

THE BAPTIST HOME STORY

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TOWARD THE CENTENNIAL

2013

Reflecting God's love in ministry to senior adults



John Burney and The Baptist Home entered the world at the same time. As John was being born in Arkansas in January 1913, Milford and Mary Riggs were in Ironton forming the first board of trustees and applying for their

charter with the state of Missouri for a non profit ministry called *The Missouri Home for Aged Baptists*.

John and The Home are both 98 this year. John has never changed his name while The Baptist Home went from its birth name to *The Home for Aged Baptists*

DID YOU KNOW...

...you don't have to turn over all of your assets to become a resident of The Baptist Home. 2011 marks the 30th year since that policy was changed, but the myth prevails.

Here's what you do need to do to become a resident:

1. Fill out a short application form which is available online at www.thebaptisthome.org or request the form from one of our campuses. Once your application is approved, you are eligible to become a resident at Arcadia Valley, Chillicothe or Ozark.

2. When entering The Home you will need to:

A. Sign a housing agreement. This agreement will vary with your type of residence: retirement living, assisted living or nursing care.

B. Have a legal estate and aging plan in place.

For more information about becoming a resident of The Baptist Home or finding an extended care facility for you or a loved one elsewhere, contact us and ask for a free copy of our "Live Booklet."

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to *The Baptist Home*. However, Dr. Riggs called his newsletter *The Baptist Home* from the very beginning and nicknamed the new institution "the Baptist Home," or simply "the Home," for short.

John did not know Dr. and Mrs. Riggs but he was at The Home for most of Dr. Scott's momentous administration. Dr. Scott was instrumental in helping save The Home during the ravages of The Great Depression and the lean years of World War II. "No one else could have done it," is John's succinct appraisal of Dr. Scott.

The same might well be said of Dr. Scott's right hand man, John Burney. Even though he was unanimously elected by The Home's Board of Trustees to succeed Dr. Scott in 1953, it was not a popular choice in some circles, probably because no "Rev." preceded his given name. John had to overcome that, had to overcome a cut in convention funding of \$6000 in his first year, had to get his choices for trustees reinstated by the nominating committee of the convention that first year.

The first new buildings since 1923 went up during his administration. He also tore down some fences and mended some relationships that had been broken by the "old Home's" inability to meet its financial obligations during The Great Depression.

He met his future wife, Gladys, (or at least saw her) on his first day at The Baptist Home in 1936. They were married the next year and spent 73 years together until she died last year. When John was elected Superintendent in 1953, he asked Gladys to leave her teaching career to help manage The Baptist Home. She was a full time volunteer during much of the Burney administration.

John and Gladys continued to volunteer at The Home for decades after retirement. John still stops by to visit residents including Gladys' sister, Joy Phillips.

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Even though it is two more years to The Home's Centennial, we are beginning to work our way toward it now. As we honor our past, we can't get stuck there. All our administrations had to change in order to survive. So do we. No one knows that better than our president, Steven Jones, our trustees and our staff.

GRACE POINT CHURCH HOSTS CONFERENCE ON AGING

In spite of frigid weather, uncertain road conditions, and another impending storm, over 40 people turned out at Grace Point on Saturday morning, January 22, for a conference on aging. Conference organizer Bob Michael broke a large subject into more manageable segments by setting up three breakout sessions as follows:

1. **Life Preparation**, led by Frank Fain and supported by pastor Kirtes Calvery of Grace Point, covered career and work plans as one ages, development of meaningful hobbies, a wellness strategy, minimizing risk as one ages, and remodeling or purchasing a home that is age friendly.

2. **Financial Issues**, led by Jim Nelson and supported by Ken Jones, covered gift annuities, estate planning, and informing children and other responsible parties about decisions made on legal and financial matters.

3. **Care Decisions**, led by Bob Michael and supported by Lynn Jackson, covered advanced health care directives, durable power of attorney, choosing a long term care provider, and funeral and burial plans.

Written evaluations and comments of the participants were so positive that Bob Michael and Grace Point are already looking toward another aging conference next year. "We probably won't have it in January next time," Bob said.



From left, conference leaders included Kirtes Calvery, pastor of the host church; Bob Michael, pastor to seniors at Grace Point and conference organizer; Lynn Jackson, Administrator, The Baptist Home-Chillicothe; Jim Nelson, Director of Advancement, The Baptist Home; Frank Fain, Director of Educational Services, The Baptist Home; not shown, Ken Jones, retired attorney.

For information on having a conference on aging at your church, contact Frank Fain at 866-454-2709 or Jim Nelson at 573-225-3288.

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