



*"The Lord Cometh"*

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## Maranatha Village Welcomes New Manager



MARY RUTH & ALLEN LOWE



LOWE'S EXTENDED FAMILY



KRYSTA LOWE

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Allen and Mrs. Mary Ruth Lowe and their daughter, Krysta, to Maranatha Village. Allen, the new Village Manager, began his responsibilities as manager on November 3, 2014. Krysta has been hired as the Village Office Manager. Her new position, along with its responsibilities, will begin on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Allen was introduced to the Village workers at a breakfast on November 3, 2014, with Allen, Mary Ruth, and Krysta being introduced to the residents at the Village meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Allen and Mary Ruth live at 32 Maranatha Blvd., and Krysta has moved into 36 Maranatha Blvd. They are looking forward to our Florida winters. We are delighted to have the Lowes in the Village. Allen comes to us well qualified for the ministry ahead.

In 1973, when Floyd Conway was getting Maranatha Village started, Allen Lowe was studying to receive his B.S. degree from Central Michigan University, receiving it in 1974. God began right away preparing him for the job of managing Maranatha Village. For the next 16 years, he gained experience as a teacher and school administrator. In 1991, at the Thomas Cooley Law School, Allen received his law degree and retains his license to this present time. From 1993 to 1998, Allen was a State Representative in the Michigan House of Representatives in Lansing, Michigan.

Allen has 9 years' experience as a municipal manager. For 6 years he was the city manager of Grayling, Michigan, where he administered a \$3.5 million budget and supervised 20 full-time and 20 part-time employees, as well as administering 20 city services. The last 3 years of those 9 years, he was manager of the town of Roscommon, Michigan, where he drafted a 10 year development plan. Allen retired this past summer.

Above all, Allen brings spiritual qualifications with him for this unique position. He was the treasurer for 10 years at Houghton Lake Baptist Church, and taught the senior Sunday school class for 13 years. There is much more that could be said, but suffice it to say "We welcome Allen, Mary Ruth, and Krysta Lowe to Maranatha Village."



# VILLAGE EPISODES OF 2014



This year, 2014, has almost ended which brings 2015 to our door step. There is a lot for which to be thankful as we gaze back over the many parts of Maranatha Village. Because of age (the Village will turn 43 years old on April

16, 2015) there were a lot of replacement needs. One of those was a major undertaking, the resurfacing of our roads. That was a major accomplishment for 2014. It caused a large expenditure of \$209,000.00; with the help of Maranatha Baptist Church that is behind us.

**2014** saw the introduction of the Charitable Gift Annuity program. It has been well received and will provide funds for future needs of the Village. The CGAs allow present residents to continue the spirit of giving and sacrifice that gave us what we enjoy today. Floyd Conway would be so pleased to see how his vision for Maranatha Village has developed.

**2014** has also seen some wonderful expansion in our Maranatha Memorial Park. A donation from Terry Doane has provided a beautiful walking and exercise trail in memory of Lillian Doane. Lillian passed away in 2014.

**2014** closes out with some construction as new metal roofs replaced shingled roofs on two apartment buildings. A new metal roof costs in the neighborhood of \$16,000.00 for each building. Again, age is the reason for this kind of expenditure.

**2015** promises to be a year filled with great activity. The search for a new Village Manager has now been completed with the hiring of Mr. Allen Lowe. Wes Halstead will move into retirement. Wes has managed the Village since July 1, 2001, and will continue to live in Maranatha Village to provide assistance during the transition time. An open house retirement party is planned for Wes and Bonnie on January 29, 2015. A



*Allen & Mary Ruth Lowe*

donation from the Fogle family is allowing us to add a building in the Memorial Park. The building is being done

in memory of Lester and Martha Fogle who purchased into Maranatha Village in 1985. Volunteers will do the construction under the direction of Fred McNeil. Construction may be underway by the time you receive this news.

In February, plans are to build a beautiful gazebo beside the walking trail. This is being donated and built by Baptist Mid-Missions in memory of Dr. Allen and Ann Lewis, past president of Baptist Mid-Missions and past residents of Maranatha Village.

Donations help us have a better place to live. As a non-profit, low cost housing for the elderly, Maranatha Village

depends greatly on the generous donations and gifts provided by its residents and the children of its residents. No one is more giving than the residents of Maranatha Village, who love the Lord and appreciate the wonderful provision God has given us for our retirement years. Donations are tax deductible.

A future project of great benefit to the Village would be a proper renovation of the office building. To be done right, it will take a good amount of financing, and is worth all of our interest and prayers. New lawnmowers are on the prayer list for our maintenance workers.

I recently came across a report stating that being good neighbors contributed greatly to a "long" life. Maybe that is the reason Maranatha Village has so many residents who live a "long" time. "Be a good neighbor, have a good neighbor." Enjoy this coming winter season here at Maranatha Village. Thank you for residing with us. We hope you find enough to do to keep you active.

The Village Office

*Carl Barton, Projects Administrator*



*Col. PHIL Fogle  
Mary Beth (Fogle) Smith*



*Lucky & Ruth  
Walking Trail*



*Fred McNeil*

# THE MANOR RENOVATIONS ACCOMPLISHED!

***“The light, airy and spacious dining area is truly a wonderful blessing and a beauty to behold.”***

*Joyce Kaufmann & Lois Welsh*

On Friday, October 3 (at long last!), Maranatha Manor welcomed friends and neighbors to an Open House to celebrate the conclusion of the newly renovated and expanded facilities for our cherished senior saints. It was a sunshiny, early-fall day, and the happy occasion attracted nearly 200 guests.

The highlight of the renovation was the beautiful new kitchen and dining facility. From 9-11 AM, a steady stream of people came through, uttering “oohs” and “ahs” as they admired the mood-enhancing décor, with its bright colors and creative accessories. Those who remembered the former kitchen were amazed at the size, attractiveness and user-friendly design of the new one. The large pass-through invites residents to watch their meals being prepared. The enlarged dining area, with its new tables and chairs, welcomes sunlight into the room, and provides extra space for hosting friends and family for the occasional meal.

The 800 square-foot expansion made possible the re-purposing of rooms “up-front,” including a small exercise room, new offices for the Administrator and Resident Care Liaison, along with a remodeled “med room.” New carpet and fresh paint on the walls complete the adornment of the “living room” with its tasteful furniture for lounging and entertaining guests.

Far from boasting of the new and renewed facilities, the Staff and Administration are clearly aware that it’s a gift from the Lord, made possible through the generosity of two of our Maranatha family gone on to be with the Lord: Jeannie Heyburn and Roscoe Williams. Other accessories were also provided through memorial and designated gifts, allowing operating funds to remain untouched. All in all, we just say, “To God be the glory, great things He hath done!”

**by Dr. Gerald Webber**

***It is amazing to me how the staff and volunteers could keep serving us so well with what must have been many inconveniences for them as well as putting up with the hammering, drilling and other construction noises.... It is a pleasure to watch the cooks working so cheerfully in their new well equipped kitchen.*** Doris Youmans



***Ramona***



***“Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.”***  
***1 Chronicles 29:13***



# Future Events at Maranatha Village

## **ANNOUNCING**

***Tuesday, December 23, 2014, at 6:00 P.M.***

### ***FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WHEELFEST PARADE!!!!***

“Dashing through the snow, in a one horse open...” — Wait a minute!

We don't have snow in Maranatha Village at Christmas ???

WHO can enter the parade

ANYONE who has a set of wheels!

WHAT — A set of wheels includes the following :

golf-carts, bicycles, wagons, wheelchairs, scooters, etc.

WHY— Looking for the person with best Christmas Decorated Wheels

WHERE — Meet at the church parking lot.

After the parade we will be meeting at Hamman Hall  
for a time of fun, food, fellowship. We will be judging all sets  
of wheels for the best Christmas Decorated set of wheels !!!!

***Questions - Contact Dick and Annette Chapin 863-304-8900***

See sign up sheet for more details.

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## ***Lillian Doane Memorial Walking Trail***

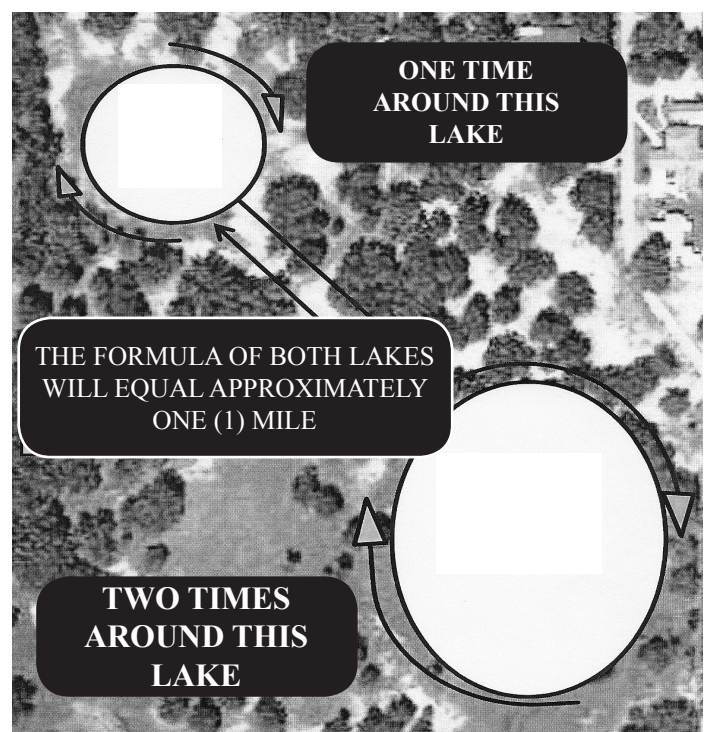
### ***Dedication Service***

***For Lillian Doane Memorial Walking Trail***

***Friday, January 9, 2015 — 1:00 P.M.***

***Outside at the Maranatha Blvd entrance to the trail.***

***Please join us for the celebration of this memorial.***



# October & November Winners

## Mexican Train Tournament



October



November

The October winners for the Mexican Train Tournament were 1st place, Myron and Jo Burget with 9 points, 2nd place, Paul and Elaine Kintner with 16 points, and 3rd place, Bob and Ruth Watterson with 20 points.

The November winners were 1<sup>st</sup> place, Paul and Lois Otto – 10 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> place (3 way tie), Joyce Walmsley and Evelyne Metzler, Bob & Ruth Watterson and Dennis and Jean Doughman – 14 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Jim and Jurrena Mitchell – 15 points. There were a total of 36 players.

A game night of Mexican Train will be held in Hamman Hall on the first Monday night of each month for the winter season. It is a team activity and is open to all residents of the Village and anyone attending Maranatha Baptist Church. If you would like to learn how to play, you may contact Carl Barton.

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## “MILESTONE”



Grace Hadley has lived in Maranatha Village for 35 years. Grace and her husband, George, arrived in Maranatha Village November 12, 1979. George began working for the Village with a salary of \$100.00 a month. On May 22, 1986, George died as the result of a work related accident.

The beautiful fountain enjoyed by all, as we enter the Village, was placed there as a memorial to George Hadley. Grace lives at 29 Gideon Road. We appreciate the contribution George and Grace have made to Maranatha Village. Congratulations, Grace, on living 35 years in Maranatha Village. Grace is 92 years young and “prefers chocolate to flowers”.

The Editor

## Four Cheese & Onion Dip

1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded

½ cup Swiss cheese, shredded

¼ cup Parmesan cheese

2/3 cup Miracle Whip

2/3 cup diced yellow onion

½ cup milk

¼ tsp salt

Preheat oven 375 degrees. Mix all ingredients until well combined and spread into a quart baking dish.

Bake for 40 minutes or until dip is bubbling and top is lightly browned.

*Bonnie Halstead*



*“The table is a meeting place, a gathering ground, the source of sustenance and nourishment, festivity, safety, and satisfaction. A person cooking is a person giving: Even the simplest food is a gift.”*

*-- Laurie Colwin*

## Country Apple Dumplings

### Ingredients:

2 large Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, and cut into 8 pieces each

2 (10 ounce) cans of refrigerated crescent roll dough

1 cup butter

1 cup white sugar

1/2 cup brown sugar

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 (12 ounce) can or bottle of Mountain Dew

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Grease a 9 x 13 baking dish

Separate the crescent roll into triangles

Roll each slice of apple wedge in crescent roll starting at the smallest end.

Pinch to seal and place in baking dish.

Melt butter in a small saucepan and stir in the sugar and cinnamon, cook until well blended, then add vanilla.

Pour over apple dumplings using spoon to help cover dumplings.

Pour Mountain Dew over the dumplings.

Bake 35 to 45 minutes in preheated oven.

*Marlys Johnson*





# 2015 Conference & Concert Schedule

## JANUARY 11-14, 2015

### Bob Gillespie

Bob Gillespie is one of the Answers Outreach Speakers for Answers in Genesis. He was raised in a Baptist pastors home where he received the Lord as his Savior when he was eight-years-old. From then on, he knew that God wanted him to do something for Him. Bob graduated from Cedarville University where he met his wife Lois, then finished his Masters of Ministries degree at Baptist Bible Seminary in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. The Gillespies taught in Christian schools in Ohio for 14 years and then served two terms at MK schools in West Africa. Bob and Lois have two grown children and two grandchildren. Bobs goal today is to encourage the churches to uphold the authority of God's Word from verse one, to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to confront the forces of secular humanism that are taking over our culture.



## FEBRUARY 8-11, 2015

### Dr. Richard Van Heukelum

Dr. Richard Van Heukelum is the Senior Pastor of Shawnee Baptist Church in Shamong NJ. He previously held pastorates in New York and Iowa, and enjoyed a one-year short term assignment in the Central African Republic. He has served on several boards and councils, and has preached overseas in South America, Asia, Europe and Africa. He is a graduate of Michigan State University, Grace Theological Seminary, and holds a D.Min. from Baptist Bible Seminary, Clarks Summit. In 2001, he founded Word for the World Ministries, an internet outreach that has seen over 80,000 downloads from all 50 states and 45 foreign countries. He and his wife Lynette have three grown children and seven grandchildren.



## March 8-11, 2015

### Dr. Gary L. Anderson

Dr. Gary L. Anderson has served for over 25 years (since 1989) as President of Baptist Mid-Missions, following two years as Executive Vice President. Prior to that, he had pastored the Springville (PA) Baptist Church. Dr. Anderson holds a B.A. from Bob Jones University, a M.Div. from Biblical Theological Seminary, and was honored with the Doctor of Divinity Degree by Baptist Bible College and Seminary in 1990. Gary and his wife Barbara have three adult children and make their home in Grafton, OH. The BMM General Council is engaged in an active search for God's man to succeed Dr. Anderson as he prepares for a well-deserved retirement.



## FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2015

### Amy Carr

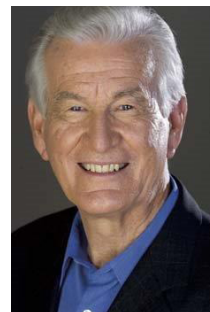
Amy Carr is a violinist from Ankeny, Iowa. She has played the violin since the age of ten and has won numerous competitions and recorded 3 CD's. She attends Ankeny Baptist Church with her husband and two daughters, Ava and Olivia. Amy is a homeschool mom and teaches private music lessons to 25 Students. She graduated from Faith Baptist Bible College with degrees in Christian Education, Music and Elementary Education. Amy will be accompanied by Becky Collogan, who is an adjunct music instructor at FBBC and also maintains a private studio teaching piano and violin. She currently serves as church pianist and accompanist at Ankeny Baptist Church.



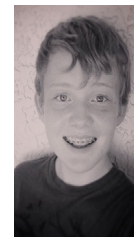
## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2015

### Lloyd Knight

Lloyd Knight is an Award Winning Tenor Soloist, television personality and recording artist. For many years, he was the weekly television and radio staff soloist for the Peoples Church, Toronto, Ontario. His singing has taken him to the USA, Mexico, Central America, Europe and all across Canada. His voice is captivating and vibrant, and he maintains an active performance schedule. He is also Founder and President of Round Table Associates Advertising & Media Inc., which was established in 1974. This is a full service video production company that produces creative videos for corporations, non-profit organizations and television.



Charles DiMarco, Jr. was drawn to the violin and piano at an early age after hearing the sounds and strings produced by The Florida Orchestra, Andre Rieu and the Johann Strauss Orchestra, and Celtic Woman. Playing and studying since 2005, Charles Jr. has also had the privilege of attending the Fine Arts Summer Academy (FASA) in Nashville, TN for the last 5 years playing under the tutelage of the Juilliard-trained Annie Moses Band. In 2013 and 2014 he was blessed with the opportunity to play on the Grand Ole Opry stage alongside the Annie Moses Band. Charles also plays with the Pinellas Park Orchestra and in the Starkey Road Baptist Church Orchestra. Colin DiMarco started playing cello at 3½ seemingly wanting to take on the challenge of mastering one of the largest instruments he could find. Colin has been inspired by The Piano Guys, Andre Rieu and the Johann Strauss Orchestra, and other talented musicians. For the last 5 years Colin has also attended the Fine Arts Summer Academy in Nashville, TN playing under the tutelage of the Juilliard-trained Annie Moses Band. Colin began his string studies with Shirley Hand and now continues his cello studies with Martin Berstein. He also took 2 years of piano with Melanie Pav. The DiMarco Brothers will be accompanied in their concert by Noah Keyes, an 8th grader at Keswick Christian School, where he is active in choir and band.



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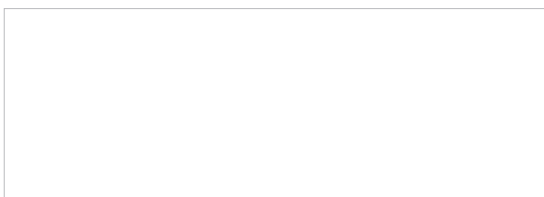
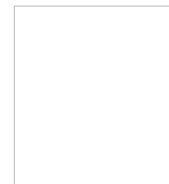
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**“Believe on the  
Lord Jesus Christ  
and you will be saved.”**

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## *Tremendous Job Well-Done!*

~APPRECIATION EXPRESSED~



For approximately four years, the design and graphic art for the Trumpet and for the Village advertising has had the professional touch and careful work of Mrs. Dot Selstad. Dot's background in typesetting and graphic design has been a great benefit and blessing to Maranatha Village. She has voluntarily given many hours toward the production of the Village Trumpet.

Dot's family also entered into this ministry by supplying a special Apple computer so she could produce the Trumpet. Now that Dot has arthritis in her hands, she must give up her enjoyed ministry of producing the Trumpet.

Dot is passing this ministry to Robert Watterson. Before retirement from Baptist Mid-Missions, Bob was the editor and graphic designer for a periodical called "It's About Time." This periodical was a continuing education paper for the Baptist Mid-Missions family.

Maranatha Village would like to express its appreciation to Dot Selstad for her faithful dedication and her excellent quality of work over these past years. The paper is an enjoyable part of our lives in the Village. We also express our appreciation to Bob Watterson for volunteering to taking over the production of the "Trumpet."

*Carl Barton, Editor*