



The Maranatha Village Trumpet

"The Lord Cometh"

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God's Double Blessing!

Maranatha Village enjoyed the unique experience of dedicating two great additions to its grounds during the second week of March 2015.



Lewis Memorial Gazebo

Wow! What an unusual experience for any Christian organization to have two linking, yet separate projects occurring at the same time. Since Dr. Gary Anderson, president of Baptist Mid-Missions, was the speaker for the March Bible Conference, Mrs. Barbara Anderson was speaker at the Sunshine Ladies Missionary Fellowship, it became a unique event for them to participate in the dedication of two related projects, *The Lewis Memorial Gazebo* and *The Fogle Pavilion*.

The first dedication was on Monday, March 9, for the Allan E. and Ann M. Lewis Memorial Gazebo. Donations for the cost of materials totaling about \$5,600.00, were given for this worthy memorial. Dr. Allan and Ann Lewis were the first full-time president and first lady of Baptist Mid-Missions and served with distinction in that capacity for 23 years. Their retirement brought them to Maranatha Village, where their presence was enjoyed for some 20 years. This beautiful, large gazebo is located overlooking the lake in the center of the Village and will be enjoyed by residents for many years to come.

Construction of the Lewis Gazebo was done by a volunteer crew from Salem Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Allen and Ginger Lakey headed up the team of Lynn and Carol Greear, Bucky Frye, David Peters and Kivett Hicks. They did a wonderful job that is both honoring to the Lord and honoring to Dr. Allan and Ann Lewis. We extend our sincere thanks to them.

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Fogle Pavilion



Manager's Perspective Now & The Future

“Recommendations and Challenges”

By Mr. Allen Lowe



Allen Lowe, Manager

Throughout the forty-two year history of Maranatha Village, many things have remained the same. We continue to offer affordable housing in a uniquely Christian atmosphere. Residents still volunteer thousands of hours each year to keep the Village running. As in the

past, our people would not want to live anywhere else.

The variety of housing for residents and guests, combined with fellowship with other believers, make the Village a unique place. We will never be a typical Florida retirement community. The Village is not a country club. We do not provide the amenities that are available in those gated communities. Even golf here is different. Fellowship Acres is a combination of mini golf, beach volleyball, and golf ball eating trees. We are not a trailer park with small lots and neighbors who have a worldly lifestyle. Most of all, we are not a business. The Village does not operate to make a profit. We could easily keep the apartments and mobile park full by lowering our standards and still raise our prices. Instead, we provide a Christian community where residents can fellowship together and meet each others' needs.

Now, we need to look to the future. Over the last weeks, I have received many suggestions from residents as to how to improve the Village. Their participation demonstrates that they enjoy living here and want to see improvement. Their ideas fall into three basic areas: improving the quality of life for those who live here, providing activities for families when they visit, and helping to attract new buyers.

Based on these recommendations from residents, staff, visitors and my own observations, I have set some personal goals for the next several years:

1. Make Maranatha Village a place where residents' families would want to visit for a week.
2. Improve Village security and services.
3. Provide more and varied activities.
(Don't worry, you do not have to participate in all of them.)
4. Ensure long-term financial stability.
5. Get back to the days when the Village had a waiting list to "buy in".

This list brings three challenges. We need man power to organize and implement these objectives. We need the financial resources to fund them. We need you to pray that our God will continue to keep His hand of protection on Maranatha Village.

THE LORD PROVIDES



For the last two years, the Village has faced the cold, hard facts that the John Deere lawn mowers had reached the end of their productive lives. On top of that, John Deere stopped production of their commercial lawn

mowers. This need became the object of much prayer, and prayer was answered. Through the assistance of

Village residents, Gary and Terri Little, the Village was able to obtain three new Ferris ZTR commercial grade lawn mowers. Village workers **Tim Thorpe**, **David Waite**, and **Phil Schmitt** are shown with their newly assigned mowers. The upcoming summer grass cutting season will be much easier to handle this year because the Lord answered this prayer. The old John Deere Mowers were donated to the Maranatha Golf Club for whatever use they can get out of them. Don't forget that with summer coming, a cold drink of water is always appreciated by our outside workers.

A Fogle Family History by Mrs. Lois Fogle Wilson



We who are members of the family of Lester and Martha Fogle want to thank you who have come today to be a part of a dedication honoring our parents, but especially honoring the great God of our parents. Lester and Martha Fogle were deeply dedicated missionaries, serving under Baptist Mid-Missions—committed to reaching lost souls for Jesus, no matter the cost. Two weeks after their no-frills wedding at a Rescue Mission in South Bend, Indiana, they boarded a freighter ship. They were headed for the unknown jungles of primitive Africa.

The week before they left for Africa, they had seen a cartoon in the newspaper showing a group of near-naked Africans with large rings in their ears and spears in their hands, sitting around a large clay pot of steaming water over a fire on the ground and praying, “Lord, send us a missionary!” However, though Lester and Martha felt called to BE those missionaries, there were some real misgivings in the hearts of friends and family they were leaving. The prediction was that Lester would bury Martha there in Africa during their first term. In fact, a doctor had told Dad that he should NOT take her anywhere where she would not have immediate access to medical care because of her health history. Most of you know that she outlived Dad by 18 years! And, they

had very little promised support—less than \$25 a month promised! But in those days the attitude was, “If you have the money to get to the field, well, God bless you and goodbye!”

So off they went, and not only did God supply their needs, but He BLESSED them! When they arrived in Tchad, Africa, their first words of greeting from pioneer missionary Paul Metzler were, “You are the only missionaries who ever had money waiting for them when they arrived!” A church had sent \$25 for them!

Talk about primitive — it was PRIMITIVE!! One morning after eating oatmeal for breakfast, Lester was asked if he wanted some more. Dad answered, “No, thank you, but that was the best oatmeal I’ve ever eaten!” Just then another missionary looked into the oatmeal bowl and exclaimed, “Oh, NO! This oatmeal is FULL of weevils!” (Free protein!) However, there were worse things than that—snakes, leopards, elephants, and malaria, and of course, the heat. Mom often commented on the long rides to villages in a push-push — a chair mounted on one wheel of a motorcycle which had a native pusher in back and one in front!

For 40 years, Lester and Martha faithfully served their Lord and Savior in the Tchad and Central African Republic, no matter what the hardship. They raised seven children on the southern edge of the Sahara Desert—for many years with the Sara Kaba tribe with its disc-lipped women, and they were a shining example of Jesus Christ to each of us.

They prayed fervently for each child — all the way through boarding schools and college. Mom faithfully wrote letters to each of us weekly though sometimes they didn’t arrive until weeks later! As a tribute to their prayers, all seven children are walking with the Lord

and serving Him in one capacity or another. There will be MANY Africans walking the streets of gold in Heaven because of Lester and Martha Fogle. Do you know what Lester and Martha would say? “All glory to Jesus for what HE has done!” They would give Him all the glory!

They retired in 1978 and moved to Maranatha Village in 1985, choosing to retread their tires for more service for their Lord. They attended and served in two struggling mission churches in the area, one being Bethany Baptist Church where they became members. They never stopped serving the Lord until He called them Home—Dad in 1994 and Mom in 2012 at the age of 95! Dad’s headstone in the cemetery just south of us reads, “A faithful servant of God” and Mother’s reads, “An exceptional woman of God”. The headstones are a testimony to their spiritual character.

They were super parents, super missionaries, and super people! We, as their children and grandchildren, are so very pleased that this honor has been given in their names! Eighteen of their descendants and a couple of other personal friends have given to make this wonderful pavilion possible. We want to thank Carl Barton and Wes Halstead for thinking of our parents for this honor. We thank Fred McNeil and his crew for all their hours of hard work to make this such a well-built, sturdy pavilion. Also, thank you to those who prayed that this might be accomplished! Most of all, we want to thank our wonderful Lord and Savior for the privilege of knowing and loving people like our parents, Lester and Martha Fogle — or “Yoo-Hoo” and “Hey Girl” as we often heard! May God be praised, honored, glorified, and exalted for years to come as this pavilion is used for His glory!! Thank you! Merci mingui!

New Village Residents — Moens

Tom & Jan



Jan & Tom

We both grew up in Christian homes. Tom was saved when he was eight years old with the guidance of his mother. Both he and his twin brother received the Lord the same evening.

After moving to Minneapolis in 7th grade, the family began attending Fourth Baptist Church. Jan's family was attending Fourth Baptist when she was born. She was saved after Sunday school at the age of 8 years.

We met while attending the youth activities at

church, under youth pastors Don Nelson and Paul Fosmark.

After Tom was discharged from the Navy, we started dating and were married in 1971. We raised our son and daughter in a suburb of Minneapolis and served the Lord at Valley Baptist Church in Golden Valley, MN.

Tom became supervisor of the hearing aid repair department at Starkey Labs, and retired 2 years ago after 42 years. Jan is a retired nurse.

After a move to the New Prague, MN. area, we joined Prior Lake Baptist Church, where Gil Seddon had been pastor. The Seddons were instrumental in bringing us to Maranatha Village last year. We love spending our winters here now and the special fellowship we have found here.

Have you considered becoming a resident of Maranatha Village where the MOTTO "Is Helping Others Until Jesus Comes"?

On March 10th, fifteen men helped service about 50 golf carts for widows and others who were unable to service their own carts. The service included checking the batteries, and the tires, inspecting the ball joints and greasing the front ends. Thanks to Cliff Owens and all others who were such a big help in this ministry to our Maranatha Village residents.



Cliff Owens



Dear Friends: "Thank you for hosting a blood drive and sharing your power to save lives! We value our partnership with Maranatha Village, and thank you for all you did as the chairperson to help make the blood drive a success. We are pleased to share with you that the recent blood drive resulted in 9 procedures. Remember, each procedure can save up to three lives so that means 27 patients could benefit from the lifesaving efforts of blood donors at Maranatha Village. We encourage you to share the drive results with the rest of your team and please pass along our gratitude for their lifesaving efforts. The blood donated at your blood drive will likely be transfused into a patient within 48 to 72 hours. The turnaround is that fast and is that constant...." Community Relations Coordinator



New Village Residents — Edems

Tim & Vicki



Vicki & Tim

Tim and Vicki were both raised in Christian homes. Tim was saved as a young boy and

attended First Baptist Church of East Syracuse, NY with his family. Vicki was also saved at a young age. She met Tim at church after her family moved from the Seattle area to the Syracuse area when Vicki was in 7th grade.

Tim and Vicki were married on 20 December 1975. In 1976, upon completion of an associate's degree in Math/Science with a concentration in Computer Science, Tim enlisted in the United States Air Force. After basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, Vicki joined Tim at his technical training assignment at Keesler AFB, Mississippi for three months; then they were assigned to Shaw AFB, SC, where they spent the next 3 ½ years. Their first two sons, Eric and Jason, were born at Shaw AFB in 1977 and 1979.

Upon completion of four years enlisted service, Tim was accepted into the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corp (AFROTC) at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. While in Syracuse, their third son, Joshua, was born. Tim graduated in 1982 with a Bachelor

degree in Accounting and Management, and received a commission in the USAF as a second Lieutenant.

Tim's first assignment as an Air Force Officer was at Wright Patterson AFB, OH, where he was a financial manager in the A-10 System Program Office. Tim went on to earn a Master's degree in Systems Management with a concentration in cost analysis from the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright Patterson AFB.

From Wright Patterson AFB, the Air Force moved Tim, Vicki, and their boys to Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts; then on to Cornell University AFROTC Detachment, Ithaca, New York; then on to Hickam AFB, Hawaii and then back to Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio. Tim retired from active duty as a Lt. Col. on 1 February 2004. Upon retirement, Tim returned to work for the Air Force at Wright Patterson AFB as the Assistant Comptroller in the Financial Analysis Flight, within the 88th Comptroller Squadron.

Through the years, Vicki home-schooled their boys or taught in Christian schools where the boys attended. In 1997, Vicki went to work at Cedarville College – now University (CU). All three of their sons (and one daughter-in-law) graduated from Cedarville. Vicki spent 14 years at CU, with 12 of those years working as the administrative assistant for the Department of Business Administration.

Tim and Vicki have 3 sons, 3 daughters-in-law, and 6 grandchildren. Their sons and families all live in the Dayton, Ohio area which they really love since they get to frequently see their grandchildren.

They own Caesar Creek Alpaca Ranch in Spring Valley, Ohio where they breed and raise alpacas. They currently have 9 alpacas, 2 dogs, 3 barn cats, and 1 house cat.

The Lord led Tim and Vicki to several excellent Baptist churches as they moved around the country. Tim and Vicki were both actively serving at every church they attended: Youth Group leaders, High School, College, and Singles Sunday School Class teachers, Deacon, AWANA leader, choir member, etc. Currently they are members of Bible Baptist Church in Wilmington, OH, where they are both active in various ministries.

While at Cornell University (1988-1991) Tim and Vicki went to People's Baptist Church in Newfield, NY and became good friends with Gary and Terri Little. The Littles are the ones who introduced them to Maranatha Village. They visited the Littles to escape the cold of Ohio for a few weeks each January/February since 2012 and bought 68 Daniel in 2014. They really enjoy the fellowship that is found at Maranatha and look forward to having many more years to enjoy it.

LOW CARB CHEESE CAKE

Bake at 325 for 50 minutes (very light brown)

2- 8 oz. cream cheese

4 eggs

1 cup milk

1 TBS Vanilla

2 TBS Cornstarch

1/3 cup Splenda

Blend in blender 7 minutes on low.

Grease 9x9 pan or round cake pan.

Sprinkle cinnamon. Cool at room temp—Refrigerate.

It makes its own crust.

Topping for cheese cake:

1 cup of sugar or Splenda

2 TBS Cornstarch

1 cup water-adding slowly

Cook until thick-remove from heat.

Add 1 small pkg sugar free (any flavor) of Jello.

Stir until dissolved.

Cool enough not to cook fruit.

Add 3 cups fresh fruit—put on cooled pie.

Can use small bag of frozen (sometimes thawed) chopped strawberries.

For a change, I also use Smuckers Sugar free or regular Caramel to spoon lightly over the top.



Mrs. Sharon VanNatter

Maranatha Village Hot Dog Roast



Hot Dog Buns Waiting!

The Village Hot Dog Roast was held on March 11th in Memorial Park from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. It was a beautiful sunny day with a breeze and a temperature of 89 degrees. The Hot Dog/

Sausage Roast was preceded by a dedication service at 10:30 AM of the Fogle Pavilion. The people enjoyed the comfort of the pavilion for the Hot Dog Roast (lots of room and all shade being under roof). The volunteer crew was excited to see 201 people at the roast which is a record number. They all kept busy with Gary Edgecomb, cashier; then the line continued to a table where Darlene Edgecomb and Valene Douglas had a plate setup with a bun and some chips. Krysta Lowe served

the ice-cold soda/pop. Hock Kershaw, Chas Ruhter, and Don Laven roasted the hot dogs and smoked sausages over the hot fire pit. Debbie Kershaw would put your selection into a bun. We had 20 pies do-



Cooking the Hot Dogs!

nated by the residents of the Village. Yvonne Johnson, Vera Ergang, and Carol Schaefer cut the pies into slices and each slice sold for \$1.00. Edgecombs donated the pickles and relish, and Austins donated the homemade sauerkraut. The cost for the plate of food was \$4.00. The total money received was \$1,051.00, less the cost of the food/soda \$204.00 which made a net total of \$ 847.00 for the Pool Fund. Thanks to all for a successful fun day.

Don Laven



God's Double Blessing!

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The Fogle Family



Dr. Gary Anderson



Rev. Stan Mohr



Pavilion Construction

The second dedication was on Wednesday, March 11, for the large 36X50 foot Lester and Martha Fogle Memorial Pavilion. More than 200 people gathered to

celebrate the occasion. Three of the seven children born to Lester and Martha were able to attend the dedication service, as well as Katy Wright, the granddaughter of Phil and Betty Fogle. In order of age, the children are Lois Fogle Wilson, Phil Fogle, Maribeth Fogle Smith, twins Tim and Tom Fogle, Larry Fogle and Dale Fogle. The extended Fogle family of children, grandchildren and



Phil & Maribeth Fogle

other relatives and some friends collected about \$20,000.00 to purchase the materials for the pavilion. All construction was done by volunteers living in the Village under the leadership of Fred McNeil. What a wonderful job they did!

Lois Fogle Wilson repre-

sented the family, telling of the lives of their parents. Dr. Gary Anderson spoke of the great sacrifice Lester, Martha, and all of the Fogle children made in their service for the Lord in Africa. Lester and Martha were able to live their retirement years in Maranatha Village. Stan Mohr challenged us with the very fitting song, ***Find Us Faithful***. Rev. Charles Pausley concluded the dedication service with prayer.

All of the Maranatha Village family will enjoy the benefits of the Fogle Pavilion until the Lord returns. Our thanks are extended to all of the Fogle family and the volunteers who made this memorial possible. It is a worthy memorial and honoring to God.



Fred McNeil



Maranatha Village

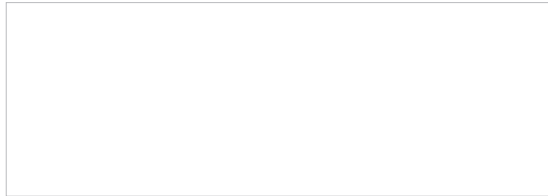
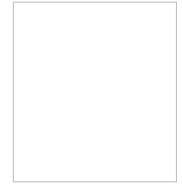
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**“Believe on the
Lord Jesus Christ
and you will be saved.”**

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH PLANS RETIREMENT SERVICE

DR. GERALD AND MRS. KATHY WEBBER

MARCH 29, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M.



Gerry and Kathy

Dr. Jesse Eaton, chairman of the deacon board, has announced plans for a ***Special Sunday Evening Service*** to honor and to show appreciation for Pastor Gerald and Kathy Webber. Dr. Webber has been pastor of Maranatha Baptist Church since 2006, and he is retiring on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015.

Special speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Doug McLachlan, a longtime friend of Dr. Webber. A slide presentation is being prepared by Dr. Gerry

Carlson, and some other special events are also being planned. Jesse Eaton is inviting everyone who can to be present for this retirement service on March 29th at 6:00 p.m.



Kathy, Lois, Carolyn



Kathy & Ron

***Retirement
Just Ahead***