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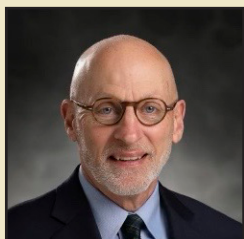
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January 22-25
Dr. Tim Schmig
Stories in Stone

Dr. Schmig is a graduate of Bob Jones University. He taught high school History, Social Studies & Government and Economics for 5 years in two different Christian schools. He presently spends much time in Washington, DC and Lansing, Michigan, meeting with elected officials and has earned respect and influence on both sides of the political aisle. He and his wife live in Owosso, Michigan and attend Immanuel Baptist Church in Corunna. He earned a Masters degree from Northland Baptist Bible College and in 2010 received a D. Litt from Maranatha Baptist Bible College.



February 19-22
Dr. David Strobe
Living by Faith in a Perishing World
GARBC Interim President

Pastor David E. Strobe transitioned from his service as the Senior Pastor of Ankeny Baptist Church to his role as Interim National Representative of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches {GARBC} effective February 1, 2022. The Strobes will retain their home in Ankeny, Iowa and remain active members of Ankeny Baptist Church.

March 19-22

Dr. Larry Oats
Missions in Myanmar
Maranatha Baptist Seminary



Dr. Larry Oats began at Maranatha as a student and was a member of their second graduating class. After spending a short time getting some experience in Christian Education he returned in 1972 and has been part of the Maranatha ministry ever since. During his years as a faculty and staff member, he has served in a multitude of positions. He currently teaches in the seminary during the spring semester and spends the fall semester writing, traveling, preaching and teaching.

January 27

Gary & Martha Matthews



Gary and Martha are both committed to using their Godgiven gifts for His glory. Gary holds music degrees as well as a doctorate degree. Ordained, Gary has a heart for shepherding God's people and does that through his music and worship leading. Martha holds a Masters in Performance on the flute and is a sought-after handbell clinician. ***Together, their concerts include a diversity of music using the piano and organ, trumpet, voices, flute and handbells.***

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We Must Look to the Present!

Brian Halstead, Administrator



Brian

As we start our winter season, I am asking you to look to the present day and time in which we live. With all of the turmoil and struggles in this world, we have much for which to praise and thank the Lord. God has blessed Maranatha Village during this past hurricane season with renewed

promise and faithfulness. His promise is that He is ever with us and protects us no matter how great the storms of life may be, and His faithfulness means that, whatever develops, He will never leave or forsake us.

Now is a time to celebrate, especially as we approach the 50th anniversary of the founding of our own Maranatha Village. We are planning several events throughout 2023, but March 5-11 will be a meaningful week-long celebration of the miracles of Maranatha Village. Therefore, join us each day of the festivities and a blessed time of Christian fellowship.

Presently we are raising funds for the Legacy Center. We need your help and that of your family and friends to aid us in establishing this facility. We have never endeavored to do any fundraising events before, but at the present time, circumstances dictate that to continue our ministry here we need to reach out to our benefactors. The needs of the Village and its infrastructure are increasing. I have at least three or four development plans, and if you are led to give, your giving could enable us to complete these large undertakings. Some of these projects include adding an extension to the RV Park, upgrading our infrastructure with new waterlines, improving facilities that have de-

teriorated over the years, newer industrial equipment, and other necessary improvements. There are those who could contribute, but they must be aware of the needs. Donations of any amount could help us move toward these goals. So, I ask you what would you say. Would you say YES?

As we move into our busy season and prepare for events to celebrate all that the Lord has done, I need to communicate to you my desire for us to remain faithful stewards of the land, property, and resources God has given Maranatha Village. As we reflect on God's goodness to us and ponder the possibilities of what is ahead, I ask, what can we do now? Communicate! People have asked me why a Legacy Center. I admit, as your new administrator, I did not know why. I heard about this plan for a new building, but no one told me why. As I inquired, I learned of the desire to commemorate our 50th Anniversary by establishing a central location to help serve our Village family. We are having a Village (Hamman Hall) meeting to discuss the pros and cons about it. Everyone has different desires. However, we have a mission to accomplish to glorify our Lord. Our hope is in Him, and we can claim victory. Malachi 3:10 says, "... Prove me now (put God to the test) ...see if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now.

Alan Lakein

Music 2023 Concerts

Esther Waite & Susan Kindall *February 24, 2023*

Esther Waite is the Associate Professor of Flute at Bob Jones University (Greenville, South Carolina). She directs the University Flute Choir, teaches flute lessons and woodwind courses, and serves as the woodwind program director. Dr. Waite received her Doctorate of Musical Arts degree in Flute Performance from Louisiana State University, where she held the teaching assistantship for Dr. Katherine Kemler's flute studio. Her interest in Russian composers led to her doctoral dissertation topic of the 1960 flute sonata by the Soviet composer Edison Denisov. She also holds a Master's degree from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, where she was a teaching assistant for Dr. Tadeu Coelho.



Dr. Waite is principal flutist of the Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra (North Carolina). Recent solo performances have taken her to Panama, Romania, and Weill Hall at NYC's Carnegie Hall. She has given workshops on extended techniques and coached chamber music at several summer music programs, including Musica Piccola (Winston-Salem, North Carolina), LSU Honors Chamber Winds Camp (Baton Rouge, LA), and Inspiration and Praise Flute Masterclass (Greenville, South Carolina). Dr. Waite is a past president of the South Carolina Flute Society.

Esther assists in the music ministry at her local church, and in her free time enjoys hiking, cooking, and keeping up with her favorite college football team. Originally from Buffalo, New York, she confesses that she misses the snow of wintertime. <https://www.estherwaite.net/> and/or <https://www.bju.edu/academics/faculty/facultymember.php?id=ewaite>



Susan Kindall is an internationally recognized performing scholar and director. She is currently ministering at Furman University while serving as Director of Music at Greenwood Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. She says her life is about loving the Lord through loving people and serving both.

"It has always been about helping others, and because of my experience, I am better equipped to help improve your pianistic musical skills. While I have developed one of the most successful piano studios in the country, it is the high level of student service and individual engagement that sets my studio apart."

"People are often amazed at the amount of progress they make when studying with me. Unlike the average community music school, I have nurtured musicians for over 35 years, and am a nationally certified teacher with a doctoral degree in piano who specializes in privately teaching teens and adults 100% online. Our enjoyable lessons are collaborative between teacher and student, tailor-made to YOUR musical goals! I love inspiring students and seeing them become independent musicians who can create music for themselves." <https://lessons.com/sc/greenville/piano-lessons/kindall-piano-studio>

Paul & Betty Hiscock *March 24, 2023*

Paul and Betty have spent their lives in full-time music ministry with Paul serving on the pastoral staff as Music Director for 30 years in an independent Baptist church in Indianapolis, Indiana. Through the years Paul furthered his education and began to produce and publish hymn-story programs for choir under the name of Shepherd's Staff Ministries. They have been privileged to travel throughout the US and various mission fields with their "*Sermon 'n' Song*" ministry.



New Village Resident

Jan Bentley



Jan

I was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin into a Christian family, the fifth child of seven siblings. I attended Garfield Avenue Baptist Church from two to 24 years old. Rev. William Kuhnle was my pastor the entire time. God used the faithfulness of parents, pastor and wife, Sunday school teachers, and youth leaders to bring me to the knowledge that I was a sinner in need of a Savior. I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior when I was eight years old.

My study of the Scriptures convinced me to be baptized and join the local body of believers, and at a young age, I felt the call of God on my life to reach the lost with the Gospel. At age eighteen, I began teaching a girls ninth grade Sunday school class; I also worked as a camp counselor and have been involved in numerous church ministries throughout the years.

My husband Myles and I would have been married for forty-eight years on February 11, 2015. However, God called him home by a massive heart attack on December 3, 2014. Twenty-five of our married years were spent in full-time Christian ministry as youth pastor and pastor. As a young couple, we worked our way through college. Myles graduated from Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary (Cornerstone University) in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Our first assignment was as youth pastor under the leadership of Pastor Cliff and Ruth Owens at Oakfield Baptist Church in Rockford, Michigan. We then moved to Norwood, Ohio to serve as youth pastor under the leadership of Pastor Al and Carol Tassel. We transitioned into the senior pastorate at Family Baptist Church in Saginaw, Michigan, and then to Berlin Baptist Church in Marne, Michigan.

God blessed us with only one child, a daughter Cheri. Twenty-eight years ago (1994) God used an auto accident to call our then twenty-four-year-old daughter home to be with Him. At the time, Myles was also struggling with leukemia, and God began to redirect our lives concerning vocations. In all our pain, sorrow, and confusion, we continued to walk in obedience to God and had a passion to tell the world that God is faithful.

He has also blessed us with a granddaughter, Julia, who has been married to Antonino for ten years, and they have a daughter, Gigi, who was two years old in November. Julia's family and parents live in Tampa, Florida which is another blessing.

I have my Bachelor and Master's degrees in social work and became the Social Service Director at Michigan Christian Home (Grand Rapids, Michigan), a continuum of care facility for the elderly, and then I went on to become the first Director of Counseling Services at Cornerstone University. While at Cornerstone, God made it possible for me to begin work on my Doctor's degree. I graduated one month before my 60th birthday with my PsyD (Doctor of Psychology) from Southern California University for Professional Studies. However, I am not a psychologist who happens to be a Christian. I am a Christian who happens to be a psychologist. I am a firm believer that psychology is diagnostic, but the Bible has the answers.

I was co-owner of Dayspring Counseling in Grand Rapids, Michigan when, through the encouragement of my husband, I opened my own private Christian counseling business in 2005. God blessed my efforts as we watched the business grow to 22 therapists and four administrative staff. Sixteen years later, and at the age of 78, I retired and joined the Maranatha family in November of 2021. I look forward to my new life, living near my sister, Colleen Dimercurio, making new friends, and serving God in whatever capacity He allows me.

Today's History Lesson

In George Washington's day, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are "limbs;" therefore, painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence, the expression, *"Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg."* (copied)

Musing from the Manor!

Sue Stephens



Sue

God, the sovereign Owner of all that is, has a plan for the lives of those He has created. His love for us desires that each would know Him by trusting Christ and His perfect offering of Himself for forgiveness and eternal life. Once we are His born-ones, life is about being prepared for eternal glory with God. God's grace will effect this sanctifying change, using life-situations, both blessings and difficulties, and the indwelling Holy Spirit to enable our maturing in holiness.

In these quarterly articles, then, we from the Manor will be sharing these two life-principles with you that we have experienced lately: those sweet and blessed things that prompt our praise and those difficulties that produce our pleadings.

Our God is Love, who provides us with good and perfect gifts, which we have experienced during the

past months. Dementia provided the staff with challenges that required prayer and patience to deal with kindly and biblically. One resident was unable to trust the staff, and our training revealed a staff member, who patiently was able to rebuild trust; this change brought blessing among us! We also were able to provide a lovely Thanksgiving Dinner for our residents, with a time devoted to prayer requests, singing, and praise to our God. These occasions are gifts from Him that prompt our praise.

One challenge we face in the Manor currently is the need for storage. Would you pray with us that the Lord would provide what we need in this area? It is in the discussion stage at this point; however, building this space would require funds, and we need to be good stewards in the process.

God has allowed us blessings and challenges as He continues the good work He began in us. We are grateful for both as they prompt our praise and prayer. May God bless you as you join with us in both of these!

* Stress Management *



A lecturer, when explaining stress management to an audience, raised a glass of water and asked, "How heavy is this glass of water?" Answers called out ranged from 20g to 500g. The lecturer replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it."

"If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

He continued, "And that's the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly

heavy, we won't be able to carry on. As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden.

So, before you return home tonight, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow. Whatever burdens you're carrying now, let them down for a moment if you can. Relax; pick them up later after you've rested. ***Life is short. Enjoy it!***

And then he shared some ways of dealing with the burdens of life:

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

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The Volunteer Voice!

John Pyche, Volunteer Coordinator



Pool Cleaning

In the last Trum-pet, we introduced our new Volunteering program. Now, in this second article, we again start with a thank you to all those who helped in the many projects we accomplished during the last quarter.

We thank you for helping clean all the pool furnishings and area, wiping down street signs and mailboxes, and going through the massive clean-up after Hurricane Ian. If you haven't visited it lately, volunteers also took care of our Fitness Center, which has been thoroughly cleaned, painted, and restocked. Again, thanks to the many volunteers, Conway Park and Fogle Pavilion were prepared for the Harvest Hoedown & Hayride.

We are currently working on the three laundromats



Painting a maintenance building

(including our 'boutiques'), which have been cleaned, painted, and reorganized and now are awaiting new curtains. A BIG thank you to all of you who have helped and who

continue to help with our burn sites.

We continue to enable those in need with move-in and move-outs and other services. We are excited to be helping others in the future too. Our next big event

is a time we're calling "Tom Sawyer Day," scheduled for January 31. We hope to clean and paint the fencing along Arbuckle Creek Road... Watch for details. Also planned for the winter are the Village-wide Yard Sale (February 18th), painting the exterior of some Villas and the pool buildings, repainting of curbing, power washing, grounds-trimming, and many other projects. Contact us if you have skills in these areas or are willing to learn.

We are so proud of those who have helped serve in these areas, prayed for us, and willingly given their time and financial donations. Speaking of the contributions, you can always leave Kleenex, paper towels, and soap dispensers in any of our common buildings.

We close with a reminder that you may volunteer for anything; contact us at MaranathaMVI@gmail.com. Please contact the Village office for requests for work to be done.



John

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***"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give." "Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another."***  
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## Stress Management

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It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

Never buy a car you can't push.

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.

The second mouse gets the cheese.

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

Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

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# Village Maintenance Department!

*Bill Katka, Facilities Superintendent*



*Bill*

**D**o you ever feel like you're going through the same motions over and over and not getting anywhere? One of the constants of life on the maintenance team is that we will shortly (from whatever time it is) be dealing with a random water leak. It would be convenient if we could just schedule

these. So, for instance, every Tuesday at 8:30 am we would discover a big wet puddle. We could have all of our equipment together: the parts cart, the pump cart, shovels, hoses, awning tent (to ward off the sun.), etc. All of that could be ready to go. But, of course, leaks never happen on schedule. There was the time Tom Abrams was mowing in the mobiles when the front of his mower suddenly sank into the ground because that's where the leak was. The picture of Tom sinking into the ground like some earth bound Titanic makes me laugh every time I think of it. Tom no longer looks like the Titanic, BUT I've seen pictures....

Your maintenance team does a great deal of work behind the scenes here in the Village. These things include everything from mowing your lawns to encountering the occasional alligator. These men do all of these things with patience, efficiency, and laughter (the important element that keeps us sane.). Their



*John Deere for Village Maintenance*



*Maintenance Break*

sense of ministry is apparent every morning as they open each day with prayer that always includes you. In one sense, you are our customers; in another, more real sense, you are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

By way of general information we would like everyone to observe the following:

- Please do not drop off random chemicals at the shop.
- Do not gift us with containers with random nuts, bolts, washers, etc.
- If you have something that you think we can use please talk to me (Bill) first.

As always, things wear out over time and have to be replaced. (like the guys on the crew.) We know that all our Village people can't work on a project, but there may be times when God allows you to help in other ways. So we will publish a wish list here on a regular basis that will allow you to know what the needs are.

Here is our current ones:

- A big need that we will put before you is the replacement of our fleet of maintenance carts.
- As a praise, the Lord has provided generators to meet our needs. And, a new John Deere tractor has been added to the maintenance department.
- This is a short list this month. Stay tuned for more later.

## ~ Very Interesting Stuff ~

"In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened making the bed firmer to sleep on." Hence the phrase .... "Goodnight, Sleep Tight."

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentleman Only...Ladies Forbidden".... and thus the word "**GOLF**" entered into the English language.

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## Cook's Korner

### Cocoa Almonds

1 pound almonds (raw or roasted, I had a mix of both)

1 egg white

1 tsp vanilla

$\frac{3}{4}$  c granulated sugar

2 T cocoa powder



1. Mix egg white and vanilla with a mixer until frothy. Dump 1 pound of nuts into egg whites and mix until coated.
2. In a separate bowl, combine sugar and cocoa powder. Dump sugar and cocoa powder into egg white/almond mixture and stir to combine.
3. Pour almonds onto cookie sheet (sprayed with cooking spray). Cook almonds in oven at 250° for 1 hour taking out to mix every 15 minutes.

*Maxine Arter*

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### Buffalo Chicken Dip

4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, boiled and shredded

1 - 12 oz bottle Frank's red hot sauce

2 - 8 oz cream cheese

1 - 16 oz bottle ranch dressing

1 c finely chopped celery

8 oz (2 c) grated cheese (I like sharp cheddar or Monterey Jack.)



1. In a 13X9 inch pan, combine the cooked shredded chicken with the entire bottle of hot sauce - making an even layer.
2. In a saucepan, combine cream cheese and ranch dressing over medium heat until smooth.
3. Pour above mixture over the chicken and sprinkle with chopped celery - then cheese.
4. Bake uncovered at 350° for 30-40 minutes until bubbly. Let stand 10 minutes.
5. Serve with crackers and celery sticks (This is hot spicy, but lots of folks love it.)

*Ruthie Freeburg*

\* *These recipes are from the Maranatha Village Cookbook.*

\* *The Maranatha Village Cookbook is obtainable in the Village Office for \$10.00.*



# New Village Residents

## Don & Bridget Mattern



*Bridget & Don*

God is number one in our lives and marriage, and we love our brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere we find them. We love Jesus, and both of us were saved later in life, Bridget in 2006 and Don about seven years ago. Maranatha Village is a very special place to us, and we look forward to getting to know more of the family here.

This is a second marriage for both of us. We were married June 14, 2018, and at the present, we have a total of seven children between us from our previous marriages. We have lived in Michigan, Omaha, Nebraska, and St George, Utah. Our children live in Michigan, Nebraska, Colorado, North Carolina, and Texas. We have two grandchildren in Michigan, ages five years and nine months. None of our children are saved. We would be grateful for your prayers for them.

Bridget is a Michigan native but spent growing up years in California and Las Vegas as her father moved the family for duty in the Coast Guard and later to Las Vegas for work. Bridget's upbringing was in the Roman Catholic Church. Her Michigan homes were in East Jordan, Boyne City, Petoskey, Paw Paw, Alanson,

and lastly Decatur before moving to Maranatha Village. She spent her career working for Waste Management, Manthei Lumber, and in medical insurance and administrative positions. She is also learning quilting.

Don is a South Dakota native from Yankton. He grew up in the Roman Catholic Church, also attending a Catholic school through grade eight. The Bible was never taught or used in either the school he attended or in church. The one positive fact is that he learned some things about Jesus. He graduated from South Dakota State University with a BS in biology and a minor in microbiology. Don was given his first Bible as a sophomore in college by a couple of missionaries with the Navigators that came to his dorm room evangelizing. A few years after college, Don graduated from Immanuel Respiratory Therapy school in Omaha, Nebraska where he worked as a Respiratory Therapist most of his career at The Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha and then as a Clinical Training Manager for a medical device company that made noninvasive monitors.

We both love God's beautiful creation here in Florida, and we continue to learn more about Jesus through the Bible and the teaching of His Word. It is a joy for us to continue to grow in our appreciation for the natural world and the truth of the creation as we live here in the Village.

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# New Village Resident

## Pauline Dark



*Pauline*

I was born and raised in the Central African Republic where my parents, Harold and Faith Dark, were Baptist Mid-Missions missionaries for 35 years. One night after family devotions when my sister and I had gone to bed, she asked me if I wanted to ask Jesus into my heart. I told her that I would. She took me to my dad, and he showed me from the Bible that I was a sinner and needed to ask the Lord to forgive me of my sins and make me one of His children. I remember

getting down on my knees with my dad that night and asking the Lord to come into my heart. A few months later when we were at Grace Baptist Church in Omaha, Nebraska, I followed the Lord in baptism. I graduated from 8th grade at an American missionary school in Africa. Then I came to the U.S., graduated from high school, and went to Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa, graduating with plans to return to Africa. However, at that time, the country was closed, and it was not safe. I had taken the secretarial program in college and loved my classes. My cousin was attending First Baptist Church in Rosemount, (continued page 10)

# New Village Resident

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## Colleen Dimercurio



Colleen

I was born in northern Wisconsin in the small town of Downing and raised in Milwaukee. Our family attended Garfield Avenue Baptist Church under Pastor Dr. William Kuhnle. At the age of around eleven, I walked the aisle of the church and Mrs. Kuhnle led me to the Lord. My mother was a prayer

warrior, and my father worked hard in order to support eight children. We were poor but didn't know it. We always had food on the table, mother made all our clothes, and they both made sure we were in church.

As a teenager, I spent a lot of time at the Youth for Christ office, and eventually I married one of the Directors. He was from Florida, so in 1964 we moved there. We had three children Lynn Marie, Bethany Ann, and Jonathan Irvin.

In the early 1970s, my father retired, and shortly thereafter my parents came to Florida to visit me. At that time, I was living in Winter Haven. My parents

wanted to check out Maranatha Village as they had heard about it through the church, so I drove them down to the Village at which time they acquired seven Luke.

After my children were grown, I accepted a position as Customer Service Manager with American Airlines where I worked for seventeen years until I retired in 2002 out of Tampa International Airport.

A year ago last March, I was living in north Lakeland on four acres in a beautiful new mobile home with my son. On March 13<sup>th</sup> we lost our home due to fire. We purchased a fifth wheel to save hotel bills as my son wanted to stay on the property. At that time my sister, Jan Bentley, who was living in Grand Rapids, Michigan, retired and was looking to move to Maranatha Village. My children were upset about me living in a fifth wheel and were encouraging me to move to Maranatha, and here I am. In all, God took care of my retirement with great benefits from American Airlines and He has always been with me in time of need through life's trials. An excellent Scripture verse for me is: "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4: 19).

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## New Village Resident Pauline Dark

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Minnesota and told me they were looking for a receptionist. So, I wrote Pastor Ed Johnson and soon received a call asking if I could come up and meet with him. My dad drove me up, and we met with Pastor Johnson. He mainly visited with my dad and only asked me if I could type, saying they rarely hired anyone outside the church. I thought to myself, "Well, why did you ask me to come up here?" I really didn't think I would hear from him, but a few days later he called asking if I could start the next week! So, I moved to Rosemount, Minnesota, and ended up staying there for 45 years, working for Pastor Johnson 25 years and then for Pastor Dave Clear for 20 years.

I have known about Maranatha Village for many years. When I was in high school, I came here with my sister to visit Roy and Mary Hamman our close friends. When my parents first went to Africa, Roy and Mary were their mentors. Roy Hamman taught my dad so much.

My sister had become a nurse, and wanted to take care of our parents. During that season, she contracted liver cancer. The Lord took my mother, then my sister leaving my brother and I to find a place for my father. Dad wanted to move to the Manor in the Village. At the time there was no opening, but we got him on the list and moved him to the Palms until a room was available in the Manor. Leaving him there, we returned north, taking turns coming down every few months. Soon we were able to move him to the Manor, where he lived for three years. The people here showed him much love and took good care of him. During that time the Lord led me to come to the Village, much to my dad's excitement.

I retired the end of July this year, packed my apartment the month of August, and moved down in September a week before Hurricane Ian. It has been a big adjustment in my life, but I am trusting the Lord to continue to use me in this next chapter of my life here at Maranatha Village.



# ~ Fitness & Fruitfulness ~

Dr. Gerry Carlson



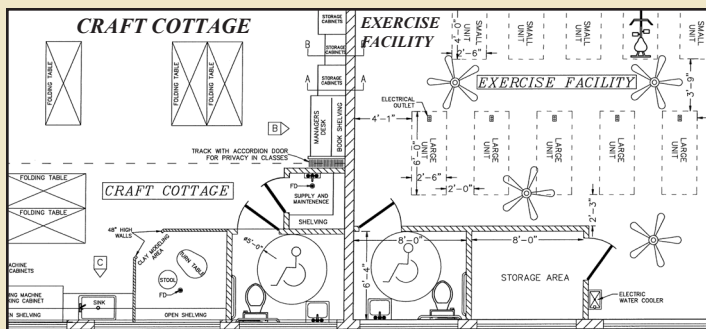
*"Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." (1 Cor. 6:19-20)*

When we were young this passage was often cited to warn against being ensnared in destructive worldly activities and habits that could harm the body and would not glorify God. That is a valid application of the truth contained in this important passage. But the verses also present a positive declaration that we ought to commit our bodies to healthy living, as well as spiritual vitality, so that we might glorify God and serve Him.

The Scriptures encourage believers to pursue spiritual and physical health. In launching the 50&Forward anniversary campaign, we are emphasizing the need for residents of Maranatha Village to be both fit in health and fruitful in service.

We are dedicated at Maranatha Village to serve one another until Jesus comes. To do that we need to give attention to physical fitness and productive activity so that we can serve faithfully. In 3 John 1:2 the writer prays for Gaius to, "...prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers." John prays in this passage for his reader to "be in good physical health" so that his soul, or spiritual ministry, may prosper.

*It is in the spirit of these encouragements that we are being urged by residents to expand and upgrade our fitness facilities and craft opportunities.* The Vil-



## MARANATHA VILLAGE

CELEBRATING OUR  
50th YEAR



FELLOWSHIPING TOGETHER  
EXERCISING TOGETHER  
CRAFTING TOGETHER



lage leadership has responded by recently improving the current facilities, and by planning to make an investment in the future by building a place where exercise and crafting can flourish. The proposed Legacy Center is a major step.

The general public is awakening to the benefits of exercise and productive activity for senior citizens. One publication stated: "Exercise is good for you; it's just a matter of making it a priority and habit in your daily life.

In the aging population, exercise has been shown to prevent disease, lower the risk of falls, improve mental health and well-being, strengthen social ties, and improve cognitive function." (<https://thegreenfields.org/5-benefits-exercise-seniors-aging-adults/>)

In fact, the exercise industry is realizing that senior citizens present the greatest opportunity for growth. An

industry source reports: "A new study from the Journal of Medical Internet Research has found that while the exercise habits of young to middle-aged people are on the decline, seniors are ramping up their activity during the pandemic." (<https://runningmagazine.ca/sections/training/amid-a-pandemic-senior-citizens-are-exercising-more-than-ever-study-finds/>)

It is in the spirit of these Scriptural admonitions and health trends that Maranatha Village is embarking on **The Legacy Center Project**. The new building will offer a place where believers can strive to be both fit and fruitful in these important years of our lives.

Would you consider giving a gift to The Legacy Center Project from the fruitful labors that the Lord has blessed you with? Check out our website at: <https://www.maranathavillage.org/>, and consider an online contribution to this effort.



# Maranatha Village Trumpet

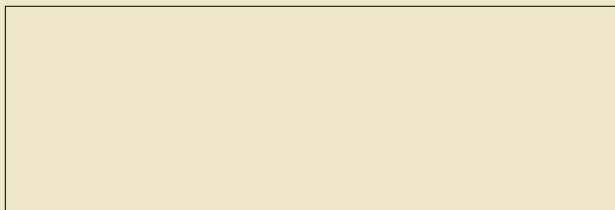
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*“Believe on the  
Lord Jesus Christ  
and you will be saved.”*

## Those Greatly Loved, and Deeply Missed! 2021 & 2022

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Nancy Salisbury (former resident) | 11/29 2021 |
| Bette Derks (former resident)     | 12/20/2021 |

### 2022

|                                                 |            |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Walt Douglass                                   | 01/12/2022 |
| Dale Moore                                      | 01/18/2022 |
| Steve Milligan                                  | 01/26/2022 |
| Vi Cover (former resident)                      | 01/30/2022 |
| Ruth Ditzell Shepard                            | 01/31/2022 |
| David Welshans                                  | 03/02/2022 |
| Sylvia M. Flanagan (winter resident)            | 03/12/2022 |
| Aaron Porter (former resident)                  | 03/27/2022 |
| Grace Lane                                      | 04/06/2022 |
| Esther Jingst                                   | 05/15/2022 |
| Alen Kuhnert                                    | 05/25/2022 |
| Jerry Heath (winter resident) Gloria Reid's bro | 06/02/2022 |

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Hock Kershaw                        | 06/14/2022 |
| Connie Hall                         | 06/18/2022 |
| Janet Pinkerton                     | 06/30/2022 |
| Patricia Cass (former resident)     | 07/08/2022 |
| John O'Connor                       | 07/19/2022 |
| Stella Mattison                     | 07/21/2022 |
| Naomi Dubs (winter church attender) | 07/30/2022 |
| Doug McNeil (former resident)       | 08/06/2022 |
| Betty Thurber (former resident)     | 08/25/2022 |
| Duane McNeil                        | 09/15/2022 |
| Beverly Kitchen                     | 10/26/2022 |
| Tom Bailey                          | 10/27/2022 |
| Steve Apperson                      | 11/02/2022 |
| Jean Lumeree                        | 11/28/2022 |
| Helen Jones                         | 12/05/2022 |

