



"The Lord Cometh"

The Maranatha Village Trumpet

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Helping One Another Until Jesus Comes

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Welcome To Maranatha Village



dent Baptists to be.

Located in the heart of Florida, Maranatha Village is spread out on 213 acres in Highlands County, not far from the Sebring city circle, which is just off the Sebring Parkway. With 100 mobile home sites and 137 cement block duplex apartments (all ground level) which in some places they would be called "villas," there is plenty of space in which to move.

At the heart of the activities for the winter months is the spiritual renewal that flows out of the Maranatha Baptist Church that is located within the Village. Bible conferences, musical concerts, Christmas and Easter plays, and special meals (such as Thanksgiving and Christmas) are enjoyed and well received.

A very unique, home-grown, well laid out, sand greens golf course offers a challenge to even the most

seasoned golfer. Because the players themselves maintain the course, the fees are kept down to a bare minimum of \$30.00 per year. Where else can you play golf for that low cost?

A lovely, well-maintained, **Fellowship Acres Golf Course** heated swimming pool offers a pleasant opportunity to relax

and get some exercise while your friends up north shovel snow. A hot tub is right there for a good water massage. Three mornings a week all ladies are invited to join in an organized ladies' water exercise program.

The Doane walking trail, three fishing lakes and the Conway Memorial Park with its large picnic area featuring the Fogle Pavilion, provide opportunities to stay active and find plenty to do.

Residents can also volunteer and provide a service to the Village and a service for themselves. Maranatha Village's own TV channel 195 keeps everyone informed as to what is happening in the Village.

Welcome to Maranatha Village for the winter of 2015 and 2016.

Dr. Carl Barton, Coeditor



Village Apartment



Maranatha Swimming Pool



8 to 10 Pound Bass



Doane Walking Trail



Maranatha Baptist Church



Fogle Pavilion



Maranatha Village Reorganization Plan

By Allen Lowe, Village Manager



The Maranatha Village Board recently approved a plan initiated by the Village Manager to reorganize the Village operations. Residents will not see a difference in the way they obtain services from the Village. They will continue to call the office with any problems, and make payments there as well. The Village will continue

to provide all the current services.

The Board plans to hire a part-time Village Administrator to oversee the village operations. That individual will supervise three department heads: an Office Manager, Housing Manager, and Public Works Manager. Each will be involved in the actual work as well as managing their employees. This change will not increase Village expenses. The new position will be offset by two retirements. Carl Barton will retire at the end of the year after four years of doing marketing and apartment sales. I, Allen Lowe, will also be leaving the Village in the spring.

The reason for the change is that currently there is no Village employee whose only responsibility is to manage our entire housing operation. Currently, Carl Barton shows apartments to perspective residents, Melanee Halstead cleans and stages the promotional units, the Village Manager meets with the purchasers about renovations, and the maintenance crew makes repairs. Housing is the primary function of the Village, and that function needs leadership. The new Housing Manager will be in charge of selling and maintaining the apartments, as well as assisting with the sale of mobiles.

Every vacant apartment costs the Village between five and nine thousand dollars each year. Bringing in new residents to fill them will increase revenue and minimize necessary maintenance fee increases. It is essential to have a full-time person whose focus is keeping those units filled. A healthy Village will provide residents with an improved quality of life.

Pray that the Village will find the right individual for each of these positions.



“For in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.” Psalm 38:15

CHRISTMAS
in HIS
PRESENCE

December Christmas Musical

Friday 12/11/2015 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 12/13/2015 6:00 p.m.

The Timeless Story of His Coming

Created by Marty Hamby and Deborah Craig-Glaar

Arranged for Choir & Orchestra by Marty Hamby



Mini Golf Project

Goal is:\$20,000.00

Donations as of 11/16/2015.....\$9,739.00

Thank you to those who have given.

Village Office

Life Begins At Eighty

I have good news for you. The first 80 years are the hardest. The second 80 are a succession of birthday parties. Once you reach 80, everyone wants to carry your baggage and help you up the steps. If you forget your name or anybody else's name, or an appointment, or your own phone number, or promise to be in three places at the same time, or can't remember how many grandchildren you have, you need only explain that you are 80. Being 80 is a lot better than being 70. At 70, people are mad at you for everything. At 80, you have a perfect excuse, no matter what you do. If you act foolish, it is your second childhood. Everybody is looking for symptoms of softening of the brain. Being 70 is no fun at all. At that age, they expect you to

retire to a house in Florida and complain about your arthritis, and you ask everybody to stop mumbling because you can't understand them. (Actually, your hearing is about 50% gone). If you survive until you are 80, everybody is surprised that you are still alive. They treat you with respect just for having lived so long. Actually, they seem surprised that you can walk and talk sensibly. So please, folks, try to make it to 80. It is the best time of life. People forgive you for anything. If you ask me, life begins at 80.

When everything's coming your way, you're probably in the wrong lane.

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"The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the gray head." Proverbs 20:29

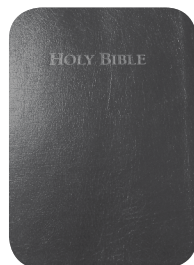
Bible Conference & Concert Schedule for 2016

Conference Schedule 2016 *Sunday, 9:00 & 10:00 AM* *Nightly: 6:00 PM*

January 10-13
Sunday - Wednesday
Steve Herzig
NA Director, Friends of Israel

February 14 - 17
Sunday - Wednesday
Dr. Matt Morrell, Pastor
4th Baptist Church, Minneapolis/Plymouth

March 13-16
Sunday - Wednesday
Dr. Bud Steadman, Exec Director
Baptist World Missions



Musical Concert Schedule 2016 *Friday Nights 7:00 PM*

Friday, January 22, 2016
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Soloist: Mrs. Mina Oglesby

Friday, February 19, 2016
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Artisans in Brass

Friday, March 18, 2016
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Ladies' Quartet
"Forever Be Sure"



New Village Residents

Gene and Mary Lynne Peterson



Gene and Mary Lynne

Gene: I grew up in a home with no discussion about

what our family would do on Sunday or mid-week prayer meeting followed by choir practice. Most would call that a Christian home — church was the center of our family life. When I would hear the announcement that the church was going to have “special meetings” (Bible conference or the like), I knew we would be there. From the time I could be carried to the nursery until I enlisted in the Navy, we attended the First Baptist Church of North Tonawanda, New York. My first pastor was Dr. G. Arthur Woolsey. As a boy I made a profession of faith, met with a couple of deacons to give my testimony, and explain how I knew I accepted Christ as my Savior. Later I was baptized. I am the youngest of six (one sister and four brothers), and yes, that sister, Joyce Eaton, lives with her husband in Maranatha Village. On December 26, 1965, I received an induction notice from the US Army, so I joined the Navy. I served in the US Navy for four years during the Vietnam era. Prior to my military service, two brothers had served in the Air Force and another in the Navy.

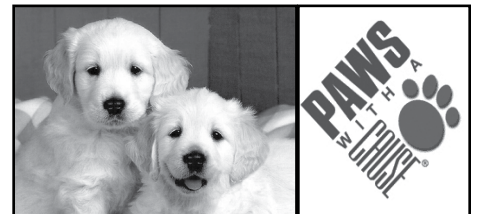
I met my wife (Mary Lynne Grable) at the Faith Baptist Church in Wheaton, MD, while stationed at

Bethesda Naval Hospital, Bethesda, MD. At that time, she was a student at Cedarville College. We were married August 9, 1969. Upon completing my enlistment in the Navy, I used the GI Bill to achieve a BA degree from Cedarville College in Secondary Teacher Education graduating June, 1973. I taught two years at Emmanuel Baptist High School in Toledo, Ohio. I served fourteen years at Lynchburg Christian Academy as teacher, Athletic Director, and Principal. During our time in Cedarville, Toledo, and Lynchburg, we had three children (a girl and two boys). We now have nine grandkids. During our time in Lynchburg, I earned an MEd. degree from Lynchburg College, and an EdS. degree from the University of Virginia. During the fall of 1989, the Lord led us to Grand Rapids Baptist College as an associate professor in the Teacher Education Division, where I retired in 2011.

Mary Lynne: I grew up in a good moral military family as the oldest of 3 girls. I was the first one to accept Christ as my Savior a couple of months before turning 10 years old in a Sunday school class taught by a believer on a Naval Base in Bainbridge, Maryland. Eventually, the remainder of my family became believers also. I graduated from Cedarville College in 1969 with a degree in elementary education and married Gene that August. We then moved to Key West, Florida, and I taught 5th grade in a public school one year

while Gene finished his enlistment in the Navy. When Gene attended Cedarville, I worked for the college as supervisor of women’s residence halls, (I got to work with Ginger Ertle). Until we moved to Grand Rapids, most of my time was spent in raising 3 children, and substitute teaching. When we lived in Lynchburg, I received my MEd. in **Learning Disabilities** from Lynchburg College, which resulted in my getting a position as learning disabilities teacher at South Christian High School in Grand Rapids from where I retired after 20 years. After retiring, Gene and I became foster puppy raisers for a non-profit organization **Paws With A Cause**, a training facility for service dogs. We turned in our 6th dog right before our arrival here at Maranatha Village to start a new phase of our lives as snow birds. It is exciting to see how the Lord has led us to this place at this time in our lives, and we are eager to be a part of our new community.

As we begin a new chapter in our lives, we are looking forward to life and fellowship at Maranatha Village. If you find yourself walking past 250 Maranatha Blvd. (last mobile next to the open field), you are most welcome to visit, have tea/coffee/lemonade, and chat for a while.



New Village Residents

James and Janet Pinkerton



Jim and Janet

Hello, we are the Pinkertons, James (Jim) and Janet (Jan). No — we are not part of the Pinkerton Agency. However, both of us were born and reared in Battle Creek, MI. Jim and I both accepted Christ at Calvary Baptist in Battle Creek, and were married there. When first married, Jim worked at Post Division of General Foods, and I was a clerk in an insurance office. Jim, however, felt led to attend Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary. After his first year, he withdrew due to family health issues.

Needing full-time employment, Jim went to work for a local dental supply company. He was transferred to the Lansing area at some point, and I went to work at Michigan State University. The dental business was

his source of employment until his first retirement; even when he went back to Grand Rapids to finish his BA degree and his first year of seminary. At that point his job took us to Boca Raton, FL. In less than a year, Jim desired to return to seminary. So, off we went to Grand Rapids. I worked in the Dean's office while Jim got ready for classes. However, our stay in Grand Rapids was short-lived, for that December found us back in Florida (Cape Coral to be exact).

Through the years, Jim has served as a Sunday school teacher, deacon, speaker, on several committees (including pastoral selection), choir and working with youth. I worked in women's guild, missionary committee and choir.

Having spent many weekends visiting Cliff and Ruth Owens at Maranatha, we felt God leading us here. We are praising God for our new home.

Maranatha Baptist Says, Thanks! □



New computer controlled lights, with keyboard, and monitor for church lighting.



"We are so very grateful for the wonderful help we have had in recent weeks

from Don & Ruth Ann Esseltine.

He has been giving us advice and helping Harry and the "light committee" with the new installation of our lighting system. Ruth Ann has graciously consented to be our pianist for our Christmas Musical, including all the rehearsals, because Judy Tinkham could not get here in time. They are both very talented and capable, and we sincerely appreciate all of their expertise!"

Mrs. Jan Burgess

Ministry Survey of Village Residents

Allen Lowe has asked Selma Barton to do an informal survey to find out how many years the residents here in the *Village* have served **full-time in ministry**.

If you have served full-time in ministry, would you please send her the number of years you served in full-time ministry...and what area of ministry you had.... church, missions, Christian school ministry, etc.

Selma has been endeavoring to contact any she knew who had been in full-time ministry, but if she has not contacted you, would you please contact her via e-mail: cbarton@vistanet.net, by phone: 863-386-0324....or in person.

Thank you!



Cook's Korner

My Favorite Salad and Dressing

Mrs. Maribeth J. Smith

The Salad

- 1/2 cup sliced almonds
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 kinds of lettuce
- 1/2 quart sliced strawberries
- 2 stalks celery, diced

In a skillet, cook the almonds and sugar over medium heat until brown, stirring constantly. Watch that it does not burn. Cool on waxed paper.

The Dressing

- 1/3 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 diced green onions
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 Tablespoon water

In a jar, combine the vinegar, sugar, oil, salt, green onions, mustard and water. Shake or stir well. Crumble the almonds and combine with the strawberries and celery and toss with the lettuce. When ready to eat, toss with the dressing. **ENJOY!!**

"I had many requests for the tossed salad dressing that I made for the Sunshine Ladies' Missionary Fellowship on October 13th. Here is not only the dressing recipe, but for free, I'm throwing in the wonderful salad that goes with it!! You will love it!! Enjoy!"

Mrs. Maribeth Smith

Blender Quiche

Mrs. Sallie Lemponen

Blend with a blender:

- 1 1/2 cups milk
 - 3 eggs
 - 1/8 teaspoon salt
 - Dash of pepper
 - 1/2 cup Bisquick
 - 1/4 cup butter
- Pour into buttered 9X9 inch pan
Add 1/2 cup diced ham
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
Take spoon and push ham and cheese into mixture
Bake: 350°
Time: 45 minutes. Serves 4

Hawaiian Cheese Ball

Mrs. Grace Betz

- 2 8-ounce packages of cream cheese
- 2 teaspoons chopped onion
- 1/4 cup chopped green peppers
- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1 small can crushed pineapple (drained)

Mix thoroughly.
Make into 2 balls.
Roll the balls in 1/2 cup chopped nuts.
Serve with your choice of crackers.

Submitted by Mrs. Ruth L Watterson



2016 Winter Season Activities



Steve Herzig is a Hebrew-Christian who was raised in Orthodox Judaism. Serving with *Friends Of Israel* in many capacities since 1976, Steve is currently the North American Ministries director, a writer for "Israel My Glory" magazine, and a Bible teacher and conference speaker. Steve and his wife, Alice, have four adult children and three grandchildren.



Matt Morrell was raised in a pastor's home and graduated from Northland International University (B.A.) in 1998. He earned his Master of Divinity degree from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in 2002 and his Doctor of Ministry from Northland International University in 2010.

Matt and his wife, Kim, have five young children. In addition to pastoring, he became president of Central Baptist Theological Seminary in January 2015. Matt has spoken and taught in multiple venues at home and overseas, including ministry at Central Baptist Seminary's Romanian campus and at Faith Baptist Bible College in Cochin, India.



Dr. Bud Steadman began his ministry as Executive Director of Baptist World Mission in April 2009. Prior to coming to BWM, he served as senior pastor of Community Baptist Church in South Bend, IN for 13 years.

He was born in 1953 in Kingsport, TN, into an unchurched, nominal Christian home. At the age of 10, he heard the Gospel and was saved. After being called to preach at age 15, he attended Bob Jones University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Bible in 1975 and a Master of Ministry in 1990. He is married to Ruth Ann Bauman of Farmington, NM, whom he met during college. The Steadmans have been married for 40 years, and have three children and two grandchildren. His commitment to missions is reflected in his having traveled to various mission fields.



Mina Oglesby was born and reared in Kansas.... She was saved in April 1975, after hearing a clear presentation of the Gospel for the first time. Within weeks of her conversion she surrendered her life completely to the Lord, not knowing that within three years He would give her the ability to compose Gospel songs and open doors for what would become a

far-reaching ministry of teaching women and singing.



Artisans in Brass is an ensemble of Christian professionals, located across the United States. They feature a combination of sacred and classical music that spans more than five centuries. Group members have created arrangements of hymns and transcriptions of popular classics.



"Forever Be Sure" is a music publication and performance ministry that composes new hymns, vocal songs and arrangements for God's glory and the building up of Christ's Body, the Church. Primarily a family ministry, FBS travels throughout the year with other like-minded musicians, presenting the songs that have been born out of their personal walk with the Lord and the study of His Word.

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

Great Fishing In Florida



On November 6th Maranatha Village residents Sam Hammel, Bob Watterson, Clay Lewis and Carl Barton enjoyed a successful day of fishing in the Gulf.

The King Mackerel and the Spanish Mackerel were both taking the bait. The two largest King Mackerel were 39 inches long. Enough fish was caught that all of Maranatha Village was invited to enjoy a fish fry in the newly built Fogle Pavilion. It was estimated that between 125 and 150 people enjoyed a meal of fresh fish and side dishes brought in by the residents.

If you like fishing, then Sebring is a great place to live as fishing in either the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf is only a short drive away. Fresh water lakes abound in the area of ferreng great year-round fishing.



King Mackerel—22-24 Pounds

Conway Memorial Park Dedication



The Village dinner for January 2016 will be held at 12:00 noon on the third Thursday of January, 01/21/2016, at the Fogle Pavilion.

It will be a celebration of appreciation for what the Conway family did to get Maranatha Village started. It will be an old fashioned “dinner on the grounds” occasion with the Village furnishing hamburgers and hot dogs and asking the residents to bring a “dish to pass.”

Be sure to make your plans to attend and do sign up when the time comes, so that the Village will know how many hamburgers and hot dogs to provide. There will be a variety of different “fixins.”



**Those Who Have Left Us!
2015**



Betty Goodrich—Duane Bell—Myra Hyder (former)—Mildred Crawford—Barbara Moody—Bernice Mick—Mildred Hussey Mitchell (former)—Johanna Kruse—Ron Schildroth (former)—Lucy Gearhart—Alex Thompson—H. Willis Warner—Gladys Losch—Eunice Wilfong (former)—Evelyn Hallenbeck—Hazel Hamblin—Eldon Brock—Donna Romig—Lois Welsh—Harold Dark