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## Honey and Stingers

A young boy was playing outside when he noticed a bee on a clover blossom.

When he tried to catch it, the bee sunk its stinger into his pudgy little hand. He ran screaming to his mother, shouting, "I hate bees!"

She did what she could to ease his pain and then gave him some bread and honey. As he ate, the mother said, "You really like that, don't you?" He replied, "Oh, yes, I love it!" She then explained that the same little bee that sometimes stings, also produces that sweet honey we enjoy.

No Christian can hope to reap the good that comes from a life that is God-directed without also feeling the sharp barbs that are part of God's loving plan to discipline our lives. Along with the sweet parts of life, we must also take the stings.

The key is in calling on God for the grace to be content with what He allows into our lives – and to respond properly.

Paul said, "*I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content,*" and "*I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me.*"

Philippians 4:11, 13



Let's check our attitudes. Are we crabby and complaining – or content and Christlike?

It's a difference of attitude – not circumstances.

*O Lord, give me the grace to be content with what You give to me! No! More than that, let me rejoice in All You send me – it's Your choice!*

"A contented person has learned to accept the bitter with the sweet."

"Our Daily Bread" 1/4/93

# Maranatha Village Board Changes

The Maranatha Village Board of Directors has experienced three changes since the beginning of 2012.

After 13 years as the Board President, Earle Harriman has retired. Earle and Donnabelle became residents in Maranatha Village in 1991 and have been actively involved with the Village since then. Earle became the Board President in 1998 and has served in that position until now. His faithful service to the Village covers a span of 20 years.

The April Village dinner was dedicated as an appreciation dinner for the Harrimans. A great time was enjoyed by all who attended. Earle and Donnabelle were presented a special gift of appreciation from the Village by Wes Halstead, the Village Manager. Many personal notes of appreciation were also presented to them. Earle will continue serving on the Board as the Village Treasurer.

The Village Board has elected Mr. Dennis Whitehead to replace Earle Harriman as the new Board President. Dennis accepts this responsibility with a real desire to continue the solid leadership that has blessed Maranatha Village since its beginning in April, 1973.

Dennis brings into his new assignment many years of experience that will enable him to perform his new duties well. He was the Managing Director of WCTS Radio

Station for Central Seminary in Minneapolis, Minnesota from 1968 until his retirement in 2006. Dennis and his wife Sherry moved to Maranatha Village in 2006 and reside at 22 Amos Street. They desire your prayers as Dennis leads the Maranatha Village Board.

The Maranatha Village Board also welcomes Dennis Doughman as its newest member. Dennis retired from Baptist Mid-Missions at the end of 2011. He was the Stewardship Representative, Southeast Region for Baptist Mid-Missions.

Dennis will add financial expertise and depth to the Maranatha Village leadership. Before joining BMM Financial Department, Dennis was the Executive Director of Edgewater Point Estates, a Christian retirement community in Boca Raton, Florida. Dennis and his wife, Jean, recently purchased 42 Daniel Road. They have two daughters and 7 grandchildren.

Maranatha Village has been richly blessed with our past leadership and continues on with dedicated board members willing to give of their time to facilitate a smooth running and pleasant place to live in retirement. Our watchword is "Maranatha." Thank you one and all for supporting and helping these men make Maranatha Village a great place to live.

Carl Barton  
Projects Administrator

## Hamman Hall Renovation

Hamman Hall will be closed to all activities for the month of May while renovations are taking place.

Hamman Hall is in constant use for Village and Church activities so a good face lift will be a blessing to everyone.

The ceiling is being stripped of the old "popcorn" style of finish and will be repaired and finished in the modern "knockdown" style. The walls will be painted and new carpet laid.

Pray for this work as it proceeds. We all look forward to enjoying the new renovation.

*"Behold  
how good and  
how pleasant it is  
for brethren to  
dwell together  
in unity!"*

Psalm 133:1

**New Display –** Maranatha Village has purchased a new color display. It will be used in June and July at three major conferences:

- The National GARBC Conference, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania .....June 25-29, 2012
- The Baptist Mid-Missions Conference, Elyria, Ohio .....July 9-13, 2012
- The ABWE Conference, Baltimore, Maryland. ....July 16-19, 2012

If you have friends in any of these areas who will be attending the meetings, invite them to visit the Village display and meet **Carl** and **Selma Barton**.

# Treasurer's Trivia

No longer am I the Board President, but I am now the Board Treasurer. My thoughts are no longer Presidential Ponderings, but now are Treasurer Trivia.

Thank you for your interest in my Ponderings for the past 12 years. I'm confident that the Trivia record will be much shorter.

Dennis Whitehead, as Board President, is working with the Manager and Board to keep Maranatha Village functioning on its appointed mission for the Glory of the Lord and the benefit of His "Senior Saints."

I no longer maintain office hours. I keep in touch with the Village finances by daily contact with the Manager and Jeanette Howard, who handle the financial details and reports. David Waite, who worked with me in doing the Ad Valorem Tax Affidavits, will be assuming the leadership in this next year.

I have prayed for several years that the Lord might prepare individuals to come alongside to replace Village leadership when needed. I believe that we are seeing His answer to that prayer now. I am confident that Maranatha Village will remain "alive and vibrant" as we await the Lord's return.

I am taking the prayer of Psalm 71:9 *"Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth."* I fully expect to continue to be a part of the affairs of Regular Baptist Fellowship, Inc.

**Earle C. Harriman**

## Quarterly Report 2012

### FINANCIAL REPORT

March 31, 2012 Asset Balance Sheet

#### CURRENT ASSETS

**INCREASED 2.1% -**

The same as all last year. Due to normal increase in First Quarter income from Promos.

#### FIXED ASSETS

**DECREASED 0.3% -**

Building and equipment depreciation was very even with improvements and replacements made.

The small increase in cost of new building, equipment and "building in progress" made the slight difference. This was much less than last year.

#### TOTAL ASSETS

**INCREASED 0.6% -**

This is the total of Current and Fixed Assets. It was much better than the 1% decrease of Assets for last year. This is due to Current Asset increase.

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES

**INCREASED 40.5% -**

These go up and down in normal functions.

#### LONG TERM LIABILITY

**DECREASED 1.4% -**

These liabilities are the Occupancy Bonds and specific reserve funds. This decrease was due to more bonds being redeemed than issued.

#### TOTAL LIABILITIES

**DECREASED 1.4% -**

This is from the long term decrease.

#### ALL EQUITIES INCREASED 0.6%

This is the report of Current Village Assets Less Liabilities as compared to 12/31/2011.

The Lord has guided Maranatha Village into another year. He will continue as we faithfully minister to those whom He directs to our fellowship. We are thankful that Maranatha Village belongs to the Lord, Who is watching over us, even

as He is over our nation and the whole world. Our sovereign God loves us and provides what is best for us.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

March 31, 2012 Income/Expenses

#### INCOME

Fees	\$ 214,233
Donations	86,066
Interest	8,720
Service	2,374
Miscellaneous	2,542
Total	313,944

#### EXPENSES

Administration	\$ 88,104
Professional Services	29,121
Utilities	20,109
Maintenance	12,094
Village Services	17,447
Resident Services	30,152
Miscellaneous	2,235
Total	199,264
Depreciation	56,838
Total	256,102

#### DIFFERENCE -

#### INCOME TO EXPENSES

With Depreciation \$ 57,842

Comparing Income to Expenses has been favorable this winter. However, Income from the Promos has to be spread out to cover those apartment expenses during the year.

The New Leasing of 7 apartments during the winter, kept **Carl Barton** busy, helping winter visitors decide what unit would work best for them, as they join into the Village. There are still three prospective new lessees who may yet decide to choose a unit for themselves while the sale lasts until June 30. Pray for the Lord to guide them in their decisions.

The Staff will be very busy this summer and fall preparing these units. Praise the Lord for His leading in this.

**The Board Treasurer**

# Our Night of Appreciation to our President Earle C. Harriman

**April 27, 2012**

*We're here this evening to commemorate Earle Harriman for all that he has provided the Village in his years serving in the Village Office and as Director/Secretary of the Board of Directors and then as President of the Board.*

But first, I want to help each of you to get the vision of what this Village means to those of us who really see the Village from the inside out.

We are a blessed people because of Floyd Conway, the first President of the Village, the individual with the vision. I marvel at how he initiated the structure of the by-laws and operation of the Village. This happened 39 years ago. The Village was established April 13, 1973.

I am intrigued by the layout of the complete Village. You, the residents, don't see the complexity of the underground sewer system, the potable water integrated piping that is instrumental throughout the village; the financial program of the occupancy bonds, enablement to be redeemed, and its reliability in this day and age. It will continue as long as the Village is in existence. That, my friends, we attribute to Floyd Conway.

Cecil Akam served our Village as President from 1985 through 1989, and additional years as a Director. His contribution to the Village was to put it on a firm financial base and built additional apartments in the Village.

Paul Whipple served as President from 1990 through 1996. Even before he moved to the Village, he was instrumental in the mobile home park expansion. But what I will remember as the greatest asset

that Paul contributed to the Village was to bring Earle Harriman onto the office staff.

Earle definitely has a heart for the well being and the continuation of the Village. It was through his watchful eye that our Village is in the successful financial situation that we enjoy today. I marvel at the time he has spent working within our investment program, the conversations that he spends with our broker, the calculations that he goes through to bring this information to you, the residents of Maranatha Village in the Trumpet each issue.

The Village budget is in the neighborhood of \$850,000.00 this year. Our Village is insured for \$12,525,000.00, with the land value of 213 acres in addition. We have \$1,350,000.00 invested money from occupancy bonds that is used when bonds are redeemed. Someone is responsible to oversee these financial funds. That has been Earle.

He has been a great mentor for me since I came in 2001. I have received counsel from him many times these last ten and three quarter years.

He is really the individual who is the glue that holds the Village operation together. I make the decisions, the office staff and maintenance crew carry out assignments, but it is the guidance and support that I have received from Earle Harriman that has enabled me to continue directing your Village at this time.

Earle joined the staff in 1991 and became Board President in 1997 and has remained in that position until this past February. He retired from the office staff in December

2010 and now only pops in to sign checks and investigate the financial aspects of the business.

Earle, I am certain that I speak for the Village office staff, the maintenance crew, the Board of Directors, and the entire residency of Maranatha Village. We appreciate the years you have given to the Village, your guidance to the Board of Directors, your diligence with our financial investments, and last but not least that you and Donnabelle have been a vital part of our Village.

Your friends and neighbors have left some heartfelt greeting to you by way of cards and wishes.

We also want to grace your home with a gift that each time you look



at it, you realize how much the Maranatha Village residents appreciate all you have given to us.

Thank you, *Earle and Donnabelle.*

We love you and appreciate you both.

Wes Halstead,  
Village Manager

## Amazed By His Glory

From a series of articles taken with permission from the book  
“*Amazed by His Glory*,” a collection of stories from Baptist  
Mid-Missions’ missionaries, compiled by Mary Amesbury.

## A Rude Awakening

Helen Hall Jones

*Helen's story takes place a year after she joined Baptist Mid-Missions as a single missionary (Helen Rowe). She served nearly 15 years in Brazil before leaving BMM to marry Hugh Hall in 1967. After she was widowed, Helen married Robert Jones, a missionary from Brazil, in 1999.*

The year was 1952 in Fortaleza, Brazil. It had been a long, hot day. My co-worker, Alice Holmquist, and I decided, since we were living on the second floor, that it would be safe to sleep with our windows open. Earlier in the day, I had withdrawn \$700 from the bank in order to buy plane tickets. I carefully placed the money in the stand beside my bed and then settled in for a good night of sleep. Alice went through her little routine of climbing into her hammock and then placing her alarm clock and glasses on the floor beneath her.

The wonderful ocean breeze coming in the windows was a blessing and we soon were asleep. The next thing we knew, the alarm was ringing and it was time to get up.

“I’m awake, Alice, you can turn off the alarm.”

With a bit of irritation in her voice, Alice replied, “Where is the alarm. Why did you move my clock? I can’t find it or my glasses.”

I was a bit indignant as I answered her, “I didn’t touch your clock or your glasses.” Then climbing out of bed, I waltzed dramatically toward the window saying, “I think someone came in the window.”

I froze in my tracks! By the time I had said those words, I was at the window and there, leaning against the outside wall, was a ladder coming right up to our ledge!

The \$700? I rushed to the night stand. Praise the Lord, the money was there. Instantly Psalm 121:4 flashed into my mind. “*Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.*”

The thief had taken Alice’s bill-fold containing \$3 and her glasses. He was caught later in the day trying to sell the glasses. We learned the hard way that even the second floor windows should be closed when sleeping or away.

Being young and very curious, I wanted to see this thief who had sneaked around in my bedroom while I was sleeping. I changed my mind, however, when I learned he had been carrying a machete.

We had slept – oblivious to the danger – but our merciful, faithful Lord never sleeps. He had been on guard, watching over His own.

*Helen and Bob live in Maranatha Village, Sebring, Florida.*

Psalm 18  
vs 30, “*As for God, His way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: He is a buckler to all those that trust in Him.*”

vs 32, “*It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.*”



## In God We Trust

In God we trust - a rustic phrase  
Was coined in our colonial days.

But now it has become passe;  
Just empty words to nobly say.

The founding fathers had a plan;  
Freedom, respect for every man;  
And under God, a right to stand  
As builders of a growing land.

Too soon we grew to be too great.  
Our trust in God did soon abate.  
Too quick to greed, to lust and hate;  
Too slow to love, appreciate.

Babylon made the same mistake  
She chose the road of sin to take.  
And if the same mistake we make,  
We too will ultimately break.

The Romans and Egyptians too,  
Did lust and greed and war pursue.  
Their epitaphs are nothing new;  
An object lesson we might view.

Our God is great and good and just  
‘Twas He who raised us  
from the dust.

Return to Him! Return you must!  
And really say, In God We Trust.

from The Shofar Magazine, LA



# New Residents

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## Frank and Ginny Stadelmann

When we were married in 1970 we were both unsaved. We had four children and struggled in our marriage and as parents but praise God we came to know the Lord in 1987.

After reading a Gideon Bible in a hotel room while at work, Frank

came to realize that he was a sinner in need of a savior.

I, Ginny, was drawn to watch Billy Graham on TV whenever he was on. It took a while but eventually I understood that he was talking to me and I accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

God led us to attend Open Door Baptist Church in New Woodstock, NY. We loved attending there and learned so much from our wonderful pastor, David Little, and our tremendous Sunday School teachers.

In early 1990, Pastor Joseph Riggs became our pastor, and a few years later I became church secretary. In that capacity, I often heard about a place in Florida called

Maranatha Village. I remember telling Frank that when we retired I would love to spend our winters in a place like that. Of course I never really expected to be able to do it!

Two years ago I retired as church secretary and we spent a month at Maranatha Village. We applied and were able to spend March, 2010, here. We loved it and returned in January, 2011 – this time to spend three months. By March we knew we wanted to spend every winter here and we were able to purchase our new home at 2 Matthew Street.

We enjoy our time here and have met many wonderful folk whom we consider our friends.

**Reid and Bev Kitchen** became residents of Maranatha Village the 3rd of January 2012. Reid was raised in Troy, Michigan, Bev in Utica, Michigan.

After high school graduation, Reid began a career as a tool designer, working in job shops in the Detroit area. Bev worked at National Screw Machine Products as a clerk. They were introduced through mutual friends and were married two years later on April 22, 1961.

Bev's father, was an alcoholic but her mother, a devout Christian, took her five children to church every Sunday Morning.

Reid's parents sent their three children to the Halsey Baptist Church, three blocks from their home, where Reid was saved at the age of 13.

Bev trusted Christ as a teenager at a Youth for Christ meeting. After their marriage, they attended church regularly and became involved in the Christian Service

Brigade and Pioneer Girls Youth programs at church.

In 1969, they heard a message on Ezekiel 22:30, *"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."*

They believed that God was looking for them to serve Him. That fall Reid enrolled at Midwestern Baptist College, Pontiac, Michigan. After cramming four years of study into five years, working full time as a tool designer, and working in their home church, he graduated.

The last year of college they were called to the First Baptist Church of Attica, Michigan. After three and one-half years ministry there, God moved them to Camp Point, Illinois for five and one-half years, then to Holt, Michigan, for seven and one-half years. They then went on staff in Hadley, Michigan, where they retired from full time ministry after 15 years.



## Reid and Bev Kitchen

After retirement they went on staff at Faith Baptist Church in Davison, Michigan, serving part-time and also filled pulpits in area churches on Sundays. One of those churches asked them to come as Interim Pastor until the church was ready to call their new pastor, and they agreed. They retired again on Christmas day of 2011. And here they are!

Reid and Bev have two children and four grandchildren. Their son lives in Wixom, Michigan with his wife and a daughter, who will graduate from high school this year. Their daughter lives in Talkeetna, Alaska with her husband and three children ages 14, 12 and 3.

## From the Harrimans:

It is difficult to express adequately, "Thank You," to those who have showered us with such overwhelming expressions of gratitude.

Thank you to each and every one who gave assistance in any way toward the preparation of the Retirement Dinner.

Thank you for each note of appreciation. They were beautiful and heart warming to read.

Thank you for the sweet music and spoken tribute.

Thank you for the beautiful clock, which will be a reminder that "Our times are in God's hands."

We are greatly humbled, as we accept the gifts and words from you dear people. We are only a couple, who have been led through a life of ministry. God was pleased to lead us to Maranatha and has allowed us the privilege of being a part of the Village.

**Earle and Donnabelle**

## Cook's Korner

### Spinach Quiche

- 1- (10 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- 1- bunch green onions, finely chopped (white parts only)
- 2- cups shredded Cheddar cheese

- 4- eggs, beaten
- 1- (16 oz) package cottage cheese
- 1/4 cup crushed croutons

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Lightly grease a 9 inch pie or quiche pan.
2. Place spinach in a small saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally until soft. Drain off any remaining liquid. Stir in green onions, eggs, cottage cheese & Cheddar cheese. Pour mixture into prepared pan.
3. Bake uncovered in preheated oven for 45 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle with crushed croutons. Return to oven and bake for an additional 15 minutes, until eggs are set.

*Personally, I do not use the croutons.*

**Marie Moore**



# Maranatha Moosings

## NEWS! NEWS! NEWS!

### READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Let's see if this old moose can catch you up on all the latest happenings in Maranatha Village. (I went to the Dollar Store the other day and purchased a notebook so I can start writing down important Village happenings. The old memory ain't like it was when I was 16!!) *So much has happened in two months!*

New construction of the Florida Room at 63 Daniel Road is completed and looks really nice.

The laundry at 20 Amos Street is complete and the addition at 59



Gideon Road is enclosed and awaiting the exterior to be finished.

The north section of Hamman Hall ceiling is finished and looking great. The cathedral ceiling will be completed in May.

Work is being done at 42 Daniel Road, 56 Maranatha Boulevard, 23 Gabriel Street and 70 Daniel Road.

Many leaves are being raked by many volunteers. Thank you for doing that endless job! Y'all have kept maintenance man **Tim** busy delivering and picking up those leaf tubs.

We're saying s'long to **Marion Bantle**. **James** and **Virginia Menkhoff** have purchased Marion's mobile home.

**Carl & Bev Clarke**, 5 Matthew, have moved closer to family.

*Marion and Carl & Bev, you will surely be missed by your Maranatha family and friends!*

**Joyce Kaufmann** and **Lois Welsh** are new residents at Maranatha Manor.

**Bob** and **Cheryl Gardiner** have purchased the mobile of **Joyce** and **Lois** at 217 Timothy Road.

We welcome new residents:

**Richard** and **Cathy Mooney**, 56 Maranatha Boulevard,

**Richard** and **Barbara Rounds** 201 Timothy Road,

**Lucky** and **Ruth Shepard** 23 Gabriel Street.

**Bob** and **Ruth Watterson** are moving to 70 Daniel Road.

**Tom Williams** has moved to the Manor from 67 Daniel Road.

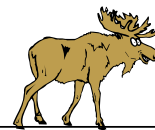
I see **Carl Barton** promoting the village to our visitors and spending time giving them the benefits of living in Maranatha Village. His summer schedule is filling up by attending the GARBC, ABWE, and BBM conferences. He is doing a great job of advertising in the periodicals of Baptist Voice and Baptist Bulletin. Have you noticed them?

So long till next time.

**Waitin' for HIS return,**

**Workin' til HE does!**

*The Rambling Moose*



## What Cancer Cannot Do

*"There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body."*

I CORINTHIANS 15:44

### Cancer is so limited

It cannot cripple love,  
It cannot shatter hope,  
It cannot corrode faith,  
It cannot eat away peace,  
It cannot destroy confidence,  
It cannot kill friendships,  
It cannot shut out memories,  
It cannot silence courage,  
It cannot invade the soul,  
It cannot reduce eternal life,  
It cannot quench the Spirit,  
It cannot lessen the power of the resurrection.

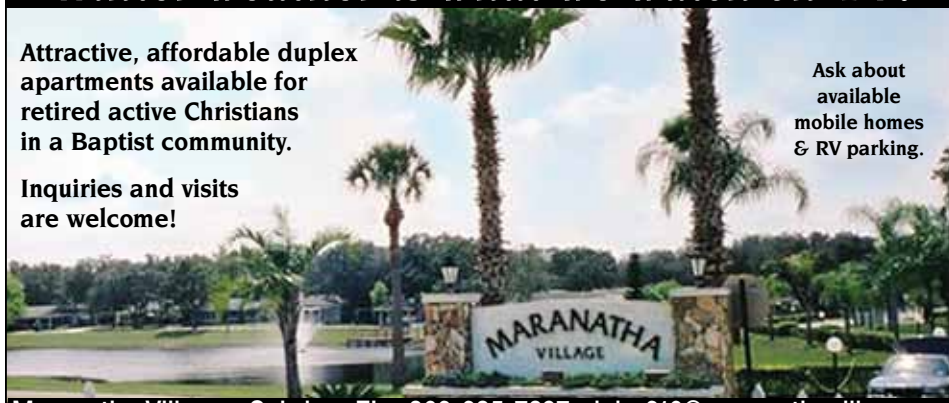
*The greatest enemy is not the disease, but despair.*

## Winter weather is what we watch on TV!

Attractive, affordable duplex apartments available for retired active Christians in a Baptist community.

Inquiries and visits are welcome!

Ask about available mobile homes & RV parking.



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# Sports

## Fellowship Acres Golf Course

**Co-Presidents:** Ted Wells and Kent Lake

### Golf Banquet

Sixty-one people enjoyed the golf banquet in Hamman Hall on March 6th this year. As usual, excellent food was prepared and served by **Elaine Edmondson** and her crew.

Winners during the week prior to the banquet were those receiving the awards.

Best score for the day:

#### COUPLES LEAGUE

**Stan & Karen Mohr, Mike & Yvonne White, Dale & Marie Moore**, with a score of 28.

#### LONGEST CHIP

Woman - **Carol Lake**, 25 yards,  
Men - **Wayne Mattson**, 25 yards.

#### LONGEST DRIVE ON

##### '9' FAIRWAY

**Dorla Abrams** for the gals,  
**Wayne Mattson** for the men.  
**Lee Sebesta** took the closest to the pin on #7 for men.  
There were no women qualifiers.

#### MEN'S TOURNAMENT DAY

The best score was won by the team of: **Russ Hull, Aaron Porter, Ron VanNatter** and **Carl Clark** with a 57.

#### BEST NINE

**Dick Geiger, Al Cary, Hoyt Douglas** and **Kent Lake**, with a 28.

#### LONGEST CHIP

**Russ Hull** - 67 yards.

We had special awards won by **Howard Kyser** for hitting the most trees, **Roger Ergang** won the closest to the pin on #2, and **Kent Lake** won the longest drive. All in all it was a very fun evening.

The Lord has really blessed us with this golf course. Sometimes we feel frustrated, but it is wonderful fellowship and we have a lot of laughs.

Thanks go out to all who work on the course and all who play there.

Co-Presidents **Kent Lake** and **Ted Wells** and Sec/Treas **Dick Geiger** give a special thanks to all the men and women who make the golf course a real success. Thanks for playing day in and day out.



## Group Games

### • Shuffleboard

The report just received indicated that the courts were very busy the past month with lots of visitors of our residents. You know Spring Breakers come to Florida for warmth and sunshine. Just to name a few residents that had visitors: **Don and Judie Laven, Marian Bantle, Bill and Thelma Woodward, Dave and Judy Tinkham.**

### • Bocce Ball

The bocce court has seen little action the past few months. Only once at the end of March for a few days was anybody seen playing. They sure made a lot of noise, tho. (It was the **Laven Family**.)

### • Horseshoes

March and April were busy times for the guys throwing the shoe at the metal stake. They play every Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 pm. **Don Wetzel, Myron Burget, Jim Mitchell, Wes Mueller, and Bruce Hendsbee** invite you to join them.

### • Walking

### • Biking

### • Exercise

Some of our regulars have departed for the North Country, but that does not mean that you cannot take their place. Just remember that **'Standing and Talking'** does not burn any calories. Plus, exercise is healthy.

### • Swimming

The Ladies Exercise classes led by **Joanne Snyder** continue through the summer months on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am - 11am. Other times are **open swim**. Many take advantage of the pool for exercise during the summer months when walking in the heat is not advised.

Donations to assist in the cost of operating the pool are tax deductible. Make your check payable to Maranatha Village.



# Let's Go Fishing

## Bay of Gulf of Mexico

Just the feel of the rod wiggling and knowing that a fish must be on the end of the line gives the avid "fisher" (man or lady) the excitement to have another opportunity to fish. Just ask **Bruce Hendsbee** what this means. . . That is exactly what happened on March 24th, a beautiful hot – sunny Saturday when seven vehicles left Maranatha Village at 6 am. There were eighteen people excited about fishing at the South Pier of Skyway Fishing Pier – Sunshine Bridge. The group caught a Pelican who went after their bait fish. Everyone caught at least one fish and most got five to ten fish. The fish were not all keepers but we had a lot of fun. We fished about eight hours waiting for the big one. A special welcome to our "first timers," **Jeanne Mullineaux, Elaine Edmondson, and Eloise Skillman**. Thanks to **Carl Barton** for organizing the trip.

## Maranatha Village Lakes

There always seems to be someone fishing on our lakes. Do you want

to know how to catch those Florida Bass?

Ask **Clay Lewis**, an expert on fishing the large lake at Maranatha Village. Or **Bruce Hendsbee** who is seen fishing the small lake in Memorial Park. Among others who fish our lakes are **Don Wetzel and Gary Salzman**.

## Hot Dog Roast (Support Your Pool)

Monthly Hot Dog Roasts were held on February 15 and March 21 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Hot Dog or Smoked Sausage along with a bun and all the fixings, chips and soda were sold for \$4. If you wanted dessert, pie was available for \$1 a slice. We had great sunny days at both the February and March roasts. There were 120 people in attendance on February 15 and about 78 came on March 21. All enjoyed a very good time of fellowship.

**Don Laven** was the buyer and organizer. **Wayne Mattson** was our professional grill master at the fire pit. Great Job – Well Done. Plus all the other workers: **Gary Edgecomb, Darlene Edgecomb, Judie Laven, Yvonne Johnson, Valene Douglas,**

**Vera Ergang, Peggy Wilson, Geraldine Orchard, Howard Kyser, and Sharon Mattson.**



The combined net income was \$802. The money went to assist in covering the cost of the operation of the Maranatha Village Swimming Pool. Thanks to all who made this a successful project.

## Monthly Village Dinners

A report of the monthly Village dinners for January, February, March and April:

**January 27, 2012** program was Hammock State Park Ranger  
- Attendance 192

**February 23, 2012** program was Children's Bible Hour, **Charlie VanderMeer** with **Grandpa Jones**  
- Attendance 200

**March 30, 2012** program was Principles of Freedom, presented by **Dale Pflug**.  
- Attendance 108

**April 27, 2012** program was a Night of Appreciation for **Earle and Donnabelle Harriman**.  
- Attendance 110

**Don Laven** in charge of sign-up sheets;

**Gil Seddon** in charge of the program;

Village Maintenance Crew setup tables;

**Carol Milligan** in charge of all the beverages;

**Judie Laven** in charge of table preparation/seating with her crew of **Valene Douglas, Kathy Mooney and Kathy Sebesta**.



**A FISH TALE!**

Village residents, left to right, **Sam Hammel, Clay Lewis, Carl Barton** enjoyed a successful day of fishing on St. Patrick's Day. Their charter captain, Mr. Billy Miller, Maximo Marina, St. Petersburg, 813-363-9927, proved that he could find the fish. The catch consisted of King Mackerel, Spanish Mackerel, and Bonito. Pictured is about one third of the fish caught.

Maranatha residents can enjoy productive fishing in either the Gulf of Mexico or the Atlantic Ocean as both are about equal distance from the Village.

# Our Prison Ministry

by Don Bond

(A message from the Avon Park State Prison to our village.)

***"My name is Brother Tony E. Clark. I truly want to thank your Church family for all the wonderful teaching that's done by all of the guys from your Church and Village. Mr. Don Bond, Mr. Bruce Hendsbee, Mr. Gil Seddon, and Mr. Ray Jensen. They're doing a wonderful work for the Lord."***

Tony is an Inmate Orderly helping the Chaplains with Chapel duties. Many inmates express the same sentiments.

We are four who have been called by God to "Remember the prisoners as if chained with them – those who are mistreated – since you yourselves are in the Body also." (Heb. 13:2)

Our field is the Avon Park Correctional Institution with 1007 inmates in the main high security unit and 510 in the separate work camp. As Volunteer Chaplains, we are responsible for the opening and the administration of the Work Camp Chapel.



FRONT ROW:

**Ray Jensen, Betty Hendsbee.**

SECOND ROW:

**Bill Woodward, Gil Seddon.**

Back row: **Tom Walmsley, Bruce Hendsbee, Don Bond.**



**Alex Thompson**

began working in the jail ministry in 2001 prior to his moving to Maranatha

Village. He joined Maranatha Village residents **Harold Burns** (deceased) and **Frank Nabring** (deceased) in having services at the jail. Alex says, "Harold did the preaching, I would give a testimony and Frank led the singing. In the ten years I have been going to the jail, we have seen many inmates, both ladies and men, come to know Jesus as their Savior."

Alex is the longest serving member of the group that serves in both the jail and prison ministries.

On a daily schedule, Christian movies, religious satellite channels, Christian videos and tapes are shown with the availability of a library stocked with many Christian books.

Volunteer Chaplains lead Bible Study classes daily for the inmates. Also a special ministry offers counseling and prayer to those seeking spiritual help. All these benefits are only available when a Volunteer Chaplain is present to open and supervise the Chapel.

(The one Staff Chaplain is occupied with the affairs of the main Unit and its Chapel.)

We are engaged in the spiritual battle of Ephesians 6 against the "rulers of the darkness of this age" (demon activity). All our inmates are felons, and most have past drug problems, having experienced domination by "spiritual hosts of wickedness."

Only the power of God is sufficient to free them and only His Word can lead them to salvation. We are bearers of that Word. The prayer intercession of God's people makes His power available. We are grateful for the prayers of God's people at Maranatha and covet their fervent continuance. God's power is evident in changed lives and growing Christians. God is answering your effectual, fervent prayer.

In addition to the ministry described above, lightly-used men's clothing is donated by villagers for the inmates at the time of their release. Some have been incarcerated for 15 to 20 years and have only their prison uniforms.



**Don Bond** loading bags of clothes to take to the prison.

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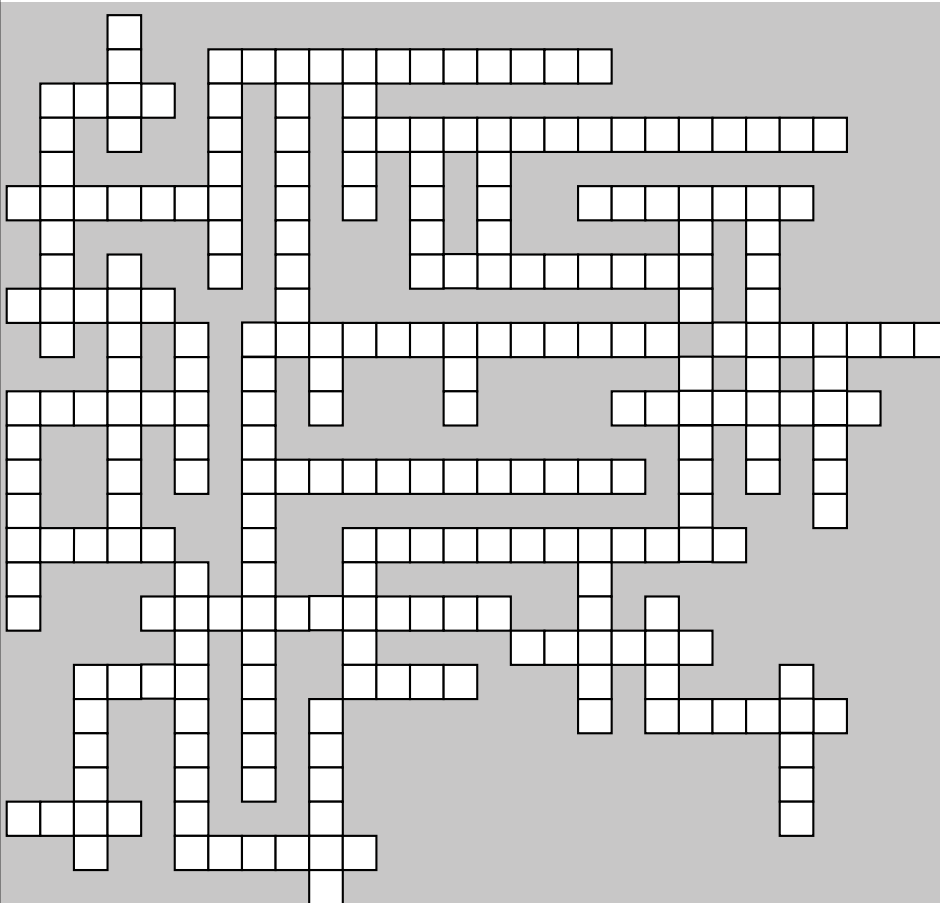
The prison and jail ministry is a volunteer effort for both men and women residents. If you are interested and able to volunteer in this area, please get in touch with any active worker and they will be glad to help you get involved. Even if you can only help during the winter months it is a great opportunity to serve the Lord.

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### Trees, Spices, Plants, etc. found in the Bible



#### 3-letters

FIG, OAK

#### 4-letters

ALOE, CANE  
FISH,  
MINT, REED  
SALT, WINE

#### 5-letters

ANISE, CEDAR  
FLAGS, HONEY  
LEEKs, MELON  
OLIVE, WHEAT

#### 6-letters

ALMOND  
BARLEY, CYPRUS  
GARLIC, GRAPES  
HYSSOP, THORNS  
MYRTLE, ONIONS

#### 7-letters

BULRUSH  
JUNIPER  
LENTILS  
MUSTARD  
SAFFRON

#### 8-letters

CINNAMON  
CUCUMBER

#### 9-letters

CORIANDER  
HONEYCOMB  
PALMTREES  
SPIKENARD  
SWEETCANE

#### 11-letters

POMEGRANATE

#### 12-letters

FRANKINCENSE  
ROSEOFSHARON  
SYCAMINETREE

#### 13-letters

CROWN OF THORNS

#### 14-letters

CEDAR OF LEBANON

#### 15-letters

LILY OF THE VALLEY