



The Maranatha Village Trumpet

"The Lord Cometh"

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*Our
sincere
sympathy
is extended to the
families of...*



Howard Budd	10-10-13
Martha Green	10-12-13
Edward Micka	10-20-13
Dennis Whitehead	10-25-13
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Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Sunday, October 13, was a special day in the life of Maranatha Baptist Church. It was Pastor Appreciation Sunday and the church's three pastors and their wives were recognized for their dedicated service to Maranatha Baptist Church.

Pictured from left to right are associate pastors **Ted Ertle** and **Rose**, **Don Messenger** and **Alice**, and **Senior Pastor Dr. Gerry Webber** and **Kathy**. The church presented them with gift cards for dining in some of their favorite restaurants and boxes of chocolates for their enjoyment at home.

A time of fellowship for all of the church family was enjoyed after the Sunday evening service. **Carol**



Milligan and her crew of helpers prepared a beautiful reception.

Maranatha Baptist Church is the center of the spiritual life at Maranatha Village. Regular church services, daily chapel and prayer time, outreach ministries, winter Bible conferences, and several winter concerts are all organized by the pastors.

If you see any of the pastors in and around the Village be sure to let them know that they are appreciated. The projected number of people residing in Maranatha Village for this winter is 393.



From the Editor

Carl Barton

Winter at Maranatha Village

Located in the heartland of Florida where sunshine and restaurants are plentiful, Maranatha Village is a great place to spend the winter months. The population in Florida just about doubles in the winter and that is fairly close to what happens at Maranatha Village.

Friends reunite, activities increase, traffic picks up, restaurants fill up, gas prices go up and doctors' office visits might seem like a half day of waiting. More than likely someone will get your seat at church, testing your Christian attitude.

Sometimes it is hard to keep the blood pressure under control with all this sunshine and population explosion. But, thank God, you are alive and here for another winter.

Maranatha Village welcomes the arrival of winter residents and winter guests. Year-round residents have done their best to keep the place looking good while waiting for the winter season guests to arrive.

Enjoy the social activities with the good Christian atmosphere provided while living at Maranatha Village.



Volunteer to do something for the Village to help to keep it looking good and running smoothly. Promote the Village by telling your friends about this little gold mine in the heart of Florida.

Manor Happenings

Maranatha Baptist Church voted on Wednesday night, October 16th, to enter into a contract with Delta Sebring, Inc. for a construction and renovation project at the Manor. A new kitchen and dining area will be added to the east wing and the present kitchen and dining areas will be converted to office and storage space.

The new kitchen will have all new appliances and the dining area will be much more spacious. The extra office space is going to be appreciated.

This expansion is made possible by the thoughtful memorial gifts of Mr. Roscoe Williams and Mrs. Jean Heyburn. Both Mr. Williams and Mrs. Heyburn were members of Maranatha Baptist Church, and Roscoe was a resident of Maranatha Manor at the time of his Home going.

Maranatha Manor residents and staff will be blessed for many years to come because of the planned giving of both the Williams and Heyburn estates.

The projected cost for the new construction and renovation is \$154,000.00. Some inconvenience will be experienced by the residents and staff, but the end results will be well worth it. Everyone is asked to pray for Amy VanKleeck, director of the Manor, the staff, the residents and construction workers as this project proceeds.

Little Known Fact. . .

The Armadillo

"aka: possum on a half shell"

& Leprosy



These leathery shelled mammals, which can be found in ten states throughout the South-eastern U.S., are the only animals besides humans known to carry leprosy. There have been several reports of leprosy in humans who have handled, killed or eaten armadillos, or who may have been indirectly exposed by gardening in soil where the animals burrow.

Whether armadillos are linked to human infections in the United States has been "very difficult to address," ... the number of U.S. cases is minuscule. 150 people are diagnosed with leprosy in the U.S. each year.

There have been several reports of leprosy patients who came into contact with armadillos. John Abide, a dermatologist in Greenville, Mississippi, runs a solo practice and in recent years has seen three patients with the disease; further questioning revealed that all three of them had been exposed to armadillos.

One woman often worked in her garden, where there were armadillos "everywhere." Abide says, "She could have inhaled fecal material." And two male patients had killed armadillos near their houses.

Report taken from the New England Journal of Medicine, published case studies in 2008.

Moments with the Manager

Wes Halstead

I know a God Who Can!!

Dear Village Resident,
The winter season is fast approaching with all of the challenges that come with it. To help make this winter as pleasant as possible for all residents, we would like to remind everyone of some procedures and rules that help keep everyone happy. Please read each item and do your best to make each one a part of your life and practice. A good Christian testimony is at the top of the list for all Village residents, so while some rules may seem insignificant to you, it is still important that they are followed. The object of these rules is not to make life hard on you, but to make life more pleasant for all residents.

Thank you so much for all of your help. Any questions or suggestions can be presented to the Village Board.

Stop Signs And Speed Limit

All stop signs should be obeyed, both by cars and golf carts. The few extra seconds it takes to stop will not take much away from your busy retirement, but your not stopping will be remembered as a part of your life style. Maranatha Village is a safe haven for senior citizens, and the stop signs are in place to protect and hopefully avoid any accidents. Seeing someone else run a stop sign does not give you permission to run a stop sign. The Village speed limit is 20 MPH throughout all of the Village. The speedometer in the dash of your car tells how fast you are going. Please look at it and not go by feeling.

Swimming Pool

Maintenance men are the only persons allowed to make adjustments to the controls at the swimming pool.

Maintenance Area

The maintenance area is restricted to employees, volunteers and persons with permission to enter the area. Tools may be borrowed by Village residents, but permission must be obtained through the maintenance manager. Borrowed tools that become broken need to be reported to the maintenance manager. Borrowed tools must be returned to their proper place.

Rescued Material

Material and items salvaged from remodeling jobs are often still usable and can be obtained from the Village for a donation. The Village can use the donation to help with maintenance cost. Check with the Village manager about any item you might like.

Village Carpenter Shop

To use the carpenter shop, permission and a time slot can be obtained from **Dick Fleser**.

Bicycles

Used bicycles have been donated to the Village as residents have moved or purchased new ones. The Village makes these bicycles available for visitors and seasonal guests. Please do not take these bicycles or parts thereof for your permanent, personal use. This deprives the Village of helping guests enjoy their short stay in the Village.

Pets

The policy of the Village is that there are no pets in the apartments.

The policy of the Village is that pets are allowed in the mobile home park.

The policy of the Village is that pet dogs must be picked up after and exercised only in places

designated. All pet owners know these policies.

Most pet owners follow and obey these policies. Some pet owners choose to ignore and not obey these policies. Some pet owners are making life difficult for both their neighbors and the Village mowers. If your pet brings you happiness, then please take responsibility for your pet so that you will bring happiness to others also. **Dogs Must Be Picked Up After.**

Thank you for taking time to read these reminders. While they do not cover all the policies that help our Village run smoothly, these are the ones being brought most often to the attention of the Village office and the Village manager.

We trust you will do your best to comply with these policies and help make Maranatha Village a pleasant place to live in retirement.

Your Village Manager,

**Wes Halstead
and Staff**

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

Psalm 133:1

Financial Report

Earle Harriman

FINANCIAL REPORT

September 30, 2013 Asset Balance Sheet
As compared to December 31, 2012

CURRENT ASSETS INCREASED +14% -
Reserve Funds increased this spring as new residents moved into their chosen apartments.

FIXED ASSETS DECREASED -2.5 % -
The building and equipment increased values were not enough to offset the rate of Depreciation.

TOTAL ASSETS INCREASED +3.1% -
This is due to the Current Asset Increase.

TOTAL LIABILITIES INCREASED +1.4% -
Due to the new Occupancy Bonds issued.

LONG TERM LIABILITY INCREASED +2.7% -
A greater value of new Occupancy Bonds were issued, than those redeemed.

TOTAL EQUITIES INCREASED \$48,109 -
This year has been good, due to the increase in Current Assets. This is good for a third quarter.

Praise the Lord for His continued direction.

The Board Treasurer, Earle Harriman

FINANCIAL REPORT

January-September 2013
Income/Expenses

INCOME

Fees.....	\$ 662,148
Donations	129,231
Interest	21,959
Investment.....	41,154
Service	13,558
Miscellaneous.....	<u>3,405</u>
Total	\$ 871,455

EXPENSES

Administration.....	\$ 281,349
Professional Services.....	88,385
Utilities	93,910
Maintenance	92,728
Public Relations.....	10,969
Village Services	10,228
Resident Services	62,092
Miscellaneous	374
Depreciation.....	<u>181,228</u>
Total	821,263

DIFFERENCE \$ + 50,192

The comparison of Income to Expenses is favorable for the first nine months of the year due to income from Promos and new residents.

The Board Treasurer, Earle Harriman

A Change of Board Leadership

We thank **Dennis Whitehead** for his leadership as Board President. Dennis resigned, on September 9, 2013, as both President and a member of the Board of Directors due to family responsibilities. His resignation was accepted with regrets.

Russ Hull, as Vice President, has agreed to assume the duties of the President until the Annual Meeting, February, 2014. Pray for Russ and the Board in this transition period.

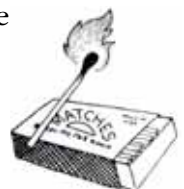
NOTE: We were saddened with the unexpected Home going of Dennis Whitehead on October 25, 2013.

Life with an Afterglow

A match company advertises one brand of matches as having “no *afterglow*” – and therefore not so liable to cause fires when thrown aside. That suggests, by contrast, the fact there is no *afterglow* to the lives of some Christians. They are honest and decent enough as citizens, and there are other admirable traits in their lives, but there is no warm, helpful, cheering *afterglow*.

What is admirable in matches is tragic in human character. Is there a glow in your life for Christ now? If there is, then there will be an *afterglow*.

Go outside and watch the sunset. The most beautiful of all colors come out in the *afterglow*. So with our lives, we should leave something that will continue to glow.



New Residents

**Bill
and
Sandy
Jewell**



We thank God daily for bringing us to Maranatha Village and Maranatha Baptist Church. He used our Amazing Grace friends, the **Walmsleys & Gardiners**, to invite us to share all we needed to know. After spending time visiting with our friends, staying a week-end and observing what happens at Maranatha, we prayed and God said that we should relocate. PTL.

We accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior in 1963 at

Morningside Baptist Church in Maryland, which is near the Andrews AFB. We were both baptized and began serving our Lord and Savior as teachers, deacon (Bill), singing in the choir and soul winning.

We had no idea how God would be leading us each day.

God has blessed us with two daughters, two dedicated sons-in-law and eight grandchildren, each one is born again, attends church and is living for the Lord. PTL.

We were led by God two years ago to serve Him as missionaries with the Amazing Grace Missions. We praise God for the many souls that are born again due to our attending fairs in the USA and foreign countries.

Maranatha is special to us, as we share with others. 'Tis a little bit of Heaven on earth.

WINNERS

Mexican Train Tournament October 29, 2013

Five tables of players enjoyed an evening playing Mexican Train in Hamman Hall on October 29.

The winners were (1) **Lucky and Ruth Shepard** with a score of 6. Runners up were (2) **Wayne and Sharon Mattson** with a score of 14. Everyone had a good time and the finger food was delicious. Make your plans now to join in on the fun at the next games night, Monday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m. Sign up in the church.



PROMISES God didn't promise a calm passage. He promised a safe landing.

PRAYING When you pray, don't give God instructions, just report for duty!

PEACE Peace starts with a smile.

**"For unto you is born
this day in the city of
David a Saviour; which
is Christ the Lord."**

Luke 2:11

Merry Christmas

*Xmas, oh, the awful shame
To omit the Savior's Name –
Christ, who came in humble birth
To bring Salvation to the earth.*

*Christ, the very Son of God,
Christ the Truth, the Way, the Word,
Christ the Lamb, yet King of Kings,
Christ the Shepherd, life He brings.*

*Christ, the faithful, Holy, true
Sinless, spotless, loving too.
Righteous, just, meek yet strong,
Christ – His list of names is long.*

*Prophet, Priest, God, Creator,
Bread of Life, Living Water,
Teacher, Healer, Coming King,
Let us now His praises sing.*

*Take Christ from Christmas?
Oh, the shame
To omit the Savior's Name!
Christ IS Christmas, Lord of Glory
This is the true Christmas story.*

Jean E. Lumeree
Village Resident

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.

Not Beyond His Reach

Doris Youmans

Many years ago now, my coworker Evelyn and I received a letter from a young lady who lived way over in the mountains of Japan. Although it was still in the same prefecture, her village was quite a distance away from us. She wrote that she was not a Christian but had acquired a Bible and would like some more information. So I started corresponding with her and sent her Christian literature. Eventually this young lady came to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

But how did this woman way over in the mountains in a village with no Christian witness come to hear about us? It's wonderful how the Lord brings circumstances around so that those with hungry hearts meet someone who can help them.

It happened like this. One year, I went by train to the coast to help my fellow missionaries, the Zinkes, in their work.

On a Sunday afternoon, I was returning from Iwaki over to Fukushima, and I got into a conversation with a woman on the train. Amazed that I could speak Japanese, she asked me how long I had lived in Japan.

The next morning, I received a telephone call from a young reporter, and he said, "You met my wife on the train yesterday, and I hear you have been in Japan a long time. May I come and interview you?" I agreed and he came over. Evelyn was with me at the time, and so he took our pictures and interviewed us.

The interview appeared in the newspaper. And that's how the young lady way over in the mountains heard about us.

Later I came to realize just how far away her village was. I had to take three trains and two buses to get there. But I was able to meet her. She's continuing with the Lord and she writes to me. She doesn't get to church very often, because the nearest church that preaches the gospel is about two hours away by public transportation.

I'm glad for her salvation, and I praise the Lord that He created a way for her to hear the gospel and be saved way out there in the mountains of Japan.

In 1950, Doris began her service with Baptist Mid-Missions, appointed for the field of Japan. For nearly 40 years, the Lord used her to change lives for the glory of Christ in that country.

Cook's Korner

Maple Squash & Sweet Potatoes

A favorite at Thanksgiving & Christmas Dinners

- 1 **Butternut Squash** (about 2 ½ pounds)
- 4 **Sweet Potatoes** (about 8 ounces each) peeled and cut into chunks
- 1/3 cup **Maple Syrup** (the *real* stuff)
- 1/4 cup **Butter**
- 1/2 teaspoon **Ground Nutmeg** (I add some cinnamon, too)
- Salt & Pepper** to taste

Peel & seed butternut squash, cut into large chunks.

Put squash & sweet potatoes into large pot, cover with salted water. Bring to a boil.

Reduce heat and simmer about 20 minutes, uncovered, until tender. Drain well.

While still hot, mash in remaining ingredients. Serves 8. Can be made ahead.

Reheat in oven-to-table casserole, covered, in a 350 degree oven until heated through.

Barb Moody



2014 Conference & Concert Schedule

January 12-15, 2014

Doug Whitley

Doug Whitley uses his abilities and training in dramatic production to bring to life the testimonies and preaching of godly leaders of the past. In his characterizations, he "becomes" D. L. Moody, King David, Hudson Taylor, the apostle Paul, George Mueller, Daniel, Andrew Murray and through these characters preaches the Word. He is an actor, professor, preacher, and has appeared in three Christian films, as well as radio and television programs. He began this itinerant ministry in 1990, and this will be his second visit to Maranatha.



February 9-12, 2014

Dr. Henry M. Morris III

Dr. Henry M. Morris is the CEO of The Institute For Creation Research founded by his renowned father in 1970 to promote research, education and communication in support of biblical creation; ICR has been a leader in the field ever since.

Dr. Morris III is a former college professor, administrator, business executive and pastor. He holds four earned degrees, is the author of numerous books and articles, and carries on an active speaking ministry at churches, schools and conferences. His love for the Word of God and passion for Christian maturity, coupled with God's gift of teaching, have given him a broad and effective ministry over the years.



March 23-26, 2014

Pete Mothershead

Pastor Pete's ministry began at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toledo, where he served as Pastor of Evangelism for twelve years. During that time, hundreds of people were equipped through the ministry he calls Balanced Evangelism. Using these principles, Pete gave dynamic leadership to the Santa Clarita (CA) Baptist Church over the next 25 years, seeing many people saved and discipled for Christ. Balanced Evangelism is now his full-time ministry, and will be the focus of these conference sessions, as well as a daily seminar Monday through Wednesday mornings. The goal will be a doctrinal and practical understanding of our task as witnesses to Christ.



Friday, January 31

Calvary Quartet



The Calvary Quartet was organized by Terry Snow in 1994 to provide special music for their home church, Calvary Baptist in Simpsonville, SC. After many requests by church members, the group recorded the songs they sang for special music. That recording led to opportunities to sing in other churches and in 2000 the traveling ministry of The Calvary Quartet began. Today they travel 32 weekends per year, and their music can be heard on many Christian radio stations in the United States and abroad.

Friday, February 14

Todd Donovan

Todd is a St. Petersburg native, and is the Worship and Fine Arts Pastor at Northside Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, FL and an adjunct professor of voice at Clearwater Christian College. He has also sung in a variety of roles in opera and operettas all over the world, and has won several awards for his versatility in singing. He will be joined by Georgene Williams, a soprano who has sung throughout the state of Florida, and is primary soloist at Northside Baptist Church. Todd will also conduct a choir workshop on Saturday.



Friday, March 14

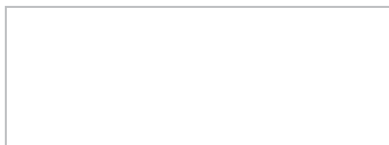
Eduard Klassen

A frequent guest at Maranatha, Eduard is a native of Paraguay, South America, now living in Ontario, Canada with his wife, Christine, and their two sons.

Playing the Paraguayan Harp, a traditional folk instrument, has been his passion since 1975. His tours have taken him to 23 countries, where he has performed over 3,500 concerts. His concerts are interspersed with personal testimony and stories of God's work in his life. With Eduard's natural sense of humor, he develops a rapport with audiences wherever he goes.



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We are nearing the end of the year. If you've been considering a **40th Anniversary** gift to **Maranatha Village**, now is the time.

Remember, it is tax deductible....*thank you!*

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

Active Deacon Turns 95!

Village resident and deacon of Maranatha Baptist Church, Morgan Dawley, enjoyed a 95th birthday celebration at a recent deacons' meeting. Pastor Gerald Webber watches as Morgan gets ready to blow out the candles on a birthday cake made of Dunkin' Donuts provided for the occasion.

During Morgan's tenure as a deacon, he has had the responsibility of looking after the church's physical upkeep. He has done this with real enthusiasm and energy. That responsibility will pass on to another



deacon in January, as Morgan has decided at the close of this year to step out of his role as a deacon.

Morgan is much appreciated for his dedication and contribution to Maranatha Baptist Church and will be missed at future deacons meetings.

Thank you, Morgan, for your faithful service to the Lord in both Maranatha Baptist Church and also in Maranatha Village.

WELCOME

Maranatha's Newest Residents

Jack and Nancy Bullis
217 Maranatha Boulevard

Mildred Crawford
11 Luke Street

Jerry & Marlys Johnson
13 Luke Street

Wayne & Linda Hyder
238 Maranatha Boulevard

Carol Richards
27 Amos Street