

# The Baptist Home Philosophy

*Except for some editing to fit available space, the following (and the subsequent articles) are from a presentation made recently at The Baptist Home annual Staff Development Conference. I am grateful that I was given that assignment and a deadline, or I would never have taken the time to do this.*

*Before beginning these remarks, I want to give credit to some folks whose influence have had a significant part in this. First of all, I am grateful to Ed and Joy Goodwin who twenty-one years ago began introducing me to a philosophy at The Baptist Home that was different from anywhere else.*

*I am grateful also to a gentleman named Dr. Myron C. Madden who in a pastoral care clinical setting in the mid 1960's helped me to begin understanding better the emotional issues of life and the value of meaningful relationships.*

*I am grateful to The Baptist Home staff who have shared their experiences and insights along the way.*

*Most of all, I am grateful to the hundreds of Baptist Home residents I have had the privilege to know over the past twenty-one years. They are my true teachers. It is their experiences that have helped all of us to better understand effective ministry for the aging person.*

*These thoughts are being shared not just so you will know more about The Baptist Home but because I believe these principles can be applied in any setting to make ministry more effective.*  
~Larry N Johnson

## Introduction

When we first started talking about this presentation, we gave it the title "The Baptist Home Philosophy of Care." The more I have worked with it, however, I want to simply call it, "**The Baptist Home Philosophy**", because it is not limited to any one area but applies to **everything** we do.

I am not aware that anyone has ever attempted to put this particular philosophy into writing. Nor, have I read any document about any other ministry that is exactly like this one.

This is a "work in progress". I am learning. We are learning. Bits and pieces of this may have come from other sources. Most of it comes, however, from being involved in real live experiences at The Baptist Home. If I were to write this article a month from now, I am certain that there are some things I would say differently. For some of these issues, I'm sure there are better ways to say it. And, there will certainly be things that I have overlooked and failed to include.

I have a **five-part** outline. I call this "**The Five Principles of The Baptist Home Philosophy.**" However, these are NOT **five separate** entities. Each part has its own value, but they all overlap . . . they all inter-connect . . . they all tie together to become **ONE**. You cannot pull out any one piece and say, "I am practicing this part of The Baptist Home Philosophy but not the other parts. We may all do some parts **better** than other parts. But, it takes **all five component parts** to be "**The Baptist Home Philosophy**".

I have little scientific basis for anything I am about to say. It is based on experience and observation. These are the five principles in outline form:

1. Individual
2. Choices/Freedom/Autonomy
3. Listen
4. Feelings/Emotions
5. Relationships

### 1. Individual

Each resident is a **unique** individual/person. Some of you have heard me say, "As you walk through The Baptist Home I hope you will experience 75 different individuals . . . 75 different personalities . . . and **not** the same personality 75 different times."

**There is a tendency in ministry to elderly to subscribe to the "myth" that ". . . all old people are alike." The truth is there are greater differences among elderly persons than with any other segment of the population.**

There is also the tendency in long term care toward "sameness".

We must learn to respect the individual differences of each resident. When we talk about "individual differences", we typically think of wants, needs, likes and dislikes. "Some like red. Some like green." But, the differences I am referring to go much deeper than that.

Each person is **fundamentally** different. *We are all the products of a lifetime of emotional experiences . . . some very good, some not so good . . . some very pleasant, some very painful . . . all of which make us what we are today.*

In 1943 when the bomber he was flying went down, Leland Harper was "lucky" enough to survive, but he was taken as a prisoner of war. That experience **fundamentally** affected him all the rest of his life. (In fact, it may have changed the whole course of his life!)

When Bro. Lantz was only three years old, his mother, a single parent, felt she could not adequately provide for him and put him on a train *by himself* and sent him to live with an aunt and uncle *he had never seen before*. Although Bro. Lantz lived another 80 years, that experience **fundamentally** affected him all the rest of his life.

Every resident has a *history* that makes each one **fundamentally** different. Each responds differently. Each reacts to situations differently. Individuals have different goals . . . different objectives . . . different life patterns . . . different values.

**That means we must respond differently to each resident.**

In my own family, my mother and my father were very different. They were both wonderful people but totally different. The way we responded to my mother was different from the way we responded to my father. And, the ways they responded to us were different.

**If we don't recognize the individual differences and respond differently and appropriately, then we become something like an assembly line approach.** There is a constant temptation to treat every resident the same, because respecting the individual differences of each resident takes **time** and **understanding** and **flexibility**.

2. There is a second part to the principle of **Individual**. It also applies to the Caregiver. Like the residents, we as Caregivers are unique with our different wants and needs and goals. Ken Ragsdale, who lives with his wife in one of our retirement apartments at TBH-Ozark, said years ago when he was describing the way his children were so different, "We have three. One of each kind."

My point in stressing the uniqueness of each Caregiver is this: you may respond differently to a resident than

I will respond. *Sameness* is **not** the goal. *Quality* is the goal. Be yourself. Use your gifts and strengths to enhance the lives of the residents. Don't try to be what you are not. Don't be superficial. Don't pretend to be overly sweet and nice to the residents. That can develop into artificial relationships.

If a person is irritating to us, what is the typical response? We either get angry, or we pretend that it doesn't bother us. With our residents, neither of these responses is appropriate. Within reason, we must *acknowledge* or *recognize* our feelings toward that resident . . . not deny or try to cover them up. . . but then *manage* our feelings so we treat the resident with respect and dignity.

**Don't pretend.** If we try to cover up our true feelings by being overly kind and artificial, the resident will sense that and so will our co-workers . . . **AND** it will invariably come out in other ways.

Residents relate to **real** people. I will say more about this when we get to the Principle of Meaningful Relationships. We cannot effectively minister to our residents when we are pretending. Quality relationships . . . relationships with substance . . . cannot be artificial.

In saying, "Be yourself", I know I am in danger of being misunderstood. We ought always to be working to improve ourselves. But, my point is that we don't do it by pretending to be better than what we are or something different than what we are.

3. There is a third point to the Principle of Individual and that is to respect the **value** of each person . . . regardless of age or frailty or confusion or forgetfulness.

Before he died, as Leland Harper became more and more frail, more effected by disease, sometimes confused, almost always confined to a wheel chair, he sometimes thought he was back in the prisoner of war camp. Please don't think that made him of any less value *than* when he was younger, healthy and serving with his family as a missionary to South America.

Adult-to-adult relationships begin by respecting the individuality of each resident **AND** recognizing each as having value equal to that of the Caregiver. Genuine relationships are not condescending, but adult-to-adult.

This is a two-way street. Sometimes we work with residents who do not see us as their equal. That makes it extremely difficult to provide effective ministry. **Respecting the individuality of each resident means respecting the value and the dignity of each resident.** Meaningful relationships are person-to-person, adult-to-adult.

## II. Choices/Freedom/Autonomy

To talk about choices offered in long term care is something of an oxymoron because nursing homes have such a controlled environment and choices are

so limited. Residents in long term care don't have a lot of freedom.

Because that is true, The Baptist Home philosophy is to **respect those choices the residents still have.** For example, we have no locked wards at The Baptist Home because locked wards provide almost no freedom at all. When a resident is confined to a locked ward, that takes away about the only freedom they have left.

We have had several residents who, if they had been in other facilities, would have spend the final days and weeks of their lives in a locked ward. At The Baptist Home they continued to enjoy the freedom to roam.

### At The Baptist Home, residents have ...

- *the choice of what they want to wear*
- *the choice of which foods to eat, OR*
- *the choice to not eat at all, OR*
- *to eat and enjoy the meal but still have the freedom to complain about the food!*

At The Baptist Home, each resident has the **freedom to be himself or herself** . . . which ties in with the principle of Individual. It is the freedom to exercise ones own peculiarities. Some of our residents are very uninhibited and do not have the same manners or "culture" as others. That can be very irritating to others.

I'm sure some of the residents talk about the "peculiarities" of we who are Caregivers!

At The Baptist Home, we must protect the freedom of the resident to be himself or herself . . . as long as it does not endanger or infringe on the rights or safety of the others residents. (Note, that I did **not** say, "As long as it does not *inconvenience* others.")

Perhaps the best way to say this is, "Don't order the residents around." Nothing strips an individual of his or her sense of dignity and value more than to be ordered around by others or to constantly be told what to do.

At The Baptist Home, we work at *asking* residents rather than *telling* them. Make your requests in the form of an invitation: "Let's go to the dining room." "Walk with me to the Chapel."

## III. Listen

Listening may be the hardest part of all. **Be a good listener. To listen takes effort.** It takes more energy to listen than it does to talk. I have never gone to sleep while I was preaching a sermon. **BUT** . . . I have gone to sleep lots of times while I was trying to listen to one.

**The degree to which you are willing to listen is the degree to which you will successfully relate to other people.** I say to our development staff (whose

responsibility it is to build relationships with donors and potential donors for the support of The Baptist Home): "You can't **talk** your way into somebody's home, but you can **listen** your way into their home when you are trying to make an appointment . . . respond in a way that they know you are listening to them and care about them."

**Our society is not good at listening.** We like to be Tellers . . . tell people what they ought to do . . . tell people how they ought to feel **OR** how **NOT** to feel.

One of the reasons listening takes "effort" is because it takes self-control . . . controlling the urge to correct the other person . . . controlling the urge to "tell the other person" how to feel or not to feel. To listen not only takes effort and self control, it takes **time**.

**To listen does NOT mean that you have to agree.** For instance, I don't know anybody who works harder and yet gets more complaints than those who work in food service. How can we respond to the most common complaint when we know the facts being stated by the resident are not correct? . . . the complaint that the food is never any good.

"Well, it must be very disappointing to go to the table meal after meal and find nothing that you like." Notice that I did not agree that the food is bad. I said it must be frustrating when you "feel" that it is.

Mrs. D. can't sit through an entire Chapel Service. She says it's because the preacher doesn't say "Jesus" enough times. I think that means she is accustomed to more "hype" in the worship services. How would you respond? Count the number of times the name of Jesus is repeated in Chapel and tell her that it was at least 47 times. Of course not! "You would like to hear it said more, wouldn't you?"

**Often when a resident is upset but knows you are listening, he or she will change the subject.** Too often when a resident is upset and frustrated, the typical thing we do is **try to fix it** and to assure that it will never happen again.

**Don't try to fix it.** Let the resident know that you are listening and that you are trying to be understanding. A resident who was upset stopped me in the hallway recently saying, "I didn't get my medicine until 11:00 o'clock." "That's a long time to wait, isn't it?" was my response.

*"The Baptist Home Philosophy" will continue with additional articles by Larry Johnson in the next two newsletters with the fall issue covering, "Emotions/Feelings" and the winter issue "Relationships." The ideas in the philosophy are concepts close to Larry's heart.*

~JWN

*For the first time since it was established in 1923, the Anniversary Offering will no longer be forwarded to The Baptist Home by the Missouri Baptist Convention. If you want to ensure that your personal Anniversary Offering or the Anniversary Offering from your church continues to benefit residents of The Baptist Home, please send it directly to:*

**The Baptist Home, PO Box 87, Ironton, MO 63650.**

## “LIVING THE ABUNDANT LIFE”

John 10:10

### SENIOR ADULT RETREAT September 19 – 22, 2005



Preacher/Bible Study Leader  
Dr. Jerry B. Cain  
President – Judson College



Music Leader  
Dr. Bob Woolley  
Former State Music Director  
Missouri Baptist Convention

Retreats are held at Windermere Baptist Conference Center, Lake of the Ozarks  
For more information contact Dr. Frank E. Fain at The Baptist Home, 573-546-2709 or [ffain@thebaptisthome.org](mailto:ffain@thebaptisthome.org)

## The Grace of Giving: A Tribute

James W. Nelson

I won't have the opportunity to interview Noel Johnson as we had planned. Rev. Johnson died in April before we could get together and talk about the part he and his late wife, Esther, had played in Larry becoming a part of the ministry at The Baptist Home.

Rev. Johnson sent me a letter after his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. He told how he had worked most of his career for the Bonne Terre Farming and Cattle Company. In the early days, the company had a large dairy herd and Noel went to work at 3 AM seven days a week and averaged 70 hours a week. Later the company sold its dairy herd and Noel went to work in a company warehouse 40 hours a week and found the freedom to become a bivocational pastor. Extraordinary.

"Extraordinary" is the word Larry chose as an adjective for his father in the wonderful tribute Larry gave at his funeral. Larry said the circumstances of his father's life were quite ordinary yet he had never known nor hoped to know anyone so extraordinary. During the visitation at the funeral home, some of Noel's handiwork was on display. There was a pocket knife that Noel had made from parts on his scrap pile. It was the work of a craftsman, perfectly made. He spent months on it, Larry said. Larry's mother was of a more practical bent and thought Noel wasted time on such things. But his dad cherished the subjective intrinsic value of the work, Larry said. His dad was also an inventor who made numerous tools to help him on his work around the farm and wrote his own lyrics and set them to music. Extraordinary.

Noel died suddenly (and apparently peacefully) one Sunday, sitting in his favorite chair. The medical diagnosis and Larry's almost agree. The doctor says there was a defective heart valve and Larry says his father died of a broken heart.

After Esther died in April 2004, Noel did all the right things, employed all the recommended coping mechanisms. At age 94, he learned to cook. He learned to take care of the house. He learned how to do laundry. But after 70 years of marriage, he could not fill the void left by the loss of his wife.

Many know the story about how Esther and Noel took Larry as a young boy to The Baptist Home when their church in Bonne Terre frequently took a barrel of home canning to The Home and led the residents in worship at the chapel. A few may know that Dr. D. J. Scott once offered Noel a job as herdsman for The Baptist Home (which he declined). Not many would have any idea that Noel and Esther were major donors to The Baptist Home. That, too, is a tribute for they (like most donors of The Baptist Home) were people of modest means.

Ordinary people... and quite extraordinary too!



The Baptist Home - Ozark provided food and an informational program for members of the seniors group from St. John's Hospital. The Home has also hosted several local church groups.

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES NEWS

By: Frank E. Fain, PhD

The Senior Adult Ministries Team (SAM Team) has assembled an outstanding Worship Leadership Team for the 2005 Senior Adult Retreat, September 19 - 22 at Windermere Baptist Conference Center.

Dr. Jerry B. Cain, The President of Judson College in Elgin Illinois will be the Retreat Preacher. Before becoming President of Judson College in 1998, Dr. Cain served for over two decades as Vice President and Campus Minister of William Jewell College in Liberty MO. Prior to his service at William Jewell College, Dr. Cain served the New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas N.M. and Wayland Baptist University in Plainview Tex.

Dr. Cain is no stranger to Missouri Baptists. During his years with William Jewell he spoke or preached in nearly every Missouri Baptist Association. He often spoke at the Missouri Baptist Convention Annual meeting, Baptist events across the state, including convention sponsored meetings at Windermere, and in many local Baptist Congregations.

For quite some time senior adults have requested we invite this gifted communicator of the gospel to be our Retreat Preacher. We are honored and grateful Dr. Cain has accepted our invitation this year.

The Retreat Music Leader will be Dr. Bob Woolley, the Former State Music Director for the Missouri Baptist Convention. Bob is a native of Oklahoma and a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University.

Bob came to Missouri as the Music Minister of First Baptist Church of Raytown in 1967. In 1972 Bob became the Director of the Music Ministry Program of The Missouri Baptist Convention. He served Missouri Baptists in this position for twenty-one years, retiring in 1992.

Bob has served as a music leader for Revivals and Retreats or as a Music Clinician in over thirty states. A prolific music composer he has published over 100 songs and seven musicals, including the senior adult musical "Saints Alive, Aging to Perfection".

Bob is in his sixtieth year as a music minister. In retirement he has kept active as a writer, Music Clinician, and as a Music Minister. Currently he is serving as the Music Director of the Centertown Baptist Church.

Mary DiPietro will be the Retreat Accompanist. She and her husband Al will also provide the entertainment for the Retreat Kick Off Banquet. A native of Illinois Mary holds Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Music Education from Southern Illinois University. Mary spent many years in public school education and church music ministries as an accompanist and choir director. Mary is a composer of hymns and has long been a musical performer providing concerts of Popular, Classical, Gospel and traditional church music.

In retirement Mary and Al serve as full-time "Airstream camper missionaries" volunteering to help various Christian ministries and camps throughout the nation. During the winter months for the last twelve years Mary has served as the pianist for the Paradise Park RV Retirement Community Church in Harlingen Texas.

Rev. W. George Noble will be the Retreat's Morning Devotional Leader. George answered God's call into the ministry at age 42 after a successful career as the owner of funeral homes in northern Missouri. He pastored a church in Iowa then served Missouri Baptists as an Assistant to the MBC Executive Director, Director of Public Relations at Hannibal La Grange College, and as the Director of Missions in Kirksville for fifteen years. In his retirement George has continued to be active in ministry as an interim pastor for several congregations. This past winter he was the Pastor of the Paradise Park RV Retirement Community Church in Harlingen Texas and has agreed to serve them next winter.

Reservations for the Senior Adult Retreat can be made directly at Windermere by calling 1.800.346.2215. If you should have any questions about the program contact me at The Baptist Home (1.573.546.2709 or [ffain@thebaptisthome.org](mailto:ffain@thebaptisthome.org)). I do hope to see you at the retreat this September.

**ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY**  
to help our residents. See Heart of LIFE  
letter on page four.



(Above and below) A Seminar on "Diabetic Foot Ulcers" was presented by **Dr. Robert Perry** of the Wound Care Center in Cape Girardeau on April 13 at the new Center For Positive Aging at The Baptist Home - Ironton.

The seminar was the kick off event for the new conference center in the newly remodeled second floor of the historic Riggs-Scott Building at The Baptist Home - Ironton. Dr. Perry's seminar was for professionals in senior housing services. Other seminars have been designed for individuals and families and still others for church leaders and senior adult ministry leaders.

For more information on The Center For Positive Aging, contact Dr. Frank Fain at 573/546-2709.



In March, Baptist Home staffers from all three campuses presented a Wednesday program to members of University Heights Baptist Church - Springfield. The purpose was to thank church members for their faithful support of the ministry and to provide information from all of the campuses. (Above), Pastor **Mike Olmstead** and wife, **Nan**, (center) Ozark Chaplain **Tommy Harper** and church member **Bob Perry**, (right) members check out The Home's display board and (bottom) part of the congregation.



## My Gift from the Heart

Heart of LIFE  
Loving Interest For the Elderly

Dear Larry,  
Enclosed is my Heart of Life gift to help provide support for our residents.

\$100     \$50     \$500     \$250     \$\_\_\_\_\_

THE BAPTIST HOME • P.O. Box 87 • Ironton, MO 63650 • (573) 546-2709

Dear Friends,

When Iva McCormick died at age ninety-seven (97) after having lived at The Baptist Home for more than thirteen (13) years, she had everything prepared in advance for her funeral, including her own eulogy. Reverend Earlwood Towne said the preparation for her service was made much easier because she had done all the work.

In her prepared eulogy, Mrs. McCormick referred to her late husband who died in 1990 when she said, "I have missed him at least twenty (20) times everyday since." That statement reflects what we have observed so often at The Baptist Home: the emotional pain of old age.

There may be exceptions, but over and over again the greatest pain in growing old is emotional pain. It is the accumulation of losses (the loss of spouse and other loved ones, the loss of health, the loss of the ability to do the things we have always enjoyed doing, loss of the ability to drive a car, loss of the ability to live independently) that can be so devastating in old age.

There is no short-cut or easy "fix" for dealing with emotional pain. When it is physical pain, we can take another pill. When it is emotional pain, it takes another person . . . a loving, caring person to walk with us through our pain.

That is what we have been doing for more than ninety (90) years at The Baptist Home.

Compassionate Caregivers at The Baptist Home know there is no easy remedy for the emotional pain and accumulation of losses of our residents. Only in Heaven is there " . . . no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying; and . . . no more pain". In the meantime, our mission is to continue reflecting God's love by being here for our residents and by " . . . rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep."

By supporting Heart of LIFE (Loving Interest For Elderly) you, too, are a part of this ministry. You are helping to provide that compassionate presence that walks with our residents through their needs. Thank you for supporting this great ministry.

Sincerely,

*Larry N. Johnson*  
Larry N. Johnson  
President



At Ozark **Lucille Brown** (First - Springfield) models a hat, while **Pat Miles** (South Gate - Springfield) seems to enjoy ironing.



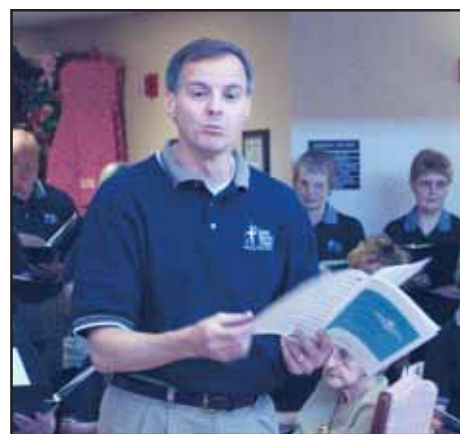
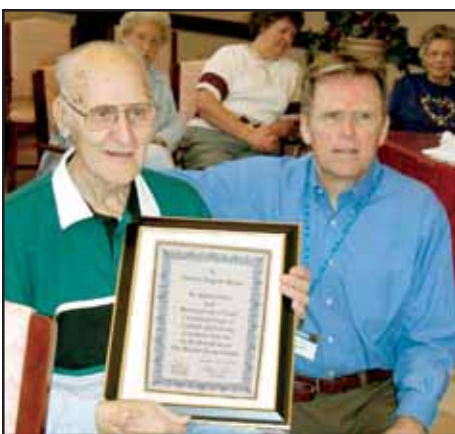
At Chillicothe, **Mary Smith** (above center) is Housekeeping Director. Mary also took the photos of new resident **Norma Abbott** (First - Browning) who is an avid fisherwoman and quilter.



At Chillicothe, (above left) **Jim and Margaret Gibson** (New Harvest - Faucett) passed their crowns to this year's resident king and queen, **Bill and Marilyn Oberkrom** (Second - Liberty). (Above right) A new tradition may have started with the St. Pat's Day election of staffers **Brad Eschenbach** and **Christina Meek** as the first ever Blarney King and Queen.



Visitors are always welcomed by residents, especially if they are babies like (above left) **Paige Thomas**, daughter of CNA **Jennifer Thomas**, being welcomed by Ironton residents **Ernestine Hughes** (First - Ironton) and **Myrtle Lee** (Lafayette Park - St. Louis), or children like (above middle) **Emily Meneely** with Chillicothe resident **Morgie Casteel** (Modena - Princeton), or (above right) puppies like the one belonging to Administrator Lynn Jackson's daughter, **Amy**, being welcomed by Chillicothe resident **Dorothy Bates** (South Haven - Belton).



(Above) Super volunteer **Gene Moore** (now a resident) was honored at The Baptist Home - Ozark on April 18 for his selfless service to residents with a presentation from Administrator **Sammy Allen**. What made it even more special was the musical worship presented that day by members of Gene's former church, First - Jefferson City. Minister of Worship **Rod Maples** led the Friendship Singers (senior choir).

At Ironton, Housekeeping Director **Karen Martin** takes a break with **Lela Mouser** (New Trace Creek - Glen Allen).

**Josephine Korte** (Kingshighway - St. Louis) likes what **Shannon Fenwick** has done with her hair.



At Ironton new resident **Leda Belle Weister** (First - Jefferson City) is welcomed by new friends **Myrtle Lee** (Lafayette Park - St. Louis) and **Leona Thomas** (Maplewood).

**Geneva Garrison** (Fairview - Joplin) visits with two of her children, **Ted Garrison** and **Diane Kay Noel**.



**In Memory of ....**

**Owsha Adams** by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Stamel, Mrs. Ruth Short, Mr. & Mrs. Don Moses, Mr. & Mrs. James Martin, Ms. Bettie Deniston, Mr. & Mrs. Lee Wilkerson, Ironton; Mrs. Jo Maguffee, Arcadia; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Strait, St. James.

**Donald Allen** by Mrs. Greta Allen, Ellington.

**Nell Allen** by Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Larrew, Ironton.

**Isabel Bailey** by First Baptist Church, La Grange.

**Maudra Baldwin** by Mrs. Laura Thurman, Ms. Drucella Smith, Ironton.

**Herald Barnes** by Rev. & Mrs. Webster Brown, Columbia.

**Frances Baxter** by Mr. & Mrs. Dale Benton, Nixa.

**Buford & Sadie Belmar** by Mr. & Mrs. Bell Belmar, Chesterfield.

**Loyd Bills** by Allene Bills, Holts Summit.

**Francis Birlew** by Mehlville Baptist Church, St. Louis.

**Mary Brandenburg** by Mrs. Leona Asher, Pilot Knob.

**John Browsers** by Mrs. Wanda Rayfield, Ironton.

**Lonnie Brown** by Ms. Marcene Sharp, Trenton.

**Mark Bunyard** by Ms. Marcene Sharp, Trenton.

**Rev. Glen Cantrell** by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Ragsdale, Ozark; Rev. & Mrs. Webster Brown, Columbia; Mr. & Mrs. Steven Young, Sturgeon.

**Robert Crabtree** by Rev. Gayford Lowrance, Ozark.

**James B. Cunningham** by First Baptist Church, La Grange.

**Mary Darby** by Mrs. Darlene Bullock, Bonne Terre.

**Bessie DeWeese** by Ms. Martha Sappington, Kansas City.

**Frank Dick** by Mrs. Mary Dick, California.

**Mildred Dixon** by Ms. Sara Woolverton, Malden; Mr. & Mrs. Doug Libla, Ms. Alma Phelps, Mr. & Mrs. David Libla, Poplar Bluff; Ms. Diane Pearcey, Foley, AL; Mr. Jerry Bullard, Gulf Shores, AL.

**Helen Dougherty** by Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Boswell, Maitland; Ms. Marcene Sharp, Trenton.

**Evelyn Drum** by Deacons of First Baptist Church, Bonne Terre.

**Pearl Eades** by Durham Baptist Church, Durham.

**Betty Ellinghouse** by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones, Baton Rouge, LA.

**Corinne Empanger** by Ms. Connie Garber, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Davis, First Baptist Church Philathea SS Class, Chillicothe; Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Meyers, Meadville.

**Anna Faircloth** by Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Faircloth, Park Hills.

**Rev. Lee Fansler** by Rev. & Mrs. Keith Huffman, Ironton.

**Bessie Fischer** by Mr. Myron Enloe, St. Louis.

**Helen Funk** by Mrs. Leona Asher, Pilot Knob.

**Helen Gamel** by Mr. Carl Baggett, Florissant.

**Mary Gammon** by Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Faircloth, Ms. Debby Marler, Park Hills.

**Lila Gardner** by Anonymous.

**Myrtle Gordon** by First Baptist Church, Farmington.

**Bud Graham** by Ms. Bettie Deniston, Ironton.

**Betty Jo Harris** by Mrs. Berma Powers, Arnold; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Marvin, St. Louis; Ms. Dorothy Landrum, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Kimbel, Mexico.

**Ruth Hart** by Ms. Marcene Sharp, Trenton.

**Emma Henderson** by Mr. James Henderson, Mr. David Henderson, Ms. Deborah Trotter, Springfield.

**Mary Henry** by Ms. Jonette Bodanske, Springfield.

**H. Joseph Holferty** by Ms. Nadine Wilson, Kansas City.

**Ada Hoyt** by Mr. & Mrs. George Couch, Olive Branch, MS.

**Ruby Huffman** by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sheehy, Ironton; Pat McInturff, Charleston.

**Malvin and Lorraine Jackson** by Chillicothe Rotary Club, Mr. & Mrs. Dale Wallace, Chillicothe; Missouri Baptist Foundation, Jefferson City.

**Esther Johnson** by Mr. Gary Sanders and Ms. Beverly Kinkade, Ballwin.

**Rev. Noel Johnson** by Dr. & Mrs. Frank Fain, Ms. Edna Arnold, Ms. Nancy Bess, Mrs. Lodean Dugal, First Baptist Church, First State Insurance Agency, Conservative Financial Services, Mr. & Mrs. Paul France, Mr. & Mrs. Craig Inman, Mr. & Mrs. Lynn McCarty, Mr. Thomas Lawson, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Pinkston, Mr. & Mrs. Steven Pulley, Mr. & Mrs. William Ragsdale, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Short, Dr. & Mrs. William Miller, Ms. Linda Stewart, Mr. Billy Ragsdale, Rev. & Mrs. Larry Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. D. R. Stroud, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Mayse, Rev. & Mrs. Steven Jones, Farmington; Ms. Maxine Branson, Park Hills; Mr. Gary Sanders and Ms. Beverly Kinkade, Ballwin; Mr. & Mrs. James Nelson, Jefferson City; Ms. Jeannie Gill, Fredericktown; The Baptist Home-Ironton Staff, First State Community Bank, Ms. June Smith, Mr. & Mrs.

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**Alice Jordan** by Ms. Bettie Deniston, Ironton.

**Robert Kimmell** by Ms. Bettie Deniston, Ironton.

**Cecil Kindle** by Mrs. Mary Light, Ironton; Mr. Thomas Rinehart, Taylorsville, KY.

**Esther Long** by Mr. & Mrs. Darrel Meyers, Meadville.

**Harold Leonard** by Mrs. Lillith Leonard, Tipton.

**Jewell Lowrance** by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Ragsdale, Mrs. Gladys Albin, Ms. Bettye Ewen; Mrs. Thelma Clayton, Ms. Beth Castleberry, Ms. Joyce Samsil, Ms. Lucille Gregory, Mr. & Mrs. John Crum, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Harvey, Mr. & Mrs. Chester Baird, Ms. Gertrude Wilhite, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Tindall, Mr. & Mrs. James Curtis, Ozark; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Stark, Strafford; Mr. & Mrs. Monroe Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Walker, Mr. & Mrs. James E. Lindsay, Springfield; Mr. Ben Arnall, Jr., Ms. Helen Wakefield, Ms. Linda Herrman, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Herman Todd, Mr. Roger Todd, Mr. Rex Todd; Ms. Janice Todd, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Volner, Hartville; Mr. & Mrs. Glen Lowrance, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lowrance, Lebanon; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ikerd, Conway.

**Walter Manning** by Mr. & Mrs. Don Moses, Mrs. Betty Harper, Mr. & Mrs. Beauford Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sheehy, Mrs. Mary Light, Rev. & Mrs. Keith Huffman, Mrs. Wanda Rayfield, Rev. & Mrs. Edward Goodwin, Mrs. Nina Summers, Mr. & Mrs. Lee Wilkerson, Mrs. Ruby Wicker, Ms. Bettie Deniston, Ironton; Mr. & Mrs. James Goggin, Mrs. Jo Maguffee, Arcadia; Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Witcher, Hot Springs, AR; Office of Pipeline Safety, Houston, TX.

**Jim Massie** by Mr. & Mrs. Dall McNail, Farmington.

**Iva McCormick** by Rev. & Mrs. Keith Huffman, Ironton; Mrs. Jane Johnson, Farmington; Mrs. Jessie Preiss, Pacific; Mr. & Mrs. Joe McCormick, Troy, MI.

**Joe McCully** by Mr. Willard McCully, Waco, TX.

**Mary L. McCully** by Mr. Willard McCully, Waco, TX.

**Mary R. Miller** by Mrs. Wanda Rayfield, Ironton; Dr. & Mrs. Paul Branstetter, California.

**Bernice Murdick** by Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Faircloth, Park Hills.

**John Nelson** by Mr. & Mrs. James Nelson, Jefferson City.

**Charles Newman** by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Chatlos, Liberty.

**Frank and Opal Nixon** by Mrs. Ruby Ward, Williamsville, MO.

**Cecil Dean Parkes** by Mrs. Maxine Parkes, Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Brockmeier, Ms. Elaine Simpson, Florissant; First Baptist Church Ruth & Mary Class, Ferguson; Ms. Margaret Robinson, O'Fallon; Mrs. Patty Strieter, Oakhurst, CA.

**Otto Parsons** by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sheehy, Ironton.

**Thelma Payne** by First Baptist Church, Farmington.

**Evan Pedersen** by Mrs. Etta Pedersen, Mrs. Ruth Short, Ironton; First Baptist Church, Ms. Jeanette Rutledge, St. Clair; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Quinn, Marthasville.

**Carl Reeder** by Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Wright, Desloge.

**Roscoe Reeder** by Mr. & Mrs. Clay Reeder, Independence.

**William and Bertie Revelle** by Mrs. Letha Jacobs, St. Louis.

**Walter Roderick** by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Dugal, Bonne Terre.

**Steve Rowland** by First Baptist Church, Dr. and Mrs. William Miller, Farmington.

**Mildred Sappington** by Ms. Martha Sappington, Kansas City.

**Jim Scott** by Mr. & Mrs. Lee Wilkerson, Ironton.

**Truman Seitz** by Mrs. Dorothy Seitz, Centertown.

**Rosalie Self** by Rev. Chester Self, Farmington.

**Dr. and Mrs. Oliver Shields** by Mrs. Mary Riddle, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fulstone, St. Louis; Mr. & Mrs. Ray Loyd, O'Fallon.

**James P. "Doc" Short** by Mr. & Mrs. Sid Shinault, Mr. & Mrs. William Hall, Olive Branch, MS; Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Davis, Hernando, MS; Ms. Mary Fox, Grand Prairie, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Quinn, Marthasville, MO.

**Eunice and Garry Simons** by Mr. & Mrs. Don McQuinn, Fairfax.

**Marshall Singleton** by Mrs. Norma Singleton, Weston.

**Alberta Slaven** by Durham Baptist Church, Durham.

**Nellie Smart** by Mrs. Mary Haferkamp, Mexico.

**Marie Stanfield** by First Baptist Church, Desloge; Mr. and Mrs. David Kinkead, Williamsburg, IA.

**Fay Summers** by Mrs. Wanda Rayfield, Ironton; Mr. & Mrs. Walter Thomas, Fenton.

**George Thomas** by Mr. & Mrs. Roger Baker, Holts Summit.

**Neldeane Todd** by Rev. Gayford Lowrance, Ozark.

**Roberta Tullock** by Mrs. Rhodella Poser, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Poser, Vernon, TX.

**Beulah Vandiver** by Mona Lea Stewart, Bonne Terre.

**Charles Walker** by Mrs. Juanita Walker, Ozark.

**Martha Waller** by Mrs. June Smith, Ironton.

**Anna Ward** by Ms. Frieda Keeney, Sullivan.

**Dain Ward** by Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Wright, Desloge.

**Wanda Weber** by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Jaynes, St. Louis.

**Bonnie White** by Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Ransom, Bonne Terre.

**Lloyd & Della Whitener** by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Belmar, Chesterfield.

**Clarence Wicker** by Mrs. Wanda Rayfield, Mrs. Mary Light, Ironton High School Class of 1941; Mrs. Ruth Manning, Ms. Bettie Deniston, Ironton; Mr. & Mrs. Hayes Wicker, St. Peters; Mr. & Mrs. Donald Brown, Chesterfield; Mr. & Mrs. Mark Ewers, Wildwood; Mr. Vernon Wicker, Cahokia, IL; Mr. Dean Boles, Ms. Karla Wildberger, Tucson, AZ.

**Tandy and Jessie Williams** by Mrs. Lillith Leonard, Tipton.

**Myra Yount** by Mr. John Yount, Leadwood.

**In Honor of....**

**Our 63rd wedding anniversary** by Rev. Gayford Lowrance, Ozark.

**Rev. & Mrs. John Baur** by Mrs. Lila Hensley, St. Louis.

**Janet Brooks** by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sheehy, Ironton

**Henrietta Buehler** by Deborah SS Class, FBC, Festus.

**Dietary Department-The Baptist Home, Ozark**, by Mr. & Mrs. William Lamme, Ozark.

**Geneva Garrison** by Dr. & Mrs. T.W. Garrison, Jr., Camden; Mr. & Mrs. John Noel, Branson.

**Larry Johnson** by Ms. Cassandra Wegener, Higginsville.

**Our 50th wedding anniversary** by Mrs. Rex Kirby, Fair Grove.

**Our 57th wedding anniversary** by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Lackey, Springfield.

**Loreta McCully** by Mr. Willard McCully, Waco, TX.

**Ruth Ann Pitney** by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sheehy, Ironton.

**Gertrude Rhodes** by Ms. Josephine Burkis, Smithton.

**Ruth Schrum** by Mrs. Laura Thurman, Ironton.

**Elsie Williams** by Mrs. Lillith Leonard, Tipton.

*The memorials and honorariums listed herein were received by The Baptist Home between February 5 and May 6, 2005.*

**IRONTON BIRTHDAYS**

July 4, 1917	<b>Celeste Jolly</b> , FBC, Ironton
July 6, 1919	<b>Leon Bredemeyer</b> , FBC, Ironton
July 7, 1908	<b>William Gowen</b> , Hazelwood
July 9, 1930	<b>Lavern Howdeshell</b> , FBC, Ironton
July 19, 1910	<b>Adele Edwards</b> , South County, St. Louis
	<b>Harold Vaughn</b> , Shiloh, Robertsville
July 19, 1923	<b>Willa Strubinger</b> , FBC, Ironton
July 22, 1915	<b>Laverne Eaton</b> , FBC, Annapolis
July 24, 1923	<b>Margaret Pillow</b> , Kingshighway, St. Louis
July 29, 1915	<b>Jean O'Connor</b> , FBC, Poplar Bluff
July 30, 1921	<b>Georgia Hedgecorth</b> , FBC, Cape Girardeau
Aug. 3, 1919	<b>Betty Harper</b> , FBC, Ironton
Aug. 6, 1921	<b>Robert Toma</b> , FBC, Ironton
Aug. 14, 1915	<b>Nina Ray</b> , FBC, Farmington
Aug. 21, 1917	<b>Bessie Jennings</b> , Pleasant Hill, Steelville
Aug. 29, 1936	<b>John Cope</b> , Red Star, Cape Girardeau
Aug. 31, 1919	<b>James McCallister</b> , FBC, Ironton
Sept. 1, 1933	<b>Lela Mouser</b> , New Trace Creek, Glen allen
Sept. 12, 1917	<b>Harold Pewitt</b> , FBC, Edgar Springs
Sept. 25, 1924	

**IRONTON ANNIVERSARIES**

- July 9, 1996 **George & Carolyn Noe**,  
Fee Fee, Bridgeton  
(Carolyn is not a resident of TBH)
- July 18, 2002 **Harold & Marilyn Pewitt**,  
FBC, Edgar Springs and FBC, Gerald

**IRONTON NEW RESIDENTS**

- Clyde and Joyce Larrew**, Fee Fee, Bridgeton (ILF)  
**Harold Vaughn**, Shiloh, Robertsville (ILF)  
**Leda Belle Weister**, FBC, Jefferson City

**IRONTON DEATHS**

- Iva McCormick**, FBC, Ironton  
November 14, 1907 - February 20, 2005
- Helen Gammel**, FBC, Ferguson  
April 26, 1928 - February 28, 2005
- Viola Wright**, FBC, Ozark  
February 23, 1915 - February 28, 2005
- Owsha Adams**, FBC, Ironton  
June 25, 1915 - March 3, 2005
- Harold Venn**, Carondelet, St. Louis  
December 7, 1911 - March 12, 2005
- Mildred Gaddy**, Viola, Shell Knob  
August 18, 1919 - March 15, 2005
- Liddie Evans**, FBC, St. Ann  
May 28, 1913 - March 25, 2005
- Evan Pedersen**, FBC, St. Clair  
July 8, 1921 - March 31, 2005
- Bessie Gross**, FBC, Festus-Crystal City  
April 27, 1916 - April 1, 2005
- Cecil Kindle**, FBC, Ironton  
October 23, 1905 - April 14, 2005
- Josephine Upchurch**, FBC, Glenallen  
February 21, 1915 - May 3, 2005

**CHILLICOTHE BIRTHDAYS**

- July 3, 1917 **Mildred Whitford**, FBC, Trenton
- July 14, 1918 **Louise Courtney**, FBC, Chillicothe
- July 18, 1916 **Martha Wrisinger**, FBC, Wheeling
- July 27, 1927 **Geraldine Pratt**, FBC, Harrisonville
- Aug. 5, 1918 **Genevieve Harvey**, FBC, Meadville
- Aug. 9, 1922 **Verna Davis**, Laredo
- Aug. 9, 1919 **Doris Norman**, FBC, Wheeling
- Aug. 11, 1922 **Marilyn Oberkrom**, Second, Liberty
- Aug. 14, 1911 **Wilma Payne**, Calvary, Columbia
- Aug. 23, 1918 **Dorothy Prewitt**, Highview,  
Chillicothe
- Aug. 25, 1917 **Clyde Beck**, Second, Liberty
- Aug. 28, 1910 **Edgar Kohl**, Highview, Chillicothe
- Sept. 6, 1911 **Velma Jennings**, FBC, Browning
- Sept. 11, 1930 **Lee Ellis**, FBC, Harrisonville
- Sept. 20, 1912 **James Arnold**, Pleasant Valley, Liberty
- Sept. 21, 1916 **Elsie Williams**, FBC, California
- Sept. 24, 1913 **Catherine Barnard**, Union Hill,  
Holts Summit

**CHILLICOTHE ANNIVERSARIES**

- Aug. 12, 1944 **James and Margaret Gibson**,  
New Harvest, Faucett

**CHILLICOTHE NEW RESIDENTS**

- Alvin Lyon**, Calvary, Chillicothe

**CHILLICOTHE DEATHS**

- Corrine Empanger**, FBC, Chillicothe  
January 9, 1918 - March 19, 2005

**OZARK BIRTHDAYS**

- July 9, 1915 **Florence Brown**, FBC, Cabool
- July 12, 1923 **Virginia Riddle**, FBC, Jefferson City
- July 16, 1912 **Margaret Weber**,  
South Gate, Springfield
- July 23, 1922 **Wilma Kinnamon**, Charity, Springfield
- July 24, 1915 **Josephine Palmer**, FBC, Springfield
- July 28, 1938 **Betty Ragsdale**, FBC, Ellisville
- July 31, 1915 **Dessie Woolman**, FBC, Springfield
- Aug. 2, 1922 **Ethel Snow**, FBC, Ozark
- Aug. 10, 1908 **Ruth Huffman**, FBC, Wentzville
- Aug. 17, 1919 **Juanita Walker**, FBC, Ellisville
- Aug. 19, 1919 **Oliver Barnard**, FBC, Shell Knob
- Sept. 9, 1927 **Lucille Gregory**, FBC, N. Kansas City
- Sept. 13, 1918 **Mildred Skelton**,  
South Haven, Springfield

- Sept. 17, 1919 **Anna Baird**, FBC, Ozark
- Sept. 22, 1926 **Jeanne Albers**, FBC, Wellsville

**OZARK ANNIVERSARIES**

- July 1, 1950 **John and Marjorie Crum**,  
Centennial, Mexico
- Aug. 25, 1950 **Paul and Ruth Harvey**,  
Southridge, Jefferson City
- Sept. 15, 1996 **Howard and Jessie Blevins**,  
Prospect, Ozark  
(Jessie is not a resident of TBH)

**OZARK NEW RESIDENTS**

- Arthur and Captola McClellan**,  
Grant Avenue, Springfield
- Eugene Moore**, Hopedale, Ozark
- Lova Christine Ryser**, Glenstone, Springfield
- Frankie Scroggins**, FBC, Pleasant Hope

**OZARK DEATHS**

- Emma Henderson**, Macedonia, Springfield  
December 14, 1918 - January 29, 2005
- Jozella Hopkins**, Second, Springfield  
June 1, 1927 - February 12, 2005
- Glen Cantrell**, FBC, Mansfield  
May 1, 1914 - February 25, 2005
- Jewell Lowrance**, Glenstone, Springfield  
July 8, 1921 - February 27, 2005
- William Hawes**, FBC, Neosho  
January 1, 1905 - March 10, 2005

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**Clothing protectors, bath towel size-WHITE ONLY**  
(may request new pattern by calling or writing TBH Chillicothe);  
**Kleenex**; washcloths (hunter green and white); bath towels;  
hand towels; twin sheets (colors or prints) - (**deep pocket, extra long**); mouthwash; women's spray deodorant; lotion;  
disposable razors (sensitive skin); Chapstick; Oil of Olay;  
shampoo; hair spray; eye glass cleaning towelettes; shower caps;  
sleep bonnets; crossword puzzle books (large print);  
gospel or easy listening CDs or cassette tapes; good books (large and regular print); \$1.00-\$2.00 birthday gifts (please, no candles);  
construction paper; postage stamps; International coffees. *Anything sent is greatly appreciated!*

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**Kleenex**; hand towels and wash cloths (white); Oil of Olay;  
mouthwash (green mint); Electric Preshave; hairspray;  
women's deodorant; toothbrushes; liquid bathing soap (scented is great);  
lotion (scented is great); toothpaste (Crest extra whitening);  
Efferdent; Eucerin hand cream; liquid hand soap; moisturizing face cream,  
combs; hairbrushes; finger-nail polish; shampoo; conditioner; Attends;  
Chapstick; aftershave; cologne (for men and women); shavers; moisturizing body lotion;  
birthday gifts (men's and women's-\$1.00-\$2.00); Mod Podge; corn pads. *Anything sent is greatly appreciated!*

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**Clothing protectors; Kleenex; high-high hose**; bath towels; washcloths; compact face powder and liquid make-up (light colors);  
cologne (men and women); lipstick (light colors); Vaseline lotion; Pond's cold cream;  
Oil of Olay; Scope; Listerine; Fixodent; body wash; Efferdent. **Craft supplies:**  
**Poly-fil stuffing**; Calico prints; raffia and ribbon (all colors); chenille bedspreads in all sizes and colors;  
pillowcases (plain to embroidery, or already finished to make angels); embroidery thread (**especially ecru and white**);  
gold or silver charms; small silk flowers; dry gyp flowers; small grapevine wreaths (2 to 4 inches);  
acrylic paints (black, white & ecru); white and ecru doilies (4 to 6 inches); **white netting**;  
glue sticks (1/8 in. & 1/4 in.); thimbles (wooden or metal). *Anything sent is greatly appreciated!*  
\*\*\*\*BOLD denotes immediate need\*\*\*\*

**From Our Home to Your Church**

by Roger Hatfield

Milford and Mary Riggs moved to Ironton in 1913 to begin their 19-year journey to establish a home for aged Baptists. They accepted a call from the historic First Baptist Church, Ironton, to pastor and begin the work in the Arcadia Valley near the state's Baptist Assembly.

Since 1913 individuals and churches have looked for ways to support the ministry of TBH. In April 1913 one of the first gifts from a church was from the First Baptist Church, Poplar Bluff, and a strong supporter of TBH over the years. A Sunday School class gave TBH a "splendid kitchen range" and the Lopez Store Company of Ironton donated twenty-six dozen pieces of dish sets for the Home's use [*The Story of The Baptist Home*, p.23]

Often individuals and churches think that financial giving is the only means of help that TBH desires. Nothing could be further from the truth! If most of us think about it for a moment, we would admit that the greatest joy in giving comes through actual positive and meaningful participation in service to something or someone else.

So it is with the ministry of The Baptist Home at all three campuses in our state—Ironton, Chillicothe and Ozark. The Baptist Home staff team is always looking for ways to help churches become better linked to the work and ministry of The Baptist Home. May we offer a few suggestions for ways your church family can support the ministry of The Baptist Home today:

- Did you know that your church can receive **complimentary copies of TBH quarterly newsletter** right to your church's doorstep? We are constantly reviewing and adding to the list of churches who are receiving these. If you discover that your church does not receive these, please notify TBH office at 573. 546.2709 or e-mail to [info@thebaptisthome.org](mailto:info@thebaptisthome.org). Tell us the name of the church and how many complimentary copies you want sent in care of your church each quarter.
- Each newsletter has a **Needs List** for each of TBH facilities. This is a wonderful way for children and youth groups, WMU, senior adult ministries and others in the church to get involved. The icing on the cake is for a group from the church to bring those to the respective TBH facility as well as visit informally with the residents, conduct a worship service or musical program, or another activity.
- **Adopt-a-Resident** is not anything new, and it is a fantastic way to connect to a resident who may be in need of some meaningful relationships. Contact the administrator of TBH campus of your choice. Ask him or her about the ministry. Often this consists of sending greeting cards, remembering birthdays, visiting the resident whenever possible, bringing cards and letters the children have made and bring to TBH, providing an audiotape or videotape of your church's music ministry at special seasons, and, if the situation works, bringing the resident to your church's campus for a special Sunday or even Saturday event.
- **Youth ministries** can learn much from interacting with the residents of TBH. They can provide drama, vocal music, instruments, puppet and magic shows, an inexpensive flower vase, as well as visiting in the rooms of the residents. Even being there for lunch can be a boost for the residents [Be sure to coordinate this well ahead with TBH staff at your location for adequate planning and preparation].
- Most **work projects** always can use some extra talented hands if good planning is done ahead of time. By contacting the respective TBH campus administrator, it may be that a project has had to wait because the building staff simply has not had the time to get to it. With the spring, summer and fall seasons in the weeks and months ahead, this may be a good time for a construction crew to do some ministry work at one of our campuses.

By 1915, visitors were coming from the communities and churches over Missouri to see The Baptist Home at Ironton. Although very slow at first, churches began to grasp the vision of what Milford and Mary Riggs had seen earlier as the potential.

What could your church do to support one or more of The Baptist Home campuses today? Keep informed through the quarterly newsletter; send, or better yet, bring some supplies and materials as well as the people of your church; do some work on the campuses of TBH's; adopt a resident as your own who may not have family or whose family is a long distance from a campus.

Milford and Mary Riggs spent their lives encouraging churches to become partners at The Baptist Home, to send members who had not the means or family to care for them. They spent hours casting a vision, telling The Home's story and finding doors whereby churches could participate in the great ministry of The Baptist Home.

Who will follow after them continue the legacy. Won't your church join us in that?



At the March meeting of the Board of Trustees, administrators of The Home's three campuses, **Lynn Jackson**, Chillicothe, **Sherri Snider**, Ironton and **Sammy Allen**, Ozark, got together for a photo (above left). Later spring arrived on schedule, while (above right), **Homer DeLozier** (Southwest - St. Louis) and **Trish Brinkley, RN**, share a smile, and (left) **Evelyn Dufur** (Hanley Road) and **Betty Collier** put their heads together with a smile.



(Left) At Ozark **John and Jessie Baur** (First - Springfield) are dressed for dinner, (above right) **Steve Tindall** (Morse Mill - Dittmer) works on a windchime, (center) **Wilma Murray** (East Sedilla) checks out the sports page and (right) thoughtful GA's from First - Springfield prepared these colorful Easter decorations for the residents.



**Mothers and Daughters:** At Ozark, **Florence Brown** (First - Cabool) received a visit from daughter, **Nina** (left), **Nina Jackson** (First - Huntsville) shares some fun with her daughter, **Judy** (center), and **Lova Ryser** (Glenstone - Springfield) enjoys time with her daughter, **Pam**.



(Above) at the fifth annual supervisor's retreat at Windermere, (L to R) **Larry Johnson** discusses the philosophy of The Baptist Home (see page 1), Pastor **Bill Miller** of First - Farmington makes a presentation on dealing with crises and **Jeri Losey** of South Haven - Springfield leads a seminar on dealing with end of life issues. Corporate Vice President **Steve Jones** served as moderator and emcee of the retreat.



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