

The Maranatha Village Trumpet



"The Lord Cometh!"

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WINTER BIBLE CONFERENCES & MUSIC CONCERTS 2019

WHAT'S IN THEM FOR ME?



Dr. Terry Price

The annual Bible Conferences held at Maranatha Baptist Church began in 1998. The Conferences start on the second Sunday and go through Wednesday during the months of January, February, and March. Each conference begins with Sunday school at 9:00, morning service at 10:15, and the evening service at 6:00. The services on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday begin at 6:00 p.m., and we welcome the public!

During the winter months, our Sunday morning attendance is often around 400 and remains quite consistent at each Bible Conference service.

Over the years, these conferences have featured many outstanding pastors, teachers, and Christian leaders. The 2019 speaker for January is Dr. Jim Tillotson, President of Faith Baptist Bible College of Ankeny, Iowa, in February the speaker is Dr. David Saxon, professor of Bible and Church History at Maranatha Baptist University in Watertown, Wisconsin. In March, we will host Dr. David Little, former president of Baptist Church Planters of Ohio.

Dr. Tillotson will speak on ***Walking With God: Making an Impact for Eternity***. Dr. Saxon will be inspiring us as we look at ***Lessons from Baptist History***, sharing interesting stories of faithful men who have gone on before us. Dr. Little will be speaking on ***Fake News of Satan***.

These Conferences offer a wonderful learning opportunity of concentrated study of specific Bible topics and emphases and an excellent time of fellowship for members and guests. Over the years, several visitors who came to these conferences have become regular attenders of Maranatha Baptist Church.

Dr. Terry Price



Jan Burgess

Maranatha's musical concert season is going to be one of our best! In January, we will have the Ben Everson Family returning with their beautiful, family harmonies. In February, we will have a new combination of Gary Matthews and his wife, Martha. Gary has been here several times before with his brother, Ron, and we enjoyed their talents with voice and instruments. Gary's wife, Martha, is also a very talented lady, who is a much sought-after Handbell Clinician as well as flutist. They also sing together, blending their voices in serving the Lord.

Our March concert features Steve Giegerich, brand new to Maranatha, and very highly recommended. He is a talented pianist who also works with Campus Bible Fellowship on the Notre Dame campus.

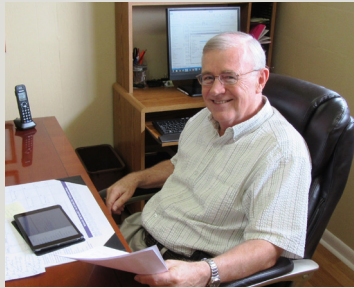
Mrs. Jan Burgess

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Ties That Bind

Dr. Gerald Webber



Jerry

It's perhaps the greatest irony of the information age. Sociologists are confirming what many are already sensing: although technology has made them more "connected" than ever, people are feeling more alone and unknown. The proliferation of iPhones and iPads, emails and texting, Facebook and Twitter has not, in the end, brought folks closer together.

Few are more deeply affected than seniors. Children and grandchildren grow up, broaden out, and often move away. As people retire from gainful employment, ties that had bound them to co-workers, colleagues and customers stretch and break. Inevitably, loved ones and close friends precede them in death. For the believer, the anticipation of a happy reunion in heaven doesn't always fill the void created by these absences. Ironically, with more time and opportunity to develop meaningful relationships, seniors often have fewer people to relate to.

While it may not address every need, life at Maranatha Village gives seniors vital opportunities to connect and create "ties that bind."

Many have recovered, to their surprise and delight, *auld lang sine* (Robbie Burns' Scottish term for "long time ago.") Here at what some consider the "cross-roads of the Baptist world," they have rediscovered old college friends, colleagues, and acquaintances whom they had almost forgotten.

Others have forged new relationships, making fast friends of people not known before. Packer buffs and Vikings fans have even bonded. (Patriots? Maybe not so much). Golf scrambles, table games, eating out, aquatic exercises, work days, eating out, building

projects, handcrafts, eating out, flea markets, music concerts—all serve to establish "ties that cannot be broken." Oh, and did I mention eating out?

Surely a major factor (if not the major factor) in bringing people together is the presence of Maranatha Baptist Church in our midst. Not everyone in the Village attends the church (or is required to do so). But the majority do, and reap the benefits of regularly worshipping, singing, praying, and fellowshiping together.

Those who sing in the choir, serve on committees, share in outreach ministries (child evangelism, jail and prison ministries, nursing home services, etc.), work in the library, or serve in the kitchen are knit together in common causes. The rest are enriched by attending regular services, Bible conferences, musical concerts, daily chapels, and monthly in-home fellowships—not to mention church dinners and breakfasts.

It's great to be in the vanguard, flying in the face of societal trends. The drift toward isolation and individualism in America has robbed the joy of many seniors. Despite having all the tools of communication at hand, many are more alone and lonelier than ever. While life at Maranatha doesn't guarantee rich relationships, the activities and the atmosphere are certainly conducive to them. You can be a "loner" if you wish, but you'll have to work hard to make it happen.

If you're not "feeling it," and you're a Maranatha resident, remember what your mother told you: "A man to have friends must show himself friendly."



The Lord Is My Shepherd!

Dr. Gerry Carlson

The following article was written on November 16, 2018 and posted on Facebook at that time. I appreciate so much the prayers that have been offered on my behalf. Maranatha Village is such a great place to live and benefit from the support of a caring and praying community.

I am so thankful to be home from the hospital after two visits and acquiring six new stents to supply my heart with adequate blood flow. Now I need to gain strength and get back on my feet again.

Before my first visit to the hospital, I had begun to focus on Psalm 23 as I struggled to sleep. And the Lord has used this time for me to meditate on this beloved ***“Psalm for the Living”*** over the past week.

My dear friend, Frank Hamrick, taught me the practice of focusing on God in the study and meditation of the Scriptures. For the last week, I have been immersing myself in meditating over and over on the blessed ministry of our Lord - the Great Shepherd of Psalm 23.

I was able to download a copy of Robert Ketcham's short book, ***“I Shall Not Want”*** via *Kindle*. This little volume has been a helpful guide to explore and digest many of the rich truths in this familiar Psalm.

Today, Connie and I read this thought from Dr. Ketcham that brought such clarity to our thinking and praying. ***“The sheep needs courage, not to fight the lion, but to trust the shepherd. And we may say to you most emphatically that it takes more courage to trust the Shepherd than it does to fight the lion.”*** The

Lord, through the truths of His Word, gives that courage and peace to trust Him.

During times of physical weakness, trusting a great God, who watches over us is such a joy. We can peacefully say that our ***“life is hid with Christ in God.”***

The picture attached was taken this week by Annie Greenwood Waldron of the pond in front of our house here in Maranatha Village. Truly this is a place of ***“still and quiet”*** waters at this time in life's journey for us. ■

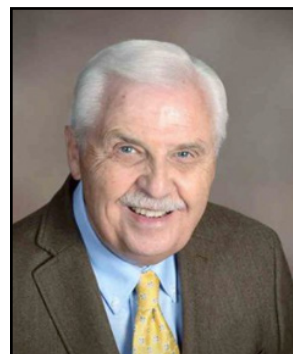


“David's confidence in God's grace”

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie

down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.”

Psalm 23



Gerry Carlson, Director
Marketing & Development

New Village Residents

Max and Louise Lanz



Max & Louise

We are Max and Louise Lanz, new residents at 67 Daniel Road, and this is our testimony:

Max came to know Christ as his Savior on April 8, 1956, through the outreach ministry of the First Baptist

Church of Portland, Michigan. In 1961, he enrolled in Grand Rapids Baptist College where he surrendered to the call of God for missionary service in Brazil. He received his Bachelor of Religious Education degree in 1965, his Master of Divinity degree from Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary in 1968, and his Doctor of Ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary in 1994.

Louise was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and grew up in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania. She accepted the Lord as her Savior in a revival meeting in a little country church when she was nine years old. During her junior year of high school, she surrendered her life to the Lord for Christian service. After graduation from high school, she prepared to serve the Lord through the following educational pursuits: Berean Bible College, Allentown, Pennsylvania; Child Evangelism Fellowship Training Institute, Muskegon, Michigan; Missionary Internship, Farmington, Michigan, and one year at the Grand Rapids Baptist College. She served as co-director for C.E.F. in Wayne and Pike Counties in Pennsylvania.

We met at the Grand Rapids Baptist College and were married on September 10, 1966. After seminary, Max served as pastor of the Manton Baptist Church for 15 months, where he was ordained to the ministry in 1969.

After 28 months on deputation, we arrived in Sao Paulo, Brazil on January 6, 1972. We established a church in Sao Paulo and turned it over to a national pastor in June of 1981. In 1982, we moved 250 miles south to the city of Curitiba, where we started a second church that was organized in 1986. In 1998, we

assumed the leadership of a small congregation near Curitiba. While there, we led the church in three building programs before turning it over to a Brazilian pastor in 2006.

Max served as director of a Bible college in the Amazon region for about three years and was vice-director of the Curitiba Bible College for several years, taught undergraduate courses for 25 years, and also administrated a Master of Ministry Program for Brazilian pastors.

After 37 years of church planting and training national leaders, we transitioned to a stateside ministry in 2009. For several years, we have served as the Northern Representatives of Editorial Bautista Independiente (EBI), promoting the Spanish literature ministry in mission conferences and association meetings. As a staff writer of EBI, Max has written two college-level courses, which are being used to train Hispanic pastors. We retired from Baptist Mid-Missions in 2013, after 45 years of missionary service.

We have three children: Pamela, Kimberly, and Michael. Pamela and her husband, Rui DeOliveira, are realtors in Grand Rapids, Michigan. They have two sons: Richard and Roderick. Kimberly is a teacher at a Christian school in Winter Haven, Florida. Michael, a Navy chaplain, and his wife, Kimberly, have four children: Jonathan, Elisabeth, Gabrielle, and Nicholas.

Over the years, we have made brief visits to Maranatha Village. In 2015, Carl Barton encouraged us to come as winter guests. In 2016, we stayed in 26 Mark Street. In 2017 and 2018, we spent the winter in 6 Ruth Street. In August of 2018, we moved into 67 Daniel Road. In the near future we plan to sell our house in Michigan and live here year round. We have enjoyed the Christian fellowship at Maranatha Village, and we are looking forward to serving the Lord here.



Cook's Korner

Caramel Custard (Flan)

Beat together to blend:

- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 can evaporated milk
- 5 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 or 2 drops of lemon juice

Butter a glass pie plate or 9 inch cake pan.

In a small pan combine $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar and 2 tablespoons water. Boil and stir until the sugar turns to an amber color. Immediately pour into the buttered pan and tilt the pan allowing the amber liquid to coat the bottom and slightly up the sides of the pan.

Place the eggs, milks, and flavorings in a blender.

Blend on high speed for 30 seconds.

Pour into the pan that has been caramelized.

Place pan in another larger pan that contains $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of water.

Bake in preheated oven at 350 degrees for 45 minutes, or until a stainless steel knife comes out clean.

Let cool in pan, then refrigerate for one hour. When the flan is cool, run knife around inside rim of pan to loosen the flan.

Cut the flan into serving pieces, then invert onto a flat plate allowing the caramel to drip over the custard (flan.)

It is now ready to serve.

Silvia Gonzalez

Cranberry Cheesecake Fluff

- 12 ounce package fresh cranberries
- 1 1/2 cups sugar, divided
- 8 ounce can crushed pineapple, undrained
- 1/2 cup walnuts
- 2 cups mini marshmallows
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream



In a food processor or blender, combine cranberries, 1 cup sugar, crushed pineapple, and walnuts. Pulse until coarsely chopped without becoming mushy. Cover and refrigerate for an hour to let the flavors blend.

In a medium bowl add the cream cheese, 1/2 cup sugar, and beat until smooth. Add the heavy whipping cream, and continue to beat with the cream cheese until stiff peaks form. Fold the cranberries and marshmallows into the salad. Cover and refrigerate for at least 3-4 hours or overnight.

Marie Moore



New Village Residents

Lynn and Annie Waldron



Annie & Lynn

I, Lynn, was saved at the age of five in my grandmother's Sunday school class at Grace Baptist Church in Batavia, New York. I can still see in my mind the classroom where someone took me aside

to show me how I could be saved and have eternal life through Jesus' work on the cross. I was baptized on Easter Sunday night, 1963, at the age of 10. My father, unfortunately, was not there because of his death, just six weeks before, in March.

As a single mom, my mother was very influential in my upbringing. She really cared about all aspects of my life: spiritual and social. Annie and I met in the same church when I was home for a weekend visit from Practical Bible Training School. We were married in August of 1974. The Lord has blessed us with four daughters, one, who is in Heaven. She was our first child and lived only two days due to her pre-mature delivery. We have four grandchildren also waiting for us in Heaven. Our other daughters live in New York State. We have five wonderful grandchildren.

I retired in 2013 after working with handicapped children and adults for over 30 years. Several visits to Maranatha Village during my working years convinced me that Maranatha was the place to retire. We love it here and want to enjoy, worship, and serve our Lord as best we can. (Philippians 1:6)

I, Annie, am thankful for my mom and dad, who loved the Lord and had me attend church services whenever the doors were opened. I was saved at the age of seven during evangelistic meetings with Rev. Don Winters, held at West Genesee Hills Baptist Church in Camillus, New York. I saw that I was a sinner and needed to repent of my sins and ask Jesus into my heart. I believed that Jesus died for my sins and would forgive me and make me His child. After one of the services, my Sunday school teacher, Mrs. Jackie Bishop, used these verses - Romans 3:23, 6:23, Acts 4:12, 1 John 1:9, and 1 John 5:13 to show me the plan of salvation and provide assurance for me. I was baptized a few weeks later. Rev. James Switzer started the church my family attended. It began with Bible studies in my parents' home when I was just a toddler.

Lynn and I met when he was home one weekend from Bible school. I attended one year at Practical Bible Training School myself and received my Mrs. Degree! I worked as a cook for 25 years at the New York State School for the Blind in Batavia and also worked five years as a Certified Nurse Assistant at The Genesee County Nursing Home in Batavia. Serving the Lord as a Sunday school teacher, church organist, and pianist has been a joy over the years. I loved Awana Club and helped in it when our girls were younger.

We are thankful that the Lord led us to Maranatha Village in our senior years. Our experience here has been nothing but positive. We look forward to serving in any way we can until Jesus comes or He takes us Home. Keep looking up... Jesus is coming soon!

THIS DAY IN HISTORY — March 02

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"If you think Daylight Saving Time is a good idea, thank New Zealand scientist George Vernon Hudson and British builder William Willett.

In 1905, independently from Hudson, British builder William Willett suggested setting the clocks ahead 20 minutes on each of the 4 Sundays in April, and switching them back by the same amount on each of the 4 Sundays in September, a total of 8 time switches per year.

Many sources also credit Benjamin Franklin with being the first to suggest seasonal time change. However, the idea voiced by the American inventor and politician in 1784 can

hardly be described as fundamental for the development of modern *DST*. After all, it did not even involve turning the clocks. In a letter to the editor of the *Journal of Paris*, which was entitled "*An Economical Project for Diminishing the Cost of Light*," Franklin simply suggested that Parisians could economize candle usage by getting people out of bed earlier in the morning. What's more: Franklin meant it as a joke.

Daylight Saving Time is now used in over 70 countries worldwide and affects over 1 billion people every year. The beginning and end dates vary from one country to another."

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Special Days in January, February, and March 2019

THIS DAY IN HISTORY — JANUARY 01

“In 45 B.C., New Year’s Day was celebrated on January 1 for the first time in history as the Julian calendar takes effect. Soon after becoming Roman dictator, Julius Caesar decided that the traditional Roman calendar was in dire need of reform. Introduced around the seventh century B.C., the Roman calendar attempted to follow the lunar cycle, but frequently fell out of phase with the seasons and had to be corrected. In addition, the pontifices, the Roman body charged with overseeing the calendar, often abused its authority by adding days to extend political terms or interfere with elections.

In designing his new calendar, Caesar enlisted the aid of Sosigenes, an Alexandrian astronomer, who advised him to do away with the lunar cycle entirely and follow the solar year, as did the Egyptians. The year was calculated to be 365 and 1/4 days, and Caesar added 67 days to 45 B.C., making 46 B.C. begin on January 1, rather than in March. He also decreed that every four years a day be added to February, thus theoretically keeping his calendar from falling out of step. Shortly before his assassination in 44 B.C., he changed

the name of the month Quintilis to Julius (July) after himself. Later, the month of Sextilis was renamed Augustus (August) after his successor.

Celebration of New Year’s Day in January fell out of practice during the Middle Ages, and even those who strictly adhered to the Julian calendar did not observe the New Year exactly on January 1. The reason for the latter was that Caesar and Sosigenes failed to calculate the correct value for the solar year as 365.242199 days, not 365.25 days. Thus, an 11-minute-a-year error added seven days by the year 1000, and 10 days by the mid-15th century.

The Roman church became aware of this problem, and in the 1570s Pope Gregory XIII commissioned Jesuit astronomer Christopher Clavius to come up with a new calendar. In 1582, the Gregorian calendar was implemented, omitting 10 days for that year and establishing the new rule that only one of every four centennial years should be a leap year. Since then, people around the world have gathered en masse on January 1 to celebrate the precise arrival of the New Year.”

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY — FEBRUARY 14

“Receiving a bouquet of roses on Valentine’s Day sends a certain message. The color rose you receive says something, too. Red roses signifies passionate love, which may be why most of the roses sold for Valentine’s Day are red. In fact, 43 percent of all fresh cut flowers purchased as Valentine’s Day gifts are red roses. Another 29 percent of the roses that consumers purchase on this holiday are colors other than red. Although women generally expect to receive red roses on this special day, purple roses say, *‘I will always love you.’*”

Number of Roses

Valentine’s Day ranks just below Christmas and Mother’s Day in holiday floral sales. The National Retail Federation estimates that consumers will spend \$1.7 billion dollars in 2011 on flowers as gifts for Valentine’s Day. Although Valentine’s Day increases the demand for long-stemmed roses, thereby increasing the price, you might want to give someone a number other than the traditional dozen. Receiving a single stem rose implies that *you are the only one*. Three roses stand for *‘I love you.’* Eleven stems express the thought *‘I am the missing stem to make the dozen perfect.’* Three-dozen long-stemmed roses mean *‘My heart belongs to you’*.”

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY — MARCH 02

When was Daylight Saving Time First Used?

“While Germany and Austria were the first countries to use DST in 1916, it is a little-known fact that a few hundred Canadians beat the German Empire by 8 years. On July 1, 1908, the residents of Port Arthur, Ontario, today’s Thunder Bay, turned their clocks forward by 1 hour to start the world’s first DST period.

However, the idea did not catch on globally until Germany introduced DST in 1916. Clocks in the German

Empire, and its ally Austria, were turned ahead by 1 hour on April 30, 1916—2 years into World War I. The rationale was to minimize the use of artificial lighting to save fuel for the war effort.

Within a few weeks, the United Kingdom, France, and many other countries followed the idea. Most of them reverted to standard time after World War I, and it wasn’t until the next World War that DST made its return in most of Europe.”

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Dr. Jim Tillotson

January 13-16, 2019 Faith Baptist Bible College & Seminary

“Dr. Jim Tillotson became the president of Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary in Ankeny, Iowa, in June of 2015. He previously served for eighteen years as the senior pastor of Meadowlands Baptist Church in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. During that time, he led the congregation in planting three other churches and salvaging another. He also helped to start a Christian

school and a small Bible institute.

Jim holds the Bachelor of Arts (1990) and the Master of Ministry (2002) degrees from Northland Baptist Bible College. In 2016, Bob Jones University conferred on him the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. He serves on the U.S. and Canadian councils of Baptist Mid-Missions and on the board of Grand View Camp in Eagar, Arizona.

Jim has a passion for evangelism, church planting, and preparing leaders to serve the Lord.

He and his wife, Joan, have three children: Anne lives in Canada; Tim is a graduate of Faith and is married to Kellie; and Beth is a current student at Faith.”

The Benjamin Everson Family January 25, 2019

“Benjamin (Ben) Everson is a musical evangelist, and is a gifted communicator through music. He specializes in a cappella overdubbing he calls “vocal orchestration.” and has written over 100 songs.

As a vocal coach, Ben possesses both experience and knowledge. He has performed over 6,000 times, spanning nearly three decades and has recorded 20 albums. Ben was trained in the “bel canto” tradition by the late Gwendolyn Pike of Midland, Michigan.

After a vocal injury from GERD in 2015, he rebuilt his voice, using techniques from the McClosky Institute of Voice and with coaching from Dr. Shellie Beeman.



Ben has preached hundreds of campaigns throughout the United States and in other countries. His preaching has been described as genuine, down-to-earth, and biblical. He was called to preach in 1993 and ordained at his home church of Calvary Baptist Church of Midland, Michigan in 2004.”



Dr. David Saxon

February 10-13, 2019 Maranatha Baptist University

“Dr. David Saxon serves as a professor, teaching math, Bible, and church history. He has served, at various times, as an interim pastor, deacon, Sunday school teacher, SS Supervisor, and presently supplies

the pulpit in area churches 12 to 15 Sundays a year. He also has published several papers in addition to lectures, presentations, and consultations. He has a PhD and M.A. in Church History, and a B.S. in Mathematics. He has taught at Greenville Technical College, Bob Jones, and Clemson Universities. He and his wife, Jamie, have four children who are either in college or are serving the Lord in other areas.”

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Maranatha Village

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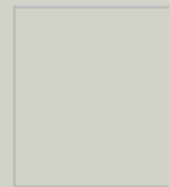
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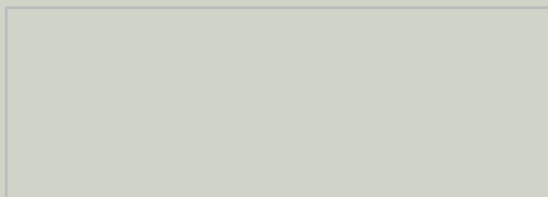
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*“Believe on the
Lord Jesus Christ
and you will be saved.”*



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Gary and Martha

February 22, 2019 Music Concert

“Dr. Gary and Martha Matthews are both committed to use their God-given gifts for His glory and to lead everyone they serve in worship.

Gary holds music degrees in Organ, Music Education, and Sacred Music as well as a Doctorate degree in Worship Studies.

Ordained, Gary has a heart for shepherding God’s people through his music and worship leading. He is the Pastor of Worship and the Arts at Christ Memorial Church in Holland, Michigan. Martha holds a Masters in Flute Performance and is a sought-after Handbell Clinician. Together, their concerts provide a diversity of music using the piano and organ, trumpet, voices, flute, and hand bells. They have five grown children.”

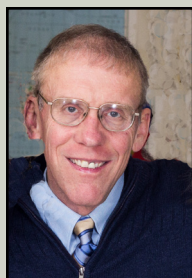
March 10-13, 2019 Baptist Church Planters

Dr. David Little served for twenty-eight years in the pastorate. Then in 1997, he became President of Baptist Church Planters of Grafton, Ohio. BCP serves missionaries planting Baptist churches in North America. He served this organization and missionaries for seventeen years. Following this ministry, he served as Associate Pastor of Administration and Vision at First Baptist Church of Elyria, Ohio. In 2016,

he retired from full time ministry and now privudes pulpit supply, Sports-men evangelistic events, and Vision Casting for churches requesting these services. He has served on the Empire State Fellowship of Regular Baptist Churches Council, the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches Council, and on the Boards of Central Baptist Theological Seminary and Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary.



Dr. David Little



Steve Giegerich

March 29, 2019 Music Concert

Stephen Giegerich taught piano and performed a faculty recital at Baptist Bible College while going through seminary. He also ministered in music at local churches while he and his

wife, Charlene, were on deputation. They are missionaries with Baptist Mid-Missions ministering as part of Campus Bible Fellowship International in South Bend, Indiana. Their ministry reaches the campuses of Notre Dame and Indiana University at South Bend. In addition, he currently teaches several Chinese children piano, and conducts music ministries in local churches, and uses music as a tool to reach Chinese people.