

The Maranatha Village Trumpet



"The Lord Cometh!"

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January 2021 Bible Conference Dr. Patrick Odle



Dr. Patrick Odle

as Baptist Mid-Missions' ninth president. He succeeded president Vernon Rosenau this summer following Dr. Rosenau's retirement.

Exceptional Qualifications

Patrick Odle rose to the top of our search committee's list because his qualifications displayed a breadth not normally seen in a single candidate. He not only has 26 years of pastoral experience but also has ministry administration experience and extensive connections to BMM through his pastorates and his eight years on our governing board.

As a teenager wrestling with God's direction for his life, Odle heard the late BMM missionary Harold Dark say, "You will never be happy unless you're totally surrendered to the will of God." Odle surrendered completely, willing to be a mission-

ary, pastor, or whatever the Lord wanted for him.

Passion for Missions

God confirmed his call to the pastorate, but Odle's passion for missions never lessened. He has visited six mission fields, five of which were in ministry with BMM missionaries. He has a deep heart for youth and is burdened that the hearts of a new generation be captured for world missions through preaching, teaching, and the example of those already passionate for missions.

Odle graduated from Faith Baptist Bible College & Theological Seminary (FBBC & TS) with a bachelor's degree (1992) and a master's degree (1998, cum laude), both in pastoral studies. His enthusiasm for missions was stoked by Professor Earl Dannenberg, who served with BMM in Africa, and by BMM Council member and pastor Norm Hoag, with whom Odle served as assistant pastor at Ankeny Baptist Church in Ankeny, Iowa (1991–1999).

The Man of God's Choice

He served as senior pastor of Holmes Baptist Church in Clari-

on, Iowa (1999–2008) before his appointment as FBBC&TS's Vice President of Enrollment and Student Life (2008–2011). There he learned valuable administrative skills and gained experience in donor relations and budget management. He has served as senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Elyria, Ohio, since 2011 and as a BMM Council member since 2012. He and his wife, Ruth, have been married since 1990. They have four adult children, two sons-in-law, and a granddaughter.

The selection of Patrick Odle connects profoundly with our 100th anniversary and with our vision for the future. Baptist Mid-Missions was founded in 1920 at First Baptist Church of Elyria, which has hosted BMM's annual missionary Family Conference since 2008. Dr. Jason Ormiston, chairman of BMM's presidential search committee remarked, "In this whole process, God has manifested clearly His will to the presidential search committee and to the Odles. Should Jesus Christ tarry in His return, we believe that by God's grace He has identified on our behalf the man of His choice to lead BMM into the next century of ministry."

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~ Covid Comes To Maranatha ~

Dr. Jerry Webber



Jerry

In this column of the July Trumpet, I wrote (prematurely, it seems) regarding the Covid19 epidemic: "From where I sit today, it seems we are past the peak of the crisis, where we can begin to see silver linings

back of those dark clouds." How wrong can one be?

Shifting metaphors, it now appears that the proverbial "light at the end of the tunnel" was the headlamp of an oncoming locomotive headed our way!

It all began at the headwaters of a year few of us will be able to forget. Late in January, we heard about a virus that had sorely impacted the population of Wuhan, China, and had the potential of spreading worldwide. Antennae went up when the virus penetrated our West Coast, infiltrating a nursing home near Seattle, killing 23 residents and staff.

On Wednesday, March 11, the WHO declared the spread of the Covid19 virus to be a pandemic ("an epidemic crossing international boundaries and usually affecting a large number of people"). Two days later, President Trump declared it a national emergency. On March 16, we were asked to observe "15 days to slow the spread." Well-meaning advisors counseled us to wear a facemask in public, wash hands frequently, and observe social distancing. On April 2, seeing the virus was still spreading too rapidly, the "15 days" was extended by 30 days. Eateries were shuttered; hair salons and so-called "nonessential businesses" were closed; schools shut down; toilet paper vanished from the shelves, and public gatherings (including church services) came to a halt.

Here in Sebring, the Village and church leadership cooperated with officialdom, and for the sake of our people, canceled church and social gatherings, while urging residents to observe recommended practices. For several months, we rejoiced in the fact that not one resident had yet been infected by this virulent strain. This fall, that picture changed slightly with several isolated incidents of coronavirus. Observing social distancing and wearing of masks while entering and exiting, church services had resumed. We were virtually untouched. Then came December.

As I write this column (12/10/2020), I have a list in front of me of 93 current Village residents who have tested positive for the virus (including yours truly.) If my information is correct, all but three of these diagnoses have come in the past week or ten days. Fortunately, most (though not all) of these are relatively light cases not requiring hospitalization beyond the ER. The reason for the sudden influx remains a mystery, but we are admittedly a vulnerable population of seniors.

In response, we have once again battened down the hatches. Dinners, concerts, and social events have been canceled, and church services are being live streamed via the church website (www.MaranathaBaptistSebring.org). Christmas will be a quiet affair at Maranatha this year. Hopefully, with effective quarantines and good medical care, and most of all, the grace of God, this too shall pass.

The new year is upon us. Not knowing what it will bring, we cling to our stated mission, to "care for one another's needs 'til Jesus comes."

February 2021 Bible Conference

Dr. Erwin Lutzer



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Erwin W. Lutzer is Pastor Emeritus of The Moody Church where he served as the Senior Pastor for 36 years. He earned a B.Th. from Winnipeg Bible College, a Th.M. from Dallas Theological Seminary, a M.A. in Philosophy from Loyola University, and an honorary LL.D. from the Simon Greenleaf School of Law.

A clear expositor of the Bible, he is the featured speaker on three radio programs that are heard on more than 1,000 outlets in the United States and around the world:

- ***Running to Win***—a daily Bible-teaching broadcast;
- ***Moody Church Hour***—The Moody Church's Sunday morning worship service;
- ***Songs in the Night***—an evening program that's been airing since 1943.

Dr. Lutzer is also an award-winning author of numerous books including: *The Church In Babylon*, *Rescuing The Gospel*, *He Will Be The Preacher*, *The Cross In The Shadow Of The Crescent*, *One Minute After You Die*, *When A Nation Forgets God*, and *Christian Bookseller's Gold Medallion Award* winner, *Hitler's Cross*.

He and his wife Rebecca have co-written the books: *Life-Changing Bible Verses You Should Know* and *Jesus, Lover Of A Woman's Soul*.

His speaking engagements include Bible conferences and seminars, both domestically and internationally, including: Russia, the Republic of Belarus, Germany, Scotland, Guatemala, and Japan. He also leads tours to Israel and the cities of the Protestant Reformation in Europe.

Dr. Lutzer and Rebecca live in the Chicago area. They have three grown children and eight grandchildren.

<https://www.moodymedia.org/authors/authors/erwin-lutzer/>

Corinne Dyer

Drama Presentation

Friday, January 29, 2021 7 PM



Corinne

Corinne Dyer will be blessing us with a dramatic presentation of the ***Book of Ruth***. Corinne has a bachelor's degree in Speech Education and a master's degree in Theatre from Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina.

She has memorized the Old Testament book of Ruth and has performed it in several church and retreat

settings. She is active in the ***Worship Arts Ministry*** at North Hills Church in Greenville. Her hobbies include sports, traveling with her family, spending time with friends, attending theatre, sewing and being on the water. She and her husband, Andy Dyer, have three children: Quinn, a senior at Clemson University; Keely, a junior at Charleston Southern University; and Ashton, a junior in high school.

Scripture & Music

David & Becky Stertzbach

Friday, February 26, 2021 7:00 PM



David & Becky

Dave and Becky Stertzbach will host an evening of *Scripture and song*. More than just a sacred concert, the evening will feature vocal and piano music, personal testimonies, and inspiring hymn stories that will encourage

your heart and refresh your spirit.

Pastor David Stertzbach II received a M.Mus. in Church Music from Bob Jones University. Becky graduated from Bob Jones University with a degree in English

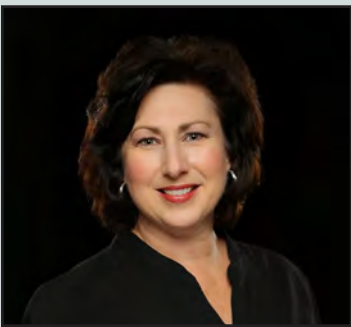
Education and earned her Master of Christian Education degree from International Baptist College and Seminary. They were married in 1995 and have two children: David III (Dave), and Laura.

They ministered at Trinity Baptist Church and School in Vermont for 11 years. In 2005 God led them to Tri-City Baptist Ministries in Chandler, Arizona, where they now serve in the church, the college, and the academy. Dave is the music pastor of Tri-City Baptist Church. Becky is the college president's executive assistant.

The Stertzbachs have taken several short-term music camp mission trips to Mexico and plan a trip to Kenya in 2021. They enjoy discipling young adults and helping pass on their wisdom to the next generation of Christian workers.

Beth Horton Barnard

Friday, March 26, 2021 7:00 PM



Beth

Beth Horton Barnard grew up in Tampa, Florida, where she attended Hillsdale Baptist Church with her family. It was there her musical training began. In 1987, she entered Bob Jones University where she studied counseling, voice

performance and education.

After marrying Paul Barnard in 1998, they had a son, John Paul, in 2000. The Barnards have lived in Land O'Lakes, Florida, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Sarasota, Florida, and settled in Greenville, South Carolina in 2011.

Beth has been a private voice, flute and piano

teacher as well as a choir director on the high school and college levels. She also enjoys judging for music competitions and singing in churches across America. Beth is passionate about communicating the goodness and love of God through song. She recorded a collection of songs in the CD, "Joy Overflowing."

In 2017 she began teaching first grade at Bob Jones Academy and loves to impact young lives on a daily basis.

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Baked Curried Fruit

1 (29 oz.) can pear halves
1 (29 oz.) can peach halves
1 (29 oz.) can pineapple chunks
1 (29 oz.) can unpeeled apricot halves
1 (4 oz.) jar Maraschino cherries
½ cup butter
¾ cup dark brown sugar, firmly packed
1 teaspoon curry powder
Drain and blot fruit with paper towel.
Butter a 3-quart round or oblong casserole and arrange

pear and peach halves in bottom.
Add a layer of pineapple chunks and apricots and sprinkle cherries over top.
Melt butter over low heat in heavy skillet and add sugar and curry powder.
Simmer briefly until blended.
Dribble over fruit and bake in preheated oven at 275 degrees for one hour
Serves 10 to 12.

Submitted by Mina Oglesby
(Printed from COOKS.COM)

Avocado Soup

Prep Time: 15 Min — Cook Time: 10 Min
Original Recipe Yields 4 servings

Ingredients

2 avocado - peeled, pitted and diced
1 tablespoon chopped shallots
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cups chicken stock
1 cup heavy cream
salt and pepper to taste
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 tomato - peeled, seeded and diced

Directions

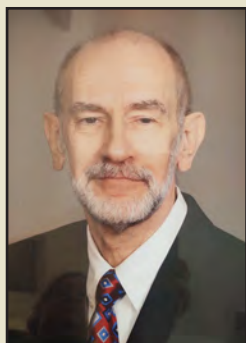
1. Puree avocado in a blender or food processor until smooth. Sauté chopped shallots in olive oil until tender but not brown; set aside to cool.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together avocado with chicken stock, heavy cream and shallots until smooth. Stir in salt, pepper and nutmeg; adjust seasonings to taste.
3. Chill for at least half an hour before serving. Garnish with diced tomato.

Submitted by Diane Large



New Village Residents

Tim & Donna Messenger



Tim

For ten of the last twelve years, there have been Messengers living in Maranatha Village. Pastor Don Messenger moved here in 2008 when he married Alice Humrickhouse. For six years of the nine they were married, Don served at Maranatha Baptist Church as associate pastor for visitation. Alice passed away in May of 2017 and by the end of the year,

Don had met and married Janet Ford. She had a house in Avon Park, so he moved there. They attend Bethany Baptist Church, but have been known to show up for prayer meeting or other events at Maranatha Baptist Church.

In January of 2020, Don's son, Tim, moved to Maranatha from Charlotte, North Carolina. Tim had lived there for 30 years. In June, Tim's sister, Donna, moved here from Titusville, Florida. So, 2020 brought Messengers back to Maranatha Village!

Though Don and all three of his children were born in New York State, the family adopted Indiana as "home." Their mother, Marjorie, grew up in Mishawaka. They all quickly adapted to being called "Hoosiers," and can regularly be seen sporting Notre Dame or Indiana University paraphernalia.

Growing up in a pastor's home, Donna and Tim grew to love the church and developed hearts for ministry and missions at early ages. But life and ministry took them on separate paths, so that 2020 is the first time they have lived in the same state since 1978! And now they live across the street from each other, Donna at 16 Luke and Tim at 7 Gabriel!

Donna felt called to missions as a child. She graduated from Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa, in 1978, intending to head to the mission field. However, God allowed her several years of stateside ministry before taking her into career missions. A decade of that time was at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Michigan where she served as Associate Dean of Students. After the Soviet Union opened in the early 90s, the Lord led Donna to serve with Association of Bap-

tists for World Evangelism (ABWE) in Ukraine for the next decade.

She returned to the US in 2003 and for a few years served at the ABWE home office in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as director of publications and editor of the *Message* magazine. Then, when the Lord closed the door to move back overseas, Donna joined **Barnabas International** in June of 2008 for the purpose of ministering to college-age Missionary Kids (MKs) and their families. She moved to Cedarville, Ohio, to facilitate a partnership between Barnabas and Cedarville University for the care of MKs and international students. Taking that partnership model, she travels to numerous colleges assisting them with their understanding of and care for MKs as well as international students. **Donna is the director for Barnabas International's annual MK Transition Seminar.**

Tim graduated from Cedarville College in 1983 and stayed in the Dayton area for a few years. **He started his career in Christian retail while he was in college working at Family Bookstores, both in Indiana and Ohio.** During those years, Tim met and married a local girl who was also working at Family Bookstores, and they were married for twenty years. A move to Charlotte in 1987 brought about a variety of retail and operations management positions for Tim as well as opportunities to serve in his local church. He appreciated his church's outreach ministry to the Hispanic in their region of the city and enjoyed participating in children's and singles ministries. He was also involved with landscaping at the church until he began to lose his vision in 2015. Tim is grateful for friends at his church who have helped him in many ways over the last few years. He is enjoying being a part of Maranatha Village. You may occasionally see him walking with his white cane. Tim is about 80-90% blind and usually does pretty well dodging cars and golf carts, but occasionally he can be surprised by bicycles and walkers. He enjoys his weekly jaunt to the fruit and vegetable truck!



Donna

The Craft Cottage Blossoms

by Deana Doughman

Something special has been happening at 11 Gabriel Street. An empty villa has blossomed into an exciting facility dedicated to fostering ladies' fellowship through crafts. The sign outside reads: "*The Craft Cottage.*" The idea germinated two years ago as an experiment where the Village provided a space dedicated to ladies' crafts. Women began to meet for craft classes; donations of supplies flooded in, and ladies across the Village began to enjoy fellowship in this new facility. The experiment was successful, and the Craft Cottage is firmly rooted at Maranatha Village.

A leadership team formed to provide structure and governance over the facility: Sharon Soulsby, Sue Lawton, Cindy Livezey, and Deana Doughman serve in this role. A *Purpose* statement and some "*Be*" *Attitudes* are prominently displayed at the cottage.



One room of the cottage is dedicated to card making and is well stocked with supplies. Another room is organized with supplies for other types of crafts. The central space is for classes and fellowship. In 2020, the Craft Cottage stepped up in the face of the pandemic and supplied face masks to Village residents and gifts of encouragement to manor residents who have been in lockdown since March. Loom knitters supplied caps to missionaries for distribution in cold climates.

We are excited about the coming season. Classes will be offered in beginning, intermediate, and advanced card making, loom knitting, crocheting, quilling, sewing, quilting, rock/garden stick painting, and mosaics. Ladies are encouraged to share their skills, learn new ones then pass them along to others. Through this exchange of skills, the ladies of our Village can get better acquainted with each other and begin to share each other's burdens.

Sign up for classes at the Craft Cottage. Schedules will be published on Channel 195. Due to the pandemic, class sizes will be limited, and sanitizing supplies will be available. Each user must help keep the space sanitized.

Donations of supplies and cash will gladly be accepted. Through cash donations from the mask project, the cottage has been able to secure supplies to enhance the types of classes offered.

Sorry men! The Craft Cottage is still just for the ladies!



~ Our Baptist Heritage ~



Gerry

Maranatha Village was born out of an interest expressed in a Baptist adult Sunday School class in Cleveland, Ohio. When the Village was formally launched in 1973, it was incorporated with the State of Florida as Regular Baptist Fellowship, Inc. Today we operate, doing business as Maranatha Village, under the non-profit status of a senior retirement community that is distinctly a religious corporation.

Maranatha Village is not a church, but it is recognized by the government as a thoroughly religious entity. This distinctive, biblical commitment affords us important legal religious liberty protections that are so valuable today. Our existence is firmly rooted in the conviction that the Scriptures express and support the distinctives maintained by people called “*Baptists*” down through the ages. *Those distinctives include:*

- The Bible as the only source of faith and practice.
- The Autonomy of the Local Church
- The Priesthood of the Believer
- Two Ordinances – Believer’s Baptism & the Lord’s Supper
- Individual Soul Liberty
- Saved Church Membership
- Two Officers – Pastors & Deacons
- Separation of Church and State

We do not believe these distinctives are merely denominational. Rather, they are Bible teachings that we must heed. Baptists have historically asserted that they believe in the autonomy of the local congregation, not in a larger body that supersedes the local church. Therefore, we are non-denominational in the sense that we do not draw our beliefs from an organizational headquarters somewhere - but from the Scriptures alone.

A key feature of the Baptist term is the conviction that only believers, those who have trusted in Christ alone for salvation, are proper subjects for baptism. Baptism does not save, but believers are commanded in the Scriptures to follow the Lord in baptism as an act of testimony and obedience following salvation.

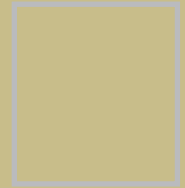
In the time of the Reformation, believers were tortured and martyred because they submitted to believer’s baptism. Our Baptist forefathers in that era turned away from the formal teaching of the established church by proclaiming that salvation was by grace through faith alone - free from any works.

The political powers of that period joined with the religious powers to declare that only those submissive to the established church by the practice of infant baptism would be allowed to worship and live in peace. Bible-believing Christians suffered greatly because they swore allegiance to Christ alone by publicly declaring their faith through believer’s baptism, a position taken not in pride, but in submission to Scripture and love for God.

At Maranatha Village, we humbly and resolutely identify with this company of believers who have gone on before us and committed to us the ministry of caring for one another until Jesus comes. This is the heritage that we embrace and seek to follow.

Dr. Gerry Carlson, Marketing and Development

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

<i>In Loving Memory</i> <i>10/10/2019 thru 10/11/2020</i>			
Kathy Andrus (former resident)	10/10/2019	Rex Lamoreaux	2/23/2020
John R. Dantuma (former resident)	10/11/2019	Jeanette McNeil (former resident)	3/5/2020
Helen McDonald	10/14/2019	Lois Dunkerton	4/6/2020
Dr. Terry A. Price	10/25/2019	Carol Richards (former resident)	4/12/2020
Delmar Hastings	10/31/2019	Max Lanz	4/19/2020
Irene Pike (winter attender)	11/14/2019	Betty Bell (former resident)	4/23/2020
Bev Clarke (former resident)	11/16/2019	Homer Kendrick (former resident)	5/2/2020
Bea Jones	11/27/2019	Robert Delnay	6/14/2020
Bill Jewell	11/30/2019	June Harrington	7/1/2020
Thelma Mae Woodward (former resident)	12/28/2019	Art Romig (former resident)	7/13/2020
2020		Betty Laderer (former resident)	7/13/2020
Louis Mitchell (former resident)	1/9/2020	Dr. Leeland Crotts (supprted missionary)	8/4/2020
Doris Cary (former resident)	1/14/2020	Charlie Brown (former resident)	8/18/2020
James Henning (supported missionary)	1/17/2020	Louise Fredenburg	8/28/2020
Harry William “Bill” Logan	1/25/2020	Gurzel Cummings	9/13/2020
Rita Maki	1/31/2020	Linda Bond	9/22/2020
Gary Norris	2/13/2020	Ed Rawsthorne (former resident)	10/10/2020
Betty Persons (former resident)	2/19/2020	Russ Hull	10/11/2020
		Don Orchard	12/12/2020