

The Maranatha Village Trumpet



"The Lord Cometh!"

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I M P R E S S I O N S



Jacaranda Impressions

Second impressions can and usually do play a vital part in our thinking and in our daily activities. According to what those impressions are, they can be an excellent stimulant for an enjoyable day's work. This issue of the *Trumpet* is demonstrating this very thing. An example of this "second-impression effect" is provided by the row of Jacaranda trees just inside the fence along Gideon Road. What started out as 36 seedlings that one could hold in his or her hand grew and thrived in Selma Barton's back yard for about three years and now find themselves gracing the fence line along Gideon Road. To show the height of the trees when they were first planted, pictures of residents were taken next to the trees. To show how much the trees have grown, a new set of pictures was taken

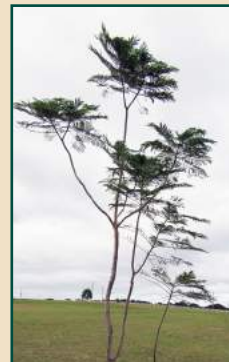
with some of the same residents standing next to "their" tree.



Fifteen Feet Tall

During the second photo-shoot, I had second impressions concerning these trees, so I decided to measure their heights. I was pleasantly surprised at the amount they had grown. The

tallest one had grown from a pencil-size to a height of 15 feet. The heights ran from 6.5 feet to 15. As these trees mature to the flowering stage, they certainly will make an arresting impression for those who travel Arbuckle Creek Road past Maranatha Village.



Twelve Feet Tall

What kind of tree is the Jacaranda? "It is a genus of 49 species of flowering plants native to tropical and subtropical regions of Latin America and the Caribbean. It has been planted widely in Asia especially in Nepal. A cosmopolitan plant, the Jacaranda is quite common in southern California, **Florida**, Mexico, Brazil, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Australia, New Zealand, Italy, Portugal, Spain, and Zambia and has been introduced to most tropical and subtropical regions to the extent that it has entered the popular culture."

([creativecommons.org/ Wikipedia.org](https://creativecommons.org/wiki/Wikipedia.org))

It is described as follows: "The species are shrubs to large trees ranging in size from 20 to 30 m (66 to 98 ft) tall. During the dry season, the leafy branches are burned as a way

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The Administrator's Perspective!

Who Me ... Retired?

Dr. Gerald Webber



Jerry

How do you see retirement?

Someone said, "Retirement is waking up in the morning with nothing to do, and by bedtime having done only half of it." Another quipped, "The trouble with retire-

ment is that you never get a day off." Maybe you've seen the T-shirt that declares, "I don't want to—I don't have to—you can't make me—I'm RETIRED!"

To some, retirement is almost a dirty word. They say there's no such thing in the economy of God, *especially* if you're "in ministry." (They've forgotten the OT Levites who faced forced retirement at age 50). For them, if you've been a pastor, a missionary, or the like, apparently the only honorable approach is to die with your boots on. The problem is that few who live by that philosophy manage to do it successfully. We've all seen examples of preachers whose ministries died before they did.

Let's acknowledge that there is no retirement from the service of God. But does that service need to take the same shape as the occupation through which we've earned our daily bread? Must a pastor keep pastoring; an accountant, accounting, a teacher, teaching until carried out feet first? I don't think so.

In fact, retirement from one's life work may be the start of something really good. No matter how much you love what you're doing, the workaday world

imposes heavy (albeit legitimate) claims upon your time. Rising at the required hour, donning the appropriate apparel, getting to the designated workplace, meeting others' expectations—you get the picture. Working for a living burns a lot of time.

Not that retirement necessarily breeds idleness. How many times have you heard a retiree say, "I don't know how I ever found time to work"? But the big difference is, now your use of time is discretionary. For some, it's the first time in their lives they could *choose* how to spend their hours and days.

And therein lies the secret: choosing the right things to do, devoting the right amount of time to doing them, and doing them for the right reasons. The choices are almost limitless: praying, reading, pursuing hobbies, completing honey-do lists, walking, gardening, home-improvement projects, helping neighbors, tutoring students, doing child evangelism classes, Bible studies, preaching in the jails and prisons, visiting in hospitals and nursing homes. And if there is time left over, taking naps!

I'm for retirement. That may sound strange coming from someone who's retired twice and failed both times. One of these days I may try again. Meanwhile, I find a lot of satisfaction in serving and living with a group of people who, for the most part, have made peace with the idea of retirement, and even found a measure of joy and satisfaction therein. God grant that Maranatha Village will always be a happy home for contented and fruitful retirees!

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to repel biting insects. The bark has been used as a laxative and to treat dysentery and syphilis. The leaves have been used to treat leishmaniasis, fevers, yaws and ringworm. The Guyana Patamona use the juice of young leaves to treat persistent sores. The native people in Kurupukari, Guyana also use parts of the tree for treating ulcers and sores.” (creativecommons.org/ Wikipedia.org)

“If you allow the leaf and flower litter to decompose at the Jacaranda tree’s base, there’s no need for fertilizer. The Jacaranda is a flowering tree, native to the jungles of Brazil. Prized for its ornamental value, the Jacaranda grows well anywhere with a subtropical climate that provides the high heat and periodic drought that the Jacaranda needs to thrive. If its cli-

matic conditions are met, the Jacaranda grows well anywhere. It thrives in any type of well-drained soil, even in nutritionally poor areas. The ample flower and leaf litter from the tree itself provides all the fertilizer the Jacaranda needs to grow. However, an extra dose of fertilizer added between May and July will increase the tree’s growth rate and flowering ability.”

(homeguides.sfgate.com)

It has been a few years now since Wes Halstead (former manager) approved this project to beautify Maranatha Village with a line of Jacaranda trees. These plantings will enhance our Village for generations to come and bring enjoyment to all because of their beauty. Impressions! These trees made an interesting second impression!

The Jacaranda Pictorial

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Maranatha Bible & Concert Events



January 12 - 15, 2020 Practical Theology “Remember the Basics”

Dr. Paul Fosmark is a graduate of Pillsbury Baptist Bible College and Central Theological Seminary. He also received a DD from Maranatha Baptist Bible College. He has pastored three New Brunswick, Canada churches for over 33 years and is currently planting a new church in Steeves Settlement, NB, Canada. He and his wife Gail have 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

March 8 - 11, 2020 Heroes of Fatih Hebrews 11

James Maxwell has served the Lord fulltime since 1965. The son of a Baptist minister, his youth was spent in Iowa, Minnesota, and Alberta, Canada as his father prepared for the ministry.



Dr. James Maxwell

His own ministry preparation took him to Pillsbury Baptist Bible College, Faith Baptist Bible College, Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, and Baptist Bible Seminary. He has served five churches in the Midwest and was the State Representative for the Wisconsin Association of Regular Baptist Churches and the President of Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary. God has blessed him with the opportunity of preaching and teaching in Europe, Asia, South America, and the islands.

In Bible college, he met Leslie, the love of his life, and they were married following graduation. God has blessed them with four children and twelve grandchildren.

Upon retirement, the Maxwells moved to Naples, Florida, where they serve in various roles at Berean Baptist Church. The Council of Ten for the Sunshine Baptist Fellowship has asked James to serve as Field Representative, and in the last year, he has visited almost all of the churches in the Fellowship.

February 9 - 12, 2020 Attributes & Promises of God in the Psalms



“Dr. Les Ollila received a B.A. and an L.L.D. honorary degree from Bob Jones University and a D.D. honorary degree from FaithWay Baptist College of Michigan. After pastoring in South Carolina, he served 10 years as associate pastor and director of youth ministries at Calvary Baptist Church of Roseville, Michigan. For five years Les and Charlene ministered with Life Action Revival Ministries. Besides directing Leadership Ministries, he has authored and co-authored several books. He is a nationally recognized seminar and conference speaker in the areas of leadership training, Christian educators’ conferences, family-centered church meetings, summer camps, and Christian school ministries. He served as president of Northland Baptist Bible College from 1984 - 2002 and Chancellor of Northland from 2003 - 2013. He is now serving as the director of Building Great Leaders, a ministry emphasizing servant leadership to pastors, churches, colleges and other Christian ministries both in the U.S. and overseas.”

Dr. Les Ollila



Jason & Sherri

January 24, 2020 Sherri & Jason Nicholson Vocal & Piano

Sherri Nicholson completed her Bachelor’s degree in Music with an emphasis in piano performance from Pillsbury Baptist Bible College. She earned a Masters of Arts from Bob Jones University in Piano Pedagogy.

Her experience includes teaching at Musical Impressions, Northwestern Music Academy, and operating her own studio Discovery Piano Studio as a Nationally Certified Teacher.

Jason Nicholson completed his Bachelor’s degree in Music Education with an emphasis in voice perfor-

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Cook's Korner

Decadent Triple Layer Mud Pie

- 1/4 cup sweetened condensed milk
- 2 (1 ounce) squares semi-sweet baking chocolate, melted
- 1 (6 ounce) READY CRUST Chocolate Pie Crust
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans, toasted
- 2 cups cold milk
- 2 (4 serving size) packages JELL-O Chocolate Flavor Instant Pudding & Pie Filling
- 1 (8 ounce) tub COOL WHIP Whipped Topping, thawed, divided



Decadent Triple Layer Mud Pie

1. Combine sweetened condensed milk and chocolate in medium bowl, stir until smooth. Pour into crust. Press nuts evenly onto chocolate mixture in crust. Refrigerate 10 minutes.
 2. Pour milk into large bowl. Add pudding mixes. Beat with wire whisk 2 minutes or until smooth. (Mixture will be thick.) Spread 1 1/2 cups pudding over chocolate mixture in crust. Immediately stir half of the whipped topping into remaining pudding. Spread over pudding in crust. Top with remaining whipped topping.
 3. Refrigerate 3 hours or until set. Garnish as desired. Refrigerate leftovers.
- Makes 8 servings.

Submitted by Bob Luttrell

Cocoa Crispie Balls

(Peanut Butter Balls)

- 1 cup confectioners sugar
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 2 cups Cocoa Krispies (or Rice Krispies) cereal



Put sugar, corn syrup and peanut butter in large bowl and mix well.
Add cereal and mix to coat it.
Shape into balls.
Roll balls in sifted confectioners sugar or coconut, or slightly crushed extra cereal.
Put on cookie sheet and refrigerate.

Submitted by Barbara Eaton

Cashew Brittle



- 1 cup cashews
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 Tablespoon corn yrup

Combine, bring to a boil for 5 to 6 minutes
Stir constantly.
Pour onto a buttered foil pan.
Cool.
Break into pieces.

Submitted by Sharon VanNatter



New Village Residents

Lucio & Muriel Casas



Muriel & Lucio

God is so faithful! Bethel Baptist, Erie, Pennsylvania, had Sunday school teachers who taught so well the truths of God's Word. I, Muriel, at age seven realized fully my sin, repented, and trusted Christ as my Savior.

Several times throughout childhood and into my young adult years, God spoke to my heart about being a missionary someday, if that would be His plan.

After high school graduation in Fairview, Pennsylvania, I was an elementary education and library science major at Edinboro State College. Upon graduation in 1965, I had the privilege of teaching and being elementary librarian in the Girard, Pennsylvania, school district.

During high school, college, and my teaching days, I was blessed to participate in the beginnings of Baptist church plants in Girard and Fairview, Pennsylvania. At a special service of the Baptist Church of Fairview, I committed my life to missionary service and to begin preparing for that.

ABWE (Association of Baptists for World Evangelism), advised me to take one year of Bible and theology courses at Baptist Bible Seminary, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. These courses would perhaps be sufficient if my main responsibilities would be teaching missionaries' children and helping with Baptist church planting.

While studying at Baptist Bible College, I continued on the ABWE application processes. An invitation to attend ABWE candidate classes arrived the day after I returned home to Fairview from Clarks Summit! Fran Weddle came to our candidate classes while I was at BBC (Baptist Bible College) to present the work of ABWE at Iquitos, Peru. She talked personally with me concerning the need for a teacher at Emmanuel Baptist Academy, the school for MKs. In September 1969, I received the blessing of being accepted by ABWE to serve in that ministry.

After God provided my support needs, I left the U.S. for language study in Guadalajara, Mexico. I finally arrived in Peru in March of 1972.

I was honored to teach MK's, to have Fran Weddle

as mentor and "big sister," and also to serve in national Baptist churches of Iquitos.

In January, 1977, I had the blessing of beginning ministries in Santiago, Chile, continuing until retirement from active service in 2009.

Seeing our MK's in Peru and Chile become second generation missionaries has been one of the greatest blessings of my career. These children are now adult missionaries with ABWE: Lynn Porter, Andy Patton, John Patton, Terri, Jennifer, and Stephanie Christian.

In October 2008, Lucio Casas arrived in Santiago, Chile, from Lima, Peru, to visit his sister and brother-in-law. Since Lucio had retired, he was free to accept the invitation to stay as long as he wished. One day in November 2008, he found our church, Iglesia Bautista Victoria en Cristo, and began attending regularly. He had been saved in 1990 and was searching for a good evangelical church. Through church services and activities, Lucio and I became friends.

After I left Chile to retire from active service with ABWE, Lucio prayed about being granted a visa so he could visit my mother, me, and others in the James-town, New York, area. He did arrive on a very snowy day in February of 2010. On April 1, Lucio requested the approval of my mother to marry me. In July, he was introduced to the ABWE Board at my final retirement interview.

My brother, David Waite, preformed our wedding service, at his church in Fair Haven, New York. David and Rachel did much to prepare and participate in the ceremony and reception just weeks before traveling here to live and work at Maranatha Village.

Since our arrival at 9 Matthew on Sept. 6, Lucio and I have been very blessed by all the fellowship and care of our brothers and sisters in Christ. We give thanks to God for the ministries of Maranatha Baptist Church and of Maranatha Village.

We are looking to God's leading for our own ministries of helps. It has been a privilege to accompany Leon Moody two times thus far for services at Lake Placid Care Center.

Thank you, everyone, for your welcome and kindnesses to us. Even though we sometimes miss our church and home area, we do feel at home here, too.

New Village Resident

Brian Hull



Brian

I was born in Meadville, Pennsylvania in 1956, the oldest of three boys. I was blessed to have been raised in a good Christian home and attended church from the beginning of my life. When I was six years old, my family moved to Las Vegas, New

Mexico, for a year so that my father could get his Master's degree. We then moved to Jamestown, New York, where I lived for the next 18 years.

I graduated from high school in 1974 and from Cedarville College with a B.S. in Physical Education. I later finished my education, with a Master's degree in health and physical education from Cortland State University in New York in 1990.

It was at Cedarville, in my senior year, that I accepted Jesus Christ to be my Lord and Savior. I met my wife at Cedarville, and we were married in August of 1980. The Lord gave us 30 wonderful years together and

then in November 2010, He called her home to be with Him. She died of breast cancer.

I started my teaching career in 1980, teaching P.E. in West Carrollton, Ohio, for one year. I then spent the next three years teaching at Baptist Park Christian School in Taylor, Michigan. The next 35 years I taught elementary P.E., grades K-3, in Whitney Point, New York. I retired from teaching in June of 2019.

My parents (Russell and Roberta Hull) have been residents of the Village for about 28 years, and I would come down to visit them every year, so I knew many years ago that, when I retired, I wanted to come here to live.

I love the outdoors, and my hobbies include golf, cross-country skiing, and snow shoeing. (I probably won't get much snow shoeing or skiing down here!) It's a great joy to be in a Christian village with others who love the Lord and want to live for Him. I look forward to meeting people and living here.

The Jacaranda Pictorial



Marie Moore



Dale Moore



Julie White



Evelyn Metzler



Ed Oglesby



Mary Pyle



Mina Oglesby



Bruce Hendsbee

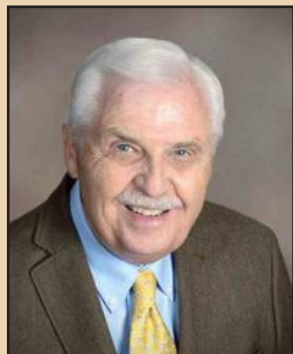


Betty Hendsbee

The Jacaranda tree can range from 66 to 98 feet tall.



□ How Many Empty Villas? □



Gerry

I am often asked, “How many empty villas are there right now at Maranatha Village?” My usual answer is that I am not sure – at the moment. It is hard to keep up with the changes that occur because individual occupancy of villas is very fluid. I have been in this position for less than four years

and have seen well over 50 villas change residents during my time. That is more than one a month. Folks move in, and others move to heaven. The persistent flux makes life interesting and challenging.

The question about empty villas seems to stem from a worry that “unsold” villas are a threat or problem. My view is: not necessarily so. The unoccupied villas provide a unique opportunity for visitors to experience life at Maranatha Village. In fact, what would we do without open villas for winter guests? This winter we will be near capacity for much of the season, and open villas provide welcoming space for new acquaintances to see life up-close in our community. Many new residents first came for a visit and then decided to stay.

Recently I gave a report to the Village Board that included an analysis of those who contact me for information about Maranatha Village, or visit us as guests. I said in my experience thus far I find that folks fall into three categories:

1. *Those seeking God’s will for their lives during their retirement years.*
2. *Those seeking to escape the cold winters and enjoy Christian fellowship.*

3. *Those seeking a less expensive place to live in a safe environment.*

All three motivations can be understandable, legitimate, and compatible with the ministry goals of Maranatha Village. But God does not lead everyone to live here. Also, not all guests or inquirers fit the doctrinal and positional ethos of our village. We are a noticeably unique place, and some folks do not embrace our theological convictions or cultural commitments. ***We are conservative, Baptist, dispensational, and traditional in our expression of evangelical Christianity.*** We are distinctive on purpose!

Still, our brand of faith and practice is attractive to a discerning group of folks. They find that we are what they are looking for in a place to call home. Maranatha Village is a vital place; with activity and opportunities for service, friendship, and fellowship, a place of safety and spiritual encouragement, with a heavenward purpose.

I have discovered that people who eventually become residents of our village arrive here after a long, or deliberate, spiritually-motivated journey.

That should not be surprising. God is at work in their lives, and God is at work in the “ministry life” of Maranatha Village. As our business manager, Jerry Johnson, said recently in a Village Board meeting: “Maranatha Village is a special jewel in the purpose of God.” We who live here are blessed to be a part of His purpose and plan.

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

Maranatha Musical Concerts □ 2020



February 21, 2020 Mr. Burt Kettinger Bass & Baritone

Burt Kettinger's rich bass/baritone voice has been a source of much comfort and encouragement for many years. Having grown up at the piano, his keyboard stylings add to the versatility and beauty of his concerts. Burt has a Master's Degree in vocal performance and is also an ordained minister. Burt's main goal is that Jesus Christ be glorified.

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Sherri & Jason Nicholson (continued from page four)
mance from Faith Baptist Bible College. He earned a Masters of Arts in Church Music from Bob Jones University. His experience includes teaching at South Union Elementary School in Des Moines, Iowa and serving as an assistant pastor at Lighthouse Baptist Church in Cottage Grove, Minnesota.



March 20, 2020 Peter Wright & Family Vocal, Piano, Trumpet, Violin

Peter Wright is the director of communications at Maranatha Baptist University and conducts the university Chorale. He was an assistant pastor in youth and music at Faith Baptist Church in Danville Illinois for 21 years before coming to Maranatha. He currently leads the youth ministry at Fellowship Baptist church in Watertown, Wisconsin, where he also serves as a deacon.

The Wright family, Peter, Debbie, Alyssa (22), Joshua (18), and Sarah (16), enjoys ministering together for the glory of the Lord. Their presentation is filled with a variety of musical performances including vocal, piano, trumpet and violin.