

The Maranatha Village Trumpet



The Lord Cometh! □

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The Ministry of Dr. Ernie Schmidt



Gen & Ernie

On January 22, 2020, in a special Business Meeting, Maranatha Baptist Church called Dr. Ernie (and Gen) to come to Maranatha Village and serve as the Interim Pastor of MBC for an unspecified time. The vote tabulated was a 100% call of 134 votes. Brother Ernie accepted the call as he was notified by phone from the pulpit in the presence of the church members. That unanimous vote predicted

the Schmidts would have a hearty reception by the folks of MBC when they arrived. He was formally “installed” on March 1, 2020, and fervently labored as our “Pastor” here until his departure May 12, 2021.

Pastor Schmidt has been a special blessing to all the deacons. He willingly assumed more responsibility than a typical interim pastor; he served as a virtual senior pastor and demonstrated his godly leadership and a servant’s heart.

He moderated our pastors’ and deacons’ meetings; he set the agenda for them, and even did some of the typical “dirty work” of a senior pastor: talking through sensitive problems with church members and others. Yes, we had considered him early on as a potential candidate in our pastoral search, but when he was led of the Lord to decline that possibility, he immediately began to work with us and for us in our search. He gave us other names

of pastors to consider and afforded us wisdom in our ongoing challenge. He was God’s man for the hour, and he and Gen stood in the gap when our church had a critical need!

The sudden homegoing of our pastor, Dr. Terry Price, in October of 2019, left Maranatha Baptist Church with a big hole to fill. Men in the church stepped up to fill the pulpit with good preaching, but, knowing that the search for a pastor could be a long one, Ernie Schmidt was asked to become our interim pastor. Being snowbird residents of the Village, Ernie and Gen were already familiar with Maranatha Baptist Church and life here in Maranatha Village.

Dr. Schmidt’s exceptional knowledge of the Scriptures, personal ministry background, travels in the Holy Land, and quick wit have made his ministry a wonderful time in the life of MBC. He was surely God’s man to guide the church through the Covid virus epidemic....and encouraged many with his signature “happy birthday” phone calls.

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□ Prescription Assistance Program □

Annette Williams



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"It's a choice no one should have to make – pay rent and buy food or get prescriptions filled," says Dr. Richard J. Saggall, M.D. Yet all too often it's a choice many older residents face. There is help available through programs frequently called prescription assistance programs (**PAPs**) or patient assistance programs. These programs are provided by the medication manufacturers to help patients afford their medications, usually newer, brand name medications that are particularly expensive. Just listen to some of the ads on TV when they end the ad with the phrase, "if you cannot afford your medication, Astra-Zeneca (or the manufacturer of that medication) may be able to help you."

Recent statistics show there are more than 375 different prescription assistance programs in the United States. These programs have helped more than 36 million people obtain their medications. Every year over \$13 billion worth of medicines are provided at no cost to people who cannot afford them.

Maranatha Village has a team of people available to help you with locating and applying for this assistance. This team was the inspired idea of Sharon Soulsby who saw a need and a way to help Village residents. This team is available to any year-round residents of the Village. A team member will meet with you and ask some simple questions to determine if there is a program that covers your particular medication.



Bobbie Wolford

Each pharmaceutical company establishes its own rules and

guidelines as to how much income you can have to qualify. Although no two programs are exactly alike, all require an application, some of which can be complicated. Some programs require detailed medical and financial information; others, very little.

The **Maranatha Support Team** can help you fill out and send in the application. They can also provide help or coaching in receiving the medication if you are approved. The medication can either be mailed to you, or, in some cases, mailed to your doctor's office where you can pick it up.

Team members include **Annette Williams, Sharon Soulsby, Bobbie Wolford, and Tina Rizzo**. If you are interested in their help, please contact Sharon Soulsby at 618-927-0710 (please leave a voice mail message if not answered when you call). Or you can email her at frenchponi@hotmail.com.



Sharon Soulsby

**Do Your Prescriptions
Cost Too Much?
You May Qualify For
Prescription Assistance.**



New Village Residents

Mark & Celeste Clark



Mark & Celeste

Mark grew up in a Christian home. His parents, Rev. Reeves and Lois Clark, were missionaries with Baptist Mid-Missions in Cornettsville, Kentucky. His mother led him to the Lord when he was four years old. Mark's wife Celeste

was also brought up in a Christian home in Ramseur, North Carolina, and she was saved when she was 16. They met while attending Piedmont Bible College in Winston Salem, North Carolina, and were married May 29, 1982, two weeks after graduating.

We were first introduced to Maranatha Village when Mark's parents retired and moved here to 38 Maranatha Blvd. in October 1998. It was then that we fell in love with Maranatha Village and have since visited almost every Christmas for the past 23 years. During these visits, we rented various villas and mobiles, dreaming about the possibility of retiring here one day.

For the past 32 years, we have been full-time missionaries, serving the Lord with *Scripture Memory*

Mountain Mission and *Camp Nathanael* in Emmaleena, Kentucky. Although we were involved in several ministries, our main ministry was in the public schools of southeastern Kentucky, sharing the Gospel, using Gospel illusions and ventriloquism.

In the spring of 2020, when Covid closed schools, our ministry was greatly affected. We were no longer allowed to have school assembly programs or a normal summer camp. It was then that we began praying about future ministry. God led us to retire from SMMM and branch out to do more evangelistic work. God had been opening more doors and blessing in this area in recent years.

After much prayer, Mark contacted Maranatha about his desire to move here. In God's perfect timing, 30 Mark Street became available. In November, we purchased it and moved in on December 12th. As many of you know, Mark signs his name Mark 12:30 Clark because this is his favorite Bible verse. So how appropriate for Mark 12:30 to live at 30 Mark Street!

Lord willing, we plan to continue helping Camp Nathanael in their summer camp ministry, the Outdoor Education program, and the school ministry when available. We also are scheduling evangelistic meetings with a desire to share the Gospel and reach the unsaved. We appreciate all the love and kindness shown us here at Maranatha Village.

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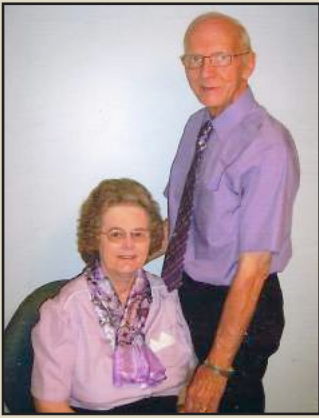
Matthew 25:21, describes the interim pastoral ministry of Dr. Ernie and Mrs. Gen Schmidt. "Well done thou good and faithful servant...." Their interim ministry may be completed, but they still plan to be with us as winter residents. Maranatha Baptist Church will miss the ministry of the Schmidts! But we say, "Thank you for a job well done." We love and appreciate both of you.

Maranatha Baptist Church and Village



New Village Residents

Dale & Connie Hall



Connie & Dale

Dale and Connie Hall met in 1963. Connie's best friend, who happens to be Dale's cousin, introduced us. We were married in August 1965 in West Bingham, Pennsylvania. We both were saved in our teen years and attended Baptist churches in the Pennsylvania area. After we were married, we moved to Horseheads, New York.

Dale worked at Pro Hardware as a distributor for 30 Years. Then the company closed their doors. Connie worked at Sears for a couple years, then went to work for Woolworth's restaurant as cook.

In 1999, we moved to Clinton, New York (Central NY), where Dale worked at Rexel Electric warehouse for 12 years, then he retired in 2012. Connie worked

as a secretary for nineteen years and retired in 2019.

We are active members of Bible Baptist Church in New Hartford, New York. Our family consists of two daughters and three grandchildren.

We read about Maranatha Village in the Regular Baptist Press. Dale remarked that it sounded like a nice place to retire! We also had friends who told us of the Village with high recommendations. We looked into the rentals, and our first visit was in 2017. We rented for three different winters and our visits were a real blessing. We very much enjoyed the messages and seminars, as well as the fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters.

Our desire is to be an encouragement, show the love of Christ, and be sensitive to needs of friends at Maranatha Village. One of our favorite verses is Proverbs 3:5-6. "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

The New Massey-Ferguson Tractor

Bill Katka



Bill

You might have seen David Waite running around the Village on a brand new bright red tractor. Our new tractor is a blessing from the Lord (and Mr. Little). We recently took delivery of a Massey-Ferguson tractor that will serve the Village for many years to come. Gary Little got us a really great price for the unit. It is already

being used for many chores. It's first job was pulling a Village member out of the sand that tried to eat her car. David Waite, who delivers leaf tubs, is using it daily. We have put it into service for moving material around and lifting lots of heavy objects. It does everything better because it has four-wheel drive. Our present small fleet of tractors is in some cases older than our maintenance staff and that's really old. So as these older units phase out, we will be able to take up the slack with the new work horse. Definitely a blessing from the Lord.



*David Waite
&
The Massey-Ferguson*



Facts About Cinnamon and Honey

A mix of honey and cinnamon is found to cure or avoid most diseases. Honey is produced in most countries of the world. Honey consumption in moderation has no side effects which is a huge plus in the current 'drug-world'. Additionally, in spite of its 'sweetness', it acts as a medicine even for diabetic patients when taken in the correct dosage. Honey and cinnamon powder taken in equal parts help increase flexibility and alertness, restores vitality and well-being. Below is a list of different ways to take a combination of cinnamon and honey to combat common diseases/conditions.

Cholesterol: Two tablespoons of honey and three teaspoons of cinnamon powder mixed in 16 ounces of tea water given 3 times daily to a chronic cholesterol patient was found to reduce the level of cholesterol in the blood by 10% within 2 hours.

Colds/Flu: In addition to being delicious, one tablespoon of lukewarm honey with 1/4 teaspoon of cinnamon powder daily for three days will cure a simple sore throat and even the most chronic colds, coughs and help clear the sinuses.

Author: MSR Ayyangar

Rice & Mushroom Casserole

- 1 cup raw rice (not instant)
- 1 can Campbell's French onion soup
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 stick oleo or butter
- 1 small can mushrooms, undrained

Put the above ingredients in a 2 quart greased casserole with a lid. Do not stir.

Bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 hours.

Submitted by Mrs. Pat Wells

Slush Punch

- 3 small packages cherry gelatin
- 13 cups boiling water
- 4 cups sugar
- Mix together and chill

Add to the above:

- 2 large cans pineapple juice
- 6 oz. can lemonade

Put in large bowl with cover and put into the freezer. Stir every few hours for 36 hours. This makes the slush.

Take 4 cups slush to a 3 liter bottle of ginger ale or 7-Up and serve.

Submitted by Mrs. Sharon Hoopes



New Village Residents

Steven & Pauline Apperson



Steve & Pauline

Steven and his older sister Joyce were born in Riverdale, Maryland, near DC, to Percy and Doris Apperson of Charles County, near the Potomac River. Highlights of his early life were frequent visits to extended family, grocery shopping, and visiting his dad's friend's auto repair shop. He also often

went with his dad to the University of Maryland where he worked. After years of a self-focused life, at the age of 12, God through Christ, brought Steve into His kingdom.

In the 39 years of Steve's employment, he had 15 full-time and part-time jobs. Over the years, he volunteered in a soup kitchen at the local church of the Brethren, ministered to the needs of a homeless veteran, and was active in serving the church by helping with yardwork and church facilities in Maryland.

Pauline, one of four children, was born in Washington, DC, to John and Natalie Becker. At the age of 13, she became a believer in Jesus Christ, and the Lord has shown Himself to be merciful in working in her throughout her life.

Her memories are of the many times she went to DC to see the monuments and museums, and having her fingerprints taken, since her father was employed with the Metropolitan Police Department. She remembers in her early life serving others in the family and community, as well as helping her brother, Philip, by providing a family environment in his life for 20 years. She had many jobs in her work career, and worked the longest in library service. She enjoyed serving the church by helping with childcare.

Steve and Pauline both grew up in families who were members of Southern Baptist churches. They were married in 1972 at Berwyn Baptist Church in Maryland. The Lord has blessed them with two daughters and four grandchildren.

For 20 years, they were members of the Orthodox Presbyterian church. They moved to West Virginia in 2000. They were involved in a carpooling and greeter ministry in their church. Pauline has prepared quilted blankets for poor countries providing this basic need through the Lutheran World Relief. Steve's health needs for 24 plus years have been focused on Lyme's disease and nerve damage.

They moved to Florida in January 2014, and Maranatha Village on March 31, 2020. They are members of Maranatha Baptist Church.

The Test of Self-Interest

J. Oswald Chambers

"If thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left." (Genesis 13:9)

As soon as you begin to live the life of faith in God, fascinating and luxurious prospects will open up before you, and these things are yours by right; but if you are living the life of faith you will exercise your right to waive your rights, and let God choose for you. God sometimes allows you to get into a place of testing where your own welfare would be

the right and proper thing to consider if you were not living a life of faith; but if you are, you will joyfully waive your right and leave God to choose for you. This is the discipline by means of which the natural is transformed into the spiritual by obedience to the voice of God.

□ *My Utmost for His Highest*

2021 Minnesota Picnic

Gerry Carlson



On Thursday, March 11, forty folks with Minnesota connections met at the Fogle Pavilion for the 2021 annual winter picnic. Food flowed freely and fellowship flooded the comfortable table conversation on a beautiful spring evening in Central Florida. Several first-time attendees and new residents were recognized, and everyone in attendance appreciated the work of Lois Otto, Colene Price, and Rosalie Anger for heading up this year's event.

A fascinating feature of the evening was a guessing game entitled "See What Others Have Done." In preparation for the evening, all those planning to attend were asked to submit a written statement of something about their life that others would not know. These entries were listed anonymously on a sheet of paper. At the picnic, the group was divided into three teams, and each team endeavored to guess who did what.

One of the lady participants confessed to having

won a high school track meet medal in the running broad jump. We discovered that one fellow resident appeared in several Christian films; another was a published author, and another resident had conducted a regular radio program – all in their younger years. One resident confessed to being confronted by a black bear as a toddler, and another revealed that she was rudely surprised by a snake in her camp cabin after bravely telling a missionary story to the campers. It was a fun game that revealed a lot of info about our Village neighbors!

The evening was capped off with seven different persons presenting inspirational readings or poems that drew our thoughts toward thankfulness for our country, our Savior, and the privilege of serving the Lord. We extend a big thank you to special guests, Annie & Lynn Waldron, for photographing the crowd. Looking forward to next year!

On The Lighter Side

Some countries have ongoing problems obtaining entry permits, which aren't nearly as amusing as the misconception of this situation.

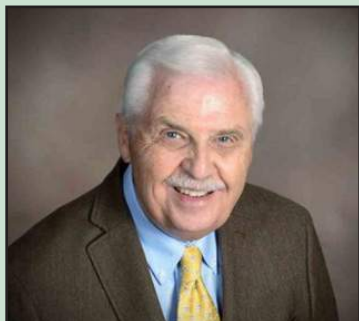
Several years ago, the primary Sunday school class in Haddon Heights Baptist Church was praying for ABWE missionaries George and Shirley Weber. To promote specific prayer, the teacher suggested they pray that the government would renew the Weber's visa.

A small voice piped up, "If they can't use Visa, why don't they use their Master Cards?"

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□ 21st Century Communications □



Gerry

Do you remember when it was necessary to search for a pay phone to make a phone call while away from home? The first time Connie and I visited Maranatha Village we stopped at a local Sebring gas station while traveling through the

area and found a Yellow Pages directory to look up a phone number for the Village office. That was not too many years ago.

Today we all have cell phones that can call, video, and text. Mobile phones are convenient, but in our current environment, communicating can be complicated and confusing.

Let me encourage you! Dive in and learn to use the communication tools that are available during these exciting and challenging days. Communicating can be a great blessing to you, your family and friends, and is essential in serving the Lord.

New friends are finding out about Maranatha Village in a variety of ways. Usually, people first learn about us through word of mouth – but then, they use the tools of technology and communication to become more personally acquainted with our Village.

At Maranatha Village, we depend upon several methods to dispense information and deliver services to our residents, friends, and prospects. Those channels are:

- The important front desk ministry of Kathy Withers, our Office Manager, who answers phone calls, responds to questions, and directs information flow to the appropriate follow-up personnel.
- Our in-house TV channels 195/196 which con-

tinually broadcast Village news and valuable information.

- The Village website that provides background info, lots of photos, links to our Facebook page, local shopping data, and even web links to ten Central Florida airports.
- Our Village page on Facebook currently has over 1,300 followers from 21 countries worldwide. It provides a constant stream of visual information about Village activities and people.
- The regular Prayer and Information Alerts that emanate from Maranatha Baptist Church via email keeping us informed about health needs and spiritual opportunities in the Village.
- The monthly “Odds ‘n Ends” newsletter from Village Administrator Jerry Webber that informs residents and guests of important developments and announcements.
- The periodical *Maranatha Trumpet* newsletter which provides wonderful behind-the-scenes articles on special events, human interest stories, and biographical sketches of new residents.
- When needed, our One Call phone system alerts residents via voice messages sent efficiently and quickly to inform everyone about an issue or announcement.
- The new electronic sign welcomes visitors and provides information about upcoming events.

Then a host of staff members and volunteers connect with residents and guests to follow up on needed maintenance, guidance, and support. Working together takes a concerted effort to fulfill our purpose: “Serving one another until Jesus comes.”

Dr. Gerry Carlson

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

A Healthy Dose of Laughter

□Author Steve Goodier, Riches of the Heart□

I read that a child laughs 400 times a day on the average, while an adult laugh only 15 times each day. Which is puzzling since laughter feels so good and is so good for us!

You may know the benefits of laughter on the mind and spirit, but are you aware of how much a good laugh can help you physically? Norman Cousins used to say that laughter is so beneficial for your body that it is like “inner jogging.”

Mayo Clinic (Mayo Clinic Health Letter, March 1993) reports that laughter aids breathing by disrupting your normal respiration pattern and increasing your breathing rate. It can even help clear mucus from your lungs.

Laughter is also good for your heart. It increases circulation and improves the delivery of oxygen and nutrients to tissues throughout your body.

A good laugh helps your immune system fight off colds, flu and sinus problems by increasing the concentration of immunoglobulin A in your saliva. And it may help control pain by raising the levels of certain brain chemicals (endorphins).

Furthermore, it is a natural stress reliever. Have you ever laughed so hard that you doubled over, fell off your chair, spit out your food or wet your pants? You cannot maintain muscle tension when you are laughing!

The good news is that you are allowed more than 15 laughs a day! Go ahead and double the dose and make it 30 times today. (You may begin to notice immediate improvement in your relationships!) Then double it again! You are bound to feel better, you will cope with problems more effectively and people will enjoy being around you.

Laughter: It’s just good medicine! *(continues on page seven)*