he said to me, "That's a lot to keep up with, Grandpa". He is right, and his words are applicable for the Baptist Homes in this season. All that I've just described is a lot to keep up with. Why do all this -- why expend the financial resources, the human labor, and the brain power to learn new systems and processes – WHY?

Why, because there are more seniors who need support in their aging process now than at any time in our nation's history. Why, because more than 200 nursing homes closed in 2022 in the state of Missouri, leaving many struggling to find a new place to live. Why, because we are called by God to care for the aging. As the needs of the aging change, we dare not look back on past achievements and brag about what we've done over the years. Rather, we must roll up our sleeves, strap on our work boots and tune in to the latest webinar teaching us about the next complicated care process, BECAUSE aging adults need a quality, Christian environment to spend the last years of their lives. The idea that "we are called" has never been more pertinent or more needed than in these days.

Dr. Ron Mackey, Vice President, Community Engagement

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Purchase of Tri-County Ca

Tri-County Campus

Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries (BHHM) is pleased to announce that the full purchase of Tri-County Care Center in Vandalia, MO took place on September 1, 2023. Baptist Homes has been providing management services of this home for approximately one year. The campus is now the eighth home in the Baptist Homes family of ministries. Dr. Aaron Witte, Administrator of the Tri-County campus, discovered an interesting backstory of an unknown connection between Baptist Homes and the Tri-County Care Center. The story comes from a document found by Witte in the archives of Tri-County Care Center. "In the early 1960's, a resident of Vandalia, MO, Mrs. Myrtle Gibson, moved to The Baptist Home's original location in Ironton, MO. A friend of hers, Mrs. Melva McDonald, also from Vandalia, hated for her neighbor to move so far away from home and set about to establish a local nursing home in the Vandalia area. She campaigned for support from local businesses and the local newspaper, and she and Pete Steiner met with nursing home licensure officials in Jefferson City to learn about the next steps. She and Mr. Steiner formed a committee along with some other local businessmen and leaders who began a public information campaign. They gained enough support for their idea that, on May 2, 1967, they were able to successfully establish the nursing home district to collect tax revenues and support the building of the nursing home." The effort resulted in the establishment of the Tri-County Nursing Home District, which eventually opened the home in 1969.

Now, some 50-plus years later, through the Providence of God, the vision of the people of Vandalia, MO is now a part of the vision of Baptist Homes. Together, these visions of caring for the aging have come together to achieve the Baptist Homes mission to "provide Christlike care for the aging to the glory of God."

Baptist Homes of Tri-County now operates as a skilled nursing facility including a remodeled memory care neighborhood and a residential care community. The home offers in-house therapy, IV therapy, palliative care, respite care and adult day care services. According to Rodney Harrison, BHHM President, "Much of the remodeling and refreshing at the campus was undertaken by volunteers. The campus is blessed with an abundance of support from area churches and local communities."

In an address to staff, Witte assured them, "Things at Tri-County are changing, but the vision remains unchanged. We exist to please God and help others do the same… We have cared for retired ministers and pastors just as the Baptist Homes has, and God is present at Tri-County - and our new ownership assures that He always will be."

For more information and inquiries about this campus, you can reach Baptist Homes of Tri-County at (573) 594-6467, awitte@bhhm.org. The campus is located at 601 N Galloway Rd., Vandalia, MO 63382.

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Becoming Baptist Homes of Tri-County

An excerpt from the address Administrator Aaron Witte gave to staff.:

A few months ago, I found a document entitled "Tri-County Nursing Home History". It was paper clipped to a few copies in the back sleeve of one of the Tri-County scrapbooks. It started with this lovely story of the reason we are here today:

"Once upon a time, in Vandalia, Missouri., a sweet little old lady named Mrs. Myrtle Gibson gave her friend, Mrs. Velma McDonald, a little green glass bowl as a keepsake. She told Mrs. McDonald that she was giving up all of her possessions in order to move to The Baptist Home in Ironton, for she could no longer care for herself. She had no family close enough to assist her and was very sad that she would have to give up her home, her church, her friends, and everything that she had known and held dear all of her life in order to go far away to a nursing home. She did so wish that there was a nursing home in Vandalia."

Mrs. McDonald felt compassion for her friend and decided to do something about it. She campaigned for support from local businesses and the local newspaper, and she and Pete Steiner met with nursing home licensure officials in Jefferson City to learn about the next steps. She and Mr. Steiner formed a committee along with some other local businessmen and leaders who began a public information campaign. They gained enough support for their idea that on May 2, 1967, they were able to successfully establish the Nursing Home District to collect tax revenues and support the building of the nursing home. Then in July 1967, the first Board of Directors was elected. Those elected were: Velma McDonald, Raymond Asbury, Selby Goodpasture, Paul Galloway, Kenneth Clithero, and Paul Gore.

Next, the original building was constructed which includes the memory care unit, east hall, offices, east dining room, kitchen and laundry rooms. This building was constructed for $385,000. As construction was completed, the nursing staff was trained, with 43 of 52 women enrolled receiving their CNA license. Many went on to become LPNs and one, Shirley Whetstine, later became administrator of this home.

The grand opening of the home was held on Sunday, July 26, 1969, and residents were admitted the following day. Since that day, many people have come and gone as CNAs, nurses, maintenance, laundry, dietary services, activities housekeepers,and administrators. There have always been a core of individuals who lead this home in the way it should go no matter what. These are the heroes of Tri-County. The commitment of these individuals to their neighbors living in this home is nothing short of inspirational.

Aaron Witte, Administrator

Despite the legacy of service, self-sacrifice, and excellence at Tri-County, like many other homes coming through COVID-19, Tri-County was in dire straits. Between 2020 and 2021, more than 400,000 workers left the long-term care industry. We had no staff, no financial resources, and nearly no hope whatsoever of continuing to serve our aging neighbors. We were on the brink of becoming one of the 128 nursing homes that closed in 2022. But God had another plan. In a last ditch effort, late on a Friday afternoon, on the last day of the month, our current board members connected with the Baptist Homes, the very organization whose absence in our community inspired the building of this home. Now we have come full circle. That which was missing from our community back in 1967 is now here. WE HAVE A BAPTIST HOME!!!

Not only do we have a Baptist Home, we have Tri-County. You see, the mission of the Baptist Home and the mission of Tri-County have always been one and the same: to love our neighbors and provide the excellent Christlike care that our aging neighbors deserve as those made in the image of God. I know a man who was there at the beginning: the man who wrote every single check to pay for the land, materials, labor, equipment, furniture and supplies to open the original building. Paul Gore, the last surviving member of the original Board of Directors and a man of deep faith, said that the board should give the home over to the Baptist Homes. He is proud of the changes that have been made and once again has hope for the future of our home.

We Made it Hom

Lee & Arlene Borders

Being part of a gang may not seem like much of an education. But it was on the streets of Kansas City's slums, not in church or seminary, that Lee Borders learned most of the skills he would use throughout his lifetime of pastoral ministry.

Unlike his wife, Arlene, Lee wasn't raised in a Christian home. He grew up in the poor side of town, where the houses would flood during the years when the Colorado River drank too much rain. As a boy, Lee had to be tough and fast, as rival gangs were always eager to take someone out. One skirmish saw more than 50 boys battling it out, each with a blade or some other weapon in his hand. Lee stared down the threat of a gun more than once, and while he managed to survive the blazing danger of gang wars, he wasn't quite so quick to escape the police. This was another routine he learned: the handcuffs, the mug shot, the sentence and jail time, always followed by release and another stab at the life of crime.

And then there was Arlene. Her father, who was born in 1897 in Canada, talked about prophecy a lot, as both of her parents were born-again believers. Although she was born in Hays, Kansas, she grew up mostly everywhere, since her father traveled from town to town opening new Safeway stores. While Lee developed a fierce loyalty and tribal closeness to the other members of his gang, Arlene grew up mostly alone. She was always moving to a new school, a new part of Kansas, and a new group of girls. Nevertheless, she had a good home, and she grew up in the faith with her mother, father, and sister.

Two things would happen at the Kansas City Youth for Christ revival that would change both of their lives forever, and neither of them would have occurred if the boys in the gang hadn't been bored that day.

Encountering Jesus—and a Pretty Girl

Lee was 19, wild, and looking for fun. By now, three of his four older brothers had found the Lord and were slowly shifting the family dynamic toward faith in Christ. Lee, on the other hand, didn't have much faith in anything, except the protection that his switchblade promised. He only showed up to the revival that night because the other boys in the gang wanted to slip in and stir up some trouble. While they didn't expect to get much entertainment out of the songs or sermon, watching Christians gasp at their devilish antics was certain to be a good time.

It was the church, however, that had the last laugh. As soon as Lee heard the gospel explained through Scripture, he was cut to the heart by a blade much sharper than any he'd ever carried. When he heard the invitation to accept Christ, he knew he wanted what Jesus had to offer. Lee walked forward, his soul serious with commitment. For a boy like Lee, there was no middle ground; he could either pledge his total devotion to the gang, or to Christ. He had found a new allegiance now, and there was no going back.

Salvation wasn't the only good gift Lee found at Kansas City Youth for Christ. He also saw a pretty girl singing in a trio on stage and told his buddies, "I'm going to meet that girl and marry her." His friends had a good laugh at that. When the word got around, so did the girl.

Her name was Arlene, and she had no idea who she was dealing with. Lee may have looked like any other kid, but he was street-smart and determined. When he said he was going to do something, he meant it.

Early Growth and Ministry

Lee didn't forget about Arlene, but he had some growing up to do before their love story would start in earnest. He was only a baby Christian, but he would mature as quickly in the faith as he'd had to on the streets as a boy. Within two weeks of accepting Christ, he preached his first sermon at a Youth for Christ event. His family told him matter-of-fact that they assumed he'd go to school and be a pastor, and that's exactly what Lee Borders did. Six weeks after his conversion, he was already pastoring his first church.

Along the way, he led several of his former gang buddies to Christ. The fearlessness he'd learned while fighting for his life now served him well in spiritual battles, because Lee wasn't afraid of talking to anyone. He and his Christian friends would visit the old bars where they used to drink, this time to evangelize. Every time Lee walked in the front door, his old friends saw him -- and sneaked out the back door so he couldn't talk to them about Jesus.

Lee and Arlene crossed paths again through a collegiate club with Youth for Christ. Lee might have been too timid to finally talk to her if a dare from friends hadn't pushed him to strike up a conversation. His trademark boldness came back during their first date, when he told Arlene he was going to marry her. He also taught her how to hold a switchblade correctly, a skill that Arlene politely declined.

A Lifetime of Service to the Church

Sixty-four years later, Lee and Arlene are still together. In the decades since, Lee has pastored churches all over North Dakota, Montana, Kansas, and Missouri, and for several years, he served with Topeka Youth for Christ. Every time he preached at a revival, Arlene drew chalk art as part of the evangelistic program. For Lee, true ministry was straightforward and simple. "Just witness about the positive things of the Lord Jesus Christ, and let the Holy Spirit do His job," he advised.

They had a daughter—and with time, a grandson—and before they knew it, two great-granddaughters as well. Lee and Arlene were living in a senior apartment when Lee ended up in the hospital after a bad fall. Arlene couldn't care for him alone at home, and just like that, Arlene and her daughter packed up the apartment, and Lee was released from the hospital straight to their new room at Baptist Homes. "We made it home," Lee said.

Lee and Arlene are more than happy at Baptist Homes. The staff constantly checks on their needs and makes sure they never feel like a burden. Since the small churches Lee pastored never paid much, they receive an annuity from Mission: Dignity to help cover the cost of care.

God's provision takes many unexpected forms, even in the midst of difficulties. Lee has struggled with his short-term memory ever since suffering a heart attack and stroke. "I forgot more than I ever learned," he joked. Still, he does well in the moment and participates in nearly every group activity. Meanwhile, Arlene's mind is strong, but she uses a wheelchair and has trouble lifting her arms.

Where others might only see life's setbacks, Lee and Arlene focus on the blessings that have also come, like the pacemaker God used to help keep Lee's heart strong, or the way Arlene can help Lee stay on top of the details while he serves as her physical support. God was the one who first brought them together, and He knows that, even now, they need each other still.

Landing in the Center of God's Plan

Arlene has learned to take life one day at a time and let her limitations push her to depend on God. "I have to constantly repeat, 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,'" she explained. Her life advice is just to be thankful.

Arlene is always amazed by the way the Lord works, even in the little things. One morning, a pillow fell out of bed and was in her way, so she kicked it aside. While getting into her wheelchair a minute later, her feet slid out from under her. She slipped and landed right on the pillow, which she had unknowingly moved to that exact spot just a moment before. Lee rushed into the hall and called for help, and staff members came running in. Thanks to the pillow, she was sore but otherwise fine.

"Nobody can tell me God doesn't know what's going to happen and take care of it beforehand," Arlene concluded. God used the constant relocations of her childhood to prepare her for a ministry spread across four states and countless churches and revivals. He used street fights to sharpen Lee into a courageous preacher who knew how to cut straight to the point, walking bravely into the enemy's territory to win more souls for Christ. No matter where they went, God was one step ahead, preparing both the journey and the warm ***welcome home.***

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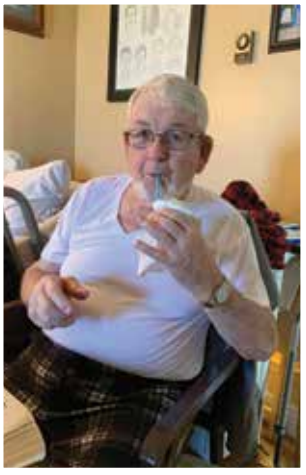

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Senior Outdoor Living

Thank you to all that participated and volunteered this year! Our residents have a great time and love being able to get out in nature and experience a fun hunting experience, fellowship and food. We couldn't do this without our volunteers and are so thankful that so many share the vision to help our residents get out in nature. The response to our Deer Hunts has been encouraging and exciting! Baptist Homes is making Deer Hunts a part of our Senior Outdoor Living initiative. Look for more exciting news about this initiative as we are committed to providing more exciting opportunities for our residents and staff to engage with nature.

"Go afield with a good attitude, with respect for the forest and fields in which you walk. Immerse yourself in the outdoor experience. It will cleanse your soul and make you a better person."
- Fred Bear

Initiative *Deer Hunt*

Upcoming Senior Outdoor Living Events

Tri-County Campus Deer Hunt
December 4-5, 2023
.243 Rifle

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Coffee and Deer Podcast
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Living the Dream Outdoor Podcast
Renowned outdoorsman Bill Cooper shares about his experience serving as a volunteer at BH Arcadia Valley Senior Deer Hunt.

MBC *Pathway*
An article from *The Pathway* featuring the Senior Deer Hunt at Baptist Homes of Arcadia Valley.

Healthcare Heroes

Tri-County Campus

Janice Pritchett, RN, MDS coordinator

Janice started with Tri-County in fall of 2022 as MDS coordinator after a long career at a local hospital. When she joined the Tri-County team, the home was in the beginning stages of the change in ownership that would make us a Baptist Home on 9/1/2023. Whether it's due to her experience, or her steady personality, she has remained steadfast in her commitment to our neighbors. We are blessed beyond measure to have such a steady influence and leader -- One who is willing to learn and grow, serve with humility and patience, and implement any change asked of her. Janice juggles a schedule of RN coverage for the building, ensures care plan meetings occur on time, MDS's are submitted appropriately, and that assessments and documentation is up-to-date. Though she would never say this of herself, she is a healthcare hero and one of the greatest examples of Christlike care we have here at Baptist Homes of Tri-County.

Arcadia Valley Campus

Brandy Barton, CNA

Brandy Barton is a Certified Nurses Aide at the Arcadia Valley campus. She has worked for Baptist Homes since September of 2022. Brandy lives in Lesterville and has 4 children. Brandy has gone back to school with the intent to become a nurse. She is described by her fellow team members as a hard worker and a good aide. She always has a smile on her face and a kind word to say.

Independence Campus

Sharon Morris, Staffing Coordinator

Sharon has the task of keeping our nursing department staffed, which is very difficult with a nursing shortage. She works very hard to eliminate the need for agency staff at the Independence campus. When we are in need, she will help where needed and sacrifice her own personal time on any shift. She also helps the director of nursing with paperwork and in-services. Ty Page, Administrator, expressed, " I consider the staffing position to be the most intense job in nursing. I and the Independence management team thank her, for all of her hard work."

WOW!

Ozark Campus

Ben Tingler, Housekeeping and Laundry

Ben has been an employee at the Ozark campus for almost six years. Ben works in both housekeeping and laundry. Ben is dedicated to his job. He is always busy, and has an excellent work record. He is quiet, but don't let that fool you -- he has a huge soft spot for our residents. Ben enjoys gaming, spending time with his dog, hanging with his brothers, and comics (Captain America is his favorite) We are so lucky to have Ben at our campus. Thank you, Ben, for all you do.

Chillicothe Campus

Steve Robb, Life Safety Services- Maintenance Assistant

Steve has worked with Baptist Homes of Chillicothe for over five years. Recently, he has been very busy with the renovation work going on at the campus. When Steve is not busy painting or repairing, he can be found outside mowing and caring for our beautiful property. As winter is upon us, he will soon be outside shoveling and plowing the snow. Steve truly exemplifies Life Safety Services as he makes sure the property is safe for the residents and staff. When he sees something that needs to be done, Steve is quick to take action.

CONGRATULATIONS

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Congratulations Brandy Parker, VP Healthcare Administration, for being awarded LeadingAge's Administrator of the Year! Brandy is an integral part in ensuring BHHM's excellence in caring for the aging. Thank you, Brandy, for your heart and care for our residents and staff. Congratulations on a well-deserved award and recognition!

Pictured receiving her award, Brandy Parker (middle) with Dr. Andy Braams, VP, Operations (left) and Mr. Adam Marley, Chair Elect, LeadingAge Missouri (right).

Christmas is coming!

Project Wishlist

A gift of $50 provides one resident a Christmas gift from their personal Christmas wish list.

Our goal this year is $18,000-which would provide each resident a Christmas gift. Please help us spread Christmas cheer to our residents!

Make checks payable to: The Baptist Home, PO Box 390, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Write “Project Wish List” in the memo line. Or, give online at: bhhm.org/projectwishlist

The Joy of Sharing **Baptist Homes**

I have been the recipient of many blessings in my years of service to the Lord through Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries (BHHM). It is an honor tomake the BHHM mission known.

I have the joy of telling individuals, families, churches, and associations about Baptist Homes. In 2023, I’ve had several opportunities to speak in Sunday School classes, preach in worship services, or make presentations with various groups in churches. What a thrill it is to tell the Baptist Homes story and about the many ways the Lord is leading this ministry.

Each presentation is different due to the level of knowledge about Baptist Homes. For some congregations, it is an introduction to who BHHM is and how we seek each day to provide Christlike care for our residents. For others that know us better, it is giving updates about the ways BHHM continues to expand. Many are not aware that BHHM has grown from three legacy homes to eight campuses that now provide care for over 340 residents by 250 employees.

Sometimes the presentation is to ask for prayer for the challenges we are facing. And other times, we have the joy of talking about the blessings God continues to bestow on us as He has for over one hundred years.

I also have the pleasure of sharing with an individual, family, or church how they can support BHHM financially. What a privilege it is to be asked to come alongside people to assist them with donation questions or help a person with estate stewardship planning.

Does your church know about Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries? How might we connect with your church to tell our story and walk alongside you to help you with the challenges of aging? Can we assist you with developing an estate plan that cares for family, and honors the Lord’s ministries?

BHHM is only a phone call away. You can reach us at 866-454-2709. You can reach me at ndavis@bhhm.org, or call 573-822-4319.

Nick Davis, Director of Advancement

Salt River Acquisition *Update*

Essential progress is being made on the acquisition of Salt River Community Care in Shelbina, Missouri. After much discussion on developing an equitable consultation contract with the board of Salt River Community Care, attorneys representing Salt River and the Baptist Homes have agreed in principle to a contract which will be signed in the coming days.

In addition to this important point of progress, we are happy to announce the hire of Kimberly Harris as the Transitional Executive Director of Salt River Community Care. Ms. Harris comes to the position with a lifetime of work in long-term care both in Missouri and most recently, in Illinois. Her title, Transitional Executive Director, emphasizes her role as a bridge-builder between Salt River Community Care and Baptist Homes. Once the sale of the property is completed, Ms. Harris will become the Executive Director of Baptist Homes Shelbina.

According to Dr. Ron Mackey, who is serving as consultant for the Baptist Homes during this time of transition, "Shelbina is a great location with committed staff. With a new passionate and highly skilled leader in Kimberly Harris, we believe the future is bright for the campus."

Walmart Shoppers

Who says shopping isn't a competitive sport?

We may not be hitting up Nordstrom, but our residents know how to cruise the aisles of Walmart with style. Sometimes, you just need a few extra sweets or a cute new cardigan to shake up your daily routine. It's just as much about getting out and about and spending time together behind the cart.

Afterwards, we head back to Baptist Homes feeling pampered and fresh, all without breaking the bank. If finding deals were a spectator game, we'd take home the trophy every time!

Check Out What's Happening @ Baptist Homes

Every month, each campus publishes on www.BHHM.org the activities calendar for the upcoming month. Our residents are busy every day and would love to have visitors join them! Visit www.BHHM.org/events to view campus calendars and check out what's happening at BHHM!

Campus Updates

ADRIAN CAMPUS

Our skilled nursing facility opened in November! Work on the generator installation is completed and most of our staff have been hired and have gone through orientation. Artwork has been hung throughout the building, and we are excited to welcome our first residents in the coming weeks.

Thank you to our supporters, families, and the Adrian community for your continued support as we reopen this home as a Baptist Homes campus. We encourage you to come visit us at our home!

ARCADIA VALLEY CAMPUS

Fall has been busy for the Arcadia Valley campus. On Labor Day, we had our postponed July 4th fireworks with watermelon, pretzels, lemonade, and ice cream before the fireworks. In late September, we hosted our second annual Senior Deer Hunt. Seven neighbors participated with several mentors and volunteers assisting. They did not see a lot of deer, but one of the neighbors shot at a turkey and barely missed, but did shoot off some of the turkey's tail feathers. The following weekend, we hosted 17 men for the Meramec Baptist Association men's retreat and workday. Overall, we did a lot of crafts, several singing groups visited, we held our annual pumpkin decorating contest, made scarecrows, and attended the Arcadia Valley Fall Festival Parade. At the end of October, we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Riggs-Scott building and hosted our first Fall Festival and Craft Fair (see page 14) with 300+ visitors in attendance. It rained hard all day, forcing everything inside on the first floor of the Riggs-Scott building.

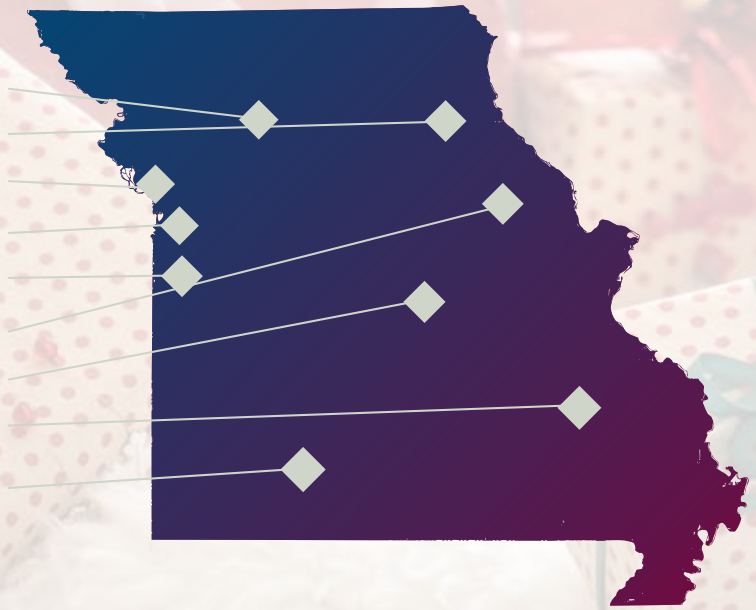
The remodel on the Goodwin long-term care neighborhood is almost complete which will allow DHSS to do our survey and approve us for Medicaid.

Everyone is looking forward to the holiday season and all the fun times we have celebrating. We will have several special events including our Hanging of the Greens Service, Christmas Eve Service and of course, our annual Christmas Party with our special guest from the North Pole.

ASHLAND CAMPUS

After several years of planning, repurposing, and delays, construction on the new LTC facility in Ashland has finally begun. The initial concrete work is in place, and the full foundation is expected to be complete soon.

Residents and BHHM staff are excited to see this project finally come to fruition. We look forward to sharing more updates on the construction progress in the coming months. Thank you for your support!



CHILLICOTHE CAMPUS

Excitement is growing on the campus as we are drawing near to the end of our renovations! The facility has been renovated from single rooms with shared bathrooms to an assisted living facility with two-room suites including a private bathroom. The addition of carpeting in the rooms has made a more comfortable and cozy home. Rooms have been updated with mini refrigerators and microwaves giving the residents more independence and opportunities to make choices.

Keep us in your prayers as we finish the renovations and look forward to welcoming new residents.

INDEPENDENCE CAMPUS

We would like to welcome Stacey Forte, our new director of nursing. She has a previous work history working as a CNA Instructor for Concord School and currently still is an instructor for CPR/BLS training. Most recently, she was a traveling nurse and decided to return to the KCMO area. She brings a world of knowledge and will be a great asset to the Baptist Homes of Independence.

In October, Crystal Marron, activities director, and Carol Johnson, assistant activities, celebrated fall with our residents with a Fall Festival. There was a variety of activities for the residents and families. Everyone enjoyed the festival and the good weather. Holiday festivities are now in full swing -- our residents' favorite time of the year.

OZARK CAMPUS

We are excited to announce that we broke ground for our new buildings this fall!

The Ladies Auxiliary recently held a very successful garage sale to benefit the Ozark campus. We are grateful for their support and for the generosity of our community members who purchased goods at the sale. We also had a successful Outbacker BBQ in the fall. We enjoyed gathering with our residents for this fun and festive event.

Census in the facility and in independent living remains strong. We are also continuing to build a strong group of staff in all departments. We are committed to providing our residents with the highest quality care, and we believe that having a qualified and compassionate staff is essential to achieving this goal.

We are grateful for the generous donation of a NuStep machine for our therapy department. This machine will help our residents to improve their strength, balance, and coordination.

SMITHVILLE CAMPUS

We are excited to announce that the construction of our new nursing home is nearing completion! All of the landscaping, painting, electrical wiring and fixtures, and plumbing work and fittings have been completed. We are currently working on installing the internet, the contractor has handed over the keys, and hiring and training of staff has begun. Please pray for our new staff and soon-to-move-in residents as we prepare to fully open the Smithville campus.

TRI-COUNTY CAMPUS

Tri-County has not ceased in our efforts to develop, change and grow into the home we would like to be. On 8/31/2023, we celebrated the last day of Tri-County Care Center and began our official existence as a Baptist Homes campus on 9/1/2023. This monumental occasion was met with both trepidation and hope. There has been anxiety, adjustment, and an extreme amount of work that saw us through changes in our office structure and job duties, IT provider, telephone service, food service, and now electronic medical records system. We have continued renovations in our RCF and main building, updates to our call light system, added a new storage trailer, and continue to explore updates/repairs to many other parts of our building. All of these changes continue on the backdrop of a growing census, but low staffing and use of agency continue to be the ultimate threat to our neighbors and our home. However, we are seeing more and more applications with the recent increase in base pay rate as well as the benefit of the Baptist Homes name and reputation.

Our community continues to greatly support our home by volunteering, praying, showing up for our residents and staff with donations, work and encouraging words. We have never felt more loved and cared for by our community. We are excited to see what the future brings in the coming year and beyond.

BAPTIST HOMES OF ARCADIA VALLEY

1st Annual FALL Festival AND CRAFT FAIR

BAPTIST HOMES ARCADIA VALLEY

The 100th Anniversary celebration of the Riggs-Scott building and the 1st Annual Arcadia Valley Fall Festival were a success! It rained hard all day, so all the crafters, events, and the concerts were held inside on the first floor of the Riggs-Scott building. There were over 300 visitors in attendance for the festival. Visitors, residents, and staff were able to tour the building, visit the crafters, and enjoy the great singing of The Punches Family and The Lester Family. Arcadia Valley neighbors (residents) were able to visit all the crafts, attend the concerts and many of them had been working all summer on the crafts that were sold in the "Neighbor's Craft Booth." It was exciting for the neighbors to see how many people bought their crafts.

AV campus in full fall color

Food trucks

Concerts in the chapel

Crafting Fun!

Visitors shopped outside vendor and resident craft booths as well as a rummage sale in the garage. There was also a booth set up for children to make their own fall crafts.

How to Become 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.bhhm.org/resident-application.

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.bhhm.org/media-resources for a form to guide you through the process.

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How can I give?

You can send us a check or money order made payable to **"The Baptist Home."** Please let us know if you want your gift used for a specific purpose by indicating that purpose either in the memo line or in a letter to us. Visit www.bhhm.org/give to give online.

What is the benevolent program?

The Homes provide nearly $2 million each year in financial assistance to residents in licensed long-term care who can no longer pay the full cost of their care. Licensed long term care includes Residential Care and Intermediate Care. Conservative stewardship and planning enable the Baptist homes to provide continuing support for financially-assisted residents. Our benevolent support is a part of an overall effort to assist our residents in attaining all financial support for which they are qualified. Your undesignated gifts help the Homes continue its long heritage of financially supplementing care to residents regardless of their financial situation. In accordance with Baptist Homes policy, there is no distinction between the care and attention provided to private pay residents and to those receiving financial assistance.

Is my donation tax deductible?

All gifts are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to The Baptist Home. The Baptist Home is a 501 (c)3, not-for-profit organization.

How can I learn more about making a donation?

Phone: 866.454.2709
Email: desk@bhhm.org
Web: www.bhhm.org/give

It is through all gifts, both large and small, that we are able to continue our ministry to the aging. Thank you for your ongoing gifts of time, talents, and resources which are so vital to the continued success of this dynamic and authentic ministry.

Honorariums & Memorials

IN HONOR OF:

Eloise Jennings by Glenda Dillon, Farmington
Bill Mayberry by Jim Wills, Bonne Terre
Joyce Mayberry by Jim Wills, Bonne Terre
Barbara Nelson by Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Sharick, Arnold
Jim Wills by Jack and Carol Vickery, Ironton

IN MEMORY OF:

Elizabeth Adams by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Graftenreed, Ironton
Vivian Adams by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Graftenreed, Ironton
Martha Barker by Melissa Taylor, Poplar Bluff; Rocky, Ruth, and Family Schmied, Guthrie, KS
Robert Blick by Dayna Blick-Faulkerson, St. Louis
Jack Brandt by Missouri Baptist Foundation, Jefferson City
Beverly Church by Stan Tippin, Overland Park, KS
Alice Cox by Mrs. Susan Cox, Park Hills
John Cox by Mrs. Susan Cox, Park Hills
Norma Cox by Robert Bryant, Carrollton; Randall White, Hardin
Eunice Grimsley by Mr. Robert Whisenand, Higbee
Frances Halmich by First Baptist Church, Stanton
Ira Ann Hawkins by Mrs. Jane Johnson, Ironton
Charles Hensley by Jim and Glenna Rhodes, St. Louis
Nina Hensley by Jim and Glenna Rhodes, St. Louis
Jackie Huffman by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Graftenreed, Ironton
Arlene Jackson by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Graftenreed, Ironton
Mary Ann Knight by Mrs. Nancy Lindemood, Fort Collins, CO
Bonnie Leek by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Faircloth, Park Hills
John Mackey by Dr. and Mrs. Ron Mackey, Arcadia
Oma Mackey by Dr. and Mrs. Ron Mackey, Arcadia
Danny Murphy by Mrs. Mary Faircloth, Park Hills
Mildred Murphy by Mr. and Mrs. Stan Murphy, Farmington
Frank Nixon by Mrs. Ruby Ward, Owensville
Opel Nixon by Mrs. Ruby Ward, Owensville
Ina Maxine Reitzel by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Chronister, West Plains
Chris Scheihing by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Yount, Fredericktown
Kathryn Scheihing by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Yount, Fredericktown
Robert Schultz by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Faircloth, Park Hills
Margaret Stroder by Jim and Glenna Rhodes, St. Louis
Ann Yount by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Yount, Fredericktown
Mark Yount by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Yount, Fredericktown
Ray Yount by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Yount, Fredericktown

Honorariums and memorials received July 13, 2023 - October 31, 2023.

Happy Anniversary TO OUR RESIDENTS

ADRIAN CAMPUS

MARCH
James** and Wilma (IL)
TOTAL: 1

ASHLAND CAMPUS

MARCH
Gary and Gloria (IL)
TOTAL: 1

ARCADIA VALLEY CAMPUS

JANUARY
*TOTAL: 1**

FEBRUARY
TOTAL: 0

MARCH
Edward and Myrtle
Johney and Mary Ann (IL)
TOTAL: 2

CHILLICOTHE CAMPUS

JANUARY
TOTAL: 0

FEBRUARY
Gary and Louise (IL)
*TOTAL: 2**

MARCH
TOTAL: 0

INDEPENDENCE CAMPUS

NONE

OZARK CAMPUS

JANUARY
TOTAL: 0

FEBRUARY
Richard and Betty (IL)
*TOTAL: 2**

MARCH
Bob and Violet
Phillip and Linda (IL)
*TOTAL: 4**

TRI-COUNTY CAMPUS

NONE

*KEY: (IL) INDEPENDENT LIVING | **NOT A BAPTIST HOMES RESIDENT*
**SOME RESIDENTS HAVE ASKED TO NOT HAVE THEIR NAME LISTED*

Happy Birthday TO OUR RESIDENTS

ADRIAN CAMPUS

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Nancy (IL)	Wilma (IL)	NONE
TOTAL: 1	*TOTAL: 1*	

ARCADIA VALLEY CAMPUS

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Richard	Jeanette	Fern
Myrtle	Betty	Chris
Norma	Deanna (IL)	Ramona
James	*TOTAL: 7**	Vernell
*TOTAL: 5**		William (IL)
		*TOTAL: 7**

ASHLAND CAMPUS

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Mary (IL)	Luther (IL)	Joyce (IL)
Glenda (IL)	Donna (IL)	Henrietta (IL)
TOTAL: 2	Gary (IL)	Marilyn (IL)
	Paul (IL)	*TOTAL: 3*
	TOTAL: 4	

CHILLICOTHE CAMPUS

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Jean (IL)	*TOTAL:0*	Margaret
Rebecca (IL)		Velma (IL)
TOTAL: 2		*TOTAL: 2*

INDEPENDENCE CAMPUS

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Arlene	Irene	Judy
Victor	*TOTAL: 3**	Beverly
Marian		Bruce
Richard		Ruby (RC)
Dianne		*TOTAL: 4*
Linda		
Miriam		
Jean		
TOTAL: 8		

OZARK CAMPUS

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Anna	Mary	Juanita
Tilda	George (IL)	Carl (IL)
David	Joan (IL)	Shirley (IL)
Verla	LeAnn (IL)	
Wanda	Zeldean (IL)	*TOTAL: 6**
Evelyn (IL)	James (IL)	
Sharon (IL)	*TOTAL: 9**	
Patsy (IL)		
*TOTAL: 12**		

TRI-COUNTY CAMPUS

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Sherry	Eddie	Carol
Donna	Linda	Dorothy
Lynne	Melissa	Alice
Katie	*TOTAL: 4**	Lynelle
Shirley		Lorraine
*TOTAL: 7**		*TOTAL: 5*

KEY: (IL) INDEPENDENT LIVING | (RC) RESIDENTIAL CARE
**SOME RESIDENTS HAVE ASKED TO NOT HAVE THEIR NAME LISTED*

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Joyful Noise

Lois doesn't sing alone. Her family has come to surround her with harmony, a gift they all share with the residents at Baptist Homes of Ozark.

Family, melody, unity, song—God has blessed their lives with a richness and depth made of the simplest, sweetest ingredients. Like David lifting his voice in the back fields where no one but sheep could appreciate the extra lilt in the chorus, Lois never misses an opportunity to turn an ordinary background into a heavenly scene of worship echoing like thunder in the heart of the King.

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21 Volunteer Ideas

Becoming a volunteer at one of the resident campuses is simple. Contact the campus pastor at the campus you wish to volunteer. The campus pastor will know the needs of the campus and help you use your time and talents to bless Baptist Homes residents.

1. Become a Prayer Partner
2. Write encouraging letters or cards to residents
3. Share a unique hobby with residents (sewing, crochet, whittling, painting, sculpture, pottery)
4. Hairdresser, Barber, Beard, Ear trimmer
5. Volunteer to shop for residents
6. Assist in shopping trips and walk with them around the store
7. Provide nail care
8. Bingo Caller/Game leader
9. Exercise leader
10. Entertainment - comedy, juggling, clown, ventriloquist
11. Read books or short stories
12. Start a choir
13. Share music
14. Worship Service
15. Lunch/breakfast/Snack buddies- One-on-one opportunity to share life stories or common interests
16. A women's group/A men's group
17. Small-Group leader - share a devotion and prayer
18. Deliver water for residents, spend a little time talking
19. Assist residents in the dining room during mealtimes
20. Share your pet (puppies, kittens)
21. Historian - Share this day in history fact or interesting story