

Transcript (Episode Intro)
Jeanette (Burney) Ashley Interview
Episode 33: "A Personal Reflection from BHHM's Past"

Andy Braams: In this month's episode of *Biblical Perspectives on Aging*, we have a real treat. Oftentimes, we've done interviews in the past. But today, even though it's an interview, it is actually more of a conversation, but not just with anybody, but with someone who was there nearer to the beginning.

John Burney was the third Superintendent, what we now call, President, of The Baptist Home. And he and his wife, Gladys had three children, one of which was named Jeanette.

Dr. Rodney Harrison was recently able to spend some time with Jeanette (Burney) Ashley and her husband, George, and was able to get an interview of what life was like for the Burney family and for The Baptist Home when her father first came first as an accountant, but later as the Superintendent or again, as we call the, President, today.

So just sit back and enjoy this interview. There is a book that is referenced in this. I will talk about that at the end. It is referenced at the very beginning when there's still a little bit of settling that is happening as people are kind of getting ready, so there's a little extra noise at the beginning, but that ends very, very quickly.

And so anyway, sit back, enjoy this look-back, this reflection of life in the mid-20th century at The Baptist Home. Specifically at the time, it was The Baptist Home only at our Ironton location in Arcadia Valley. Sit back and enjoy this time of reflection.

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Jeanette Ashley: Have you ever seen this book? Read it?

Rodney Harrison: Yes, I have.

Jeanette Ashley: Okay.

Rodney Harrison: Thank you so very much. In fact, that when I was called as the Interim President, on my very first night, mm-hmm, I started reading the book and it was just fascinating. Yeah, and, of course, now they have the three volumes. And hopefully, down the road, we will, we'll add a little bit more to that history.

Jeanette Ashley: Yeah. I need some updates [because] this ends with Ira Ann in 1988, I think.

Rodney Harrison: Correct. All right. Well, let's begin with a word of prayer.

Jeanette Ashley: Okay.

Rodney Harrison: Father, I thank you so much for Jeanette and for George. Thank you, Lord, for the ministry of Baptist Homes and its significance over the years in providing, Lord, for a season of life that, oftentimes, Lord, we don't, we don't anticipate is coming.

We don't anticipate that we will ever grow old and need more care. But if that happens, we are thankful for the ministry of the Baptist Homes. Lord, we thank you so much for the vision and the impact of those that you use to lay the foundations upon which we continue to build upon today: Dr. Riggs and Dr. Scott, Mr. Burney, then moving into the Goodwin-era and Johnson. Steve Jones. And now, Lord, that stewardship is in our hands. And Lord, we pray that we would be faithful stewards. Lord, I pray that this interview today would provide not only a backdrop in history of your Providence, but Lord, also would be an enjoyable reminder of your goodness, your love, and the fact that the ministry of Baptist Homes is about people.

And Lord, we thank you that we can be a part of that. In Jesus' name, amen.

Well, it is my privilege as President of Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries to be interviewing Jeanette Burney Ashley and she is here today with her husband, George. So I just want to say thank you so very much for taking a few minutes to be interviewed.

Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries [has] served aging Missouri Baptist and others since 1913. And we will talk just a little bit more about the history, but I do want to note that you came prepared today with *The Story of the Baptist Home*, and there is a three volume set of books that outline the story. The first volume covers through [the] 75th anniversary of The Baptist Home, and then there's an additional volume that goes through the 90th year, and the third volume that covers up until 2013.

And so, we are thankful for the recorded history, but you know, the history of The Baptist Home is more than just something on a written page.

It's really about the people that know The Baptist Home, have lived in The Baptist Home, and Jeanette is in a unique position because her father, Mr. Burney, was the third Superintendent or President of The Baptist Home. And so, let me start by asking, what years did you live at The Baptist Home in Ironton, Missouri, Jeanette?

Jeanette Ashley: Okay. Well, I lived there from the time I was born in 1942 until 1948. When our family moved into town and Ironton, we lived there about four and a half years, and then Daddy was elected the Superintendent in June of '53. And so, we moved back out to The Baptist Home and lived there until I left home in 1960 to go to college.

Rodney Harrison: Okay. Well, now, tell me just a little bit about your father and your mother. Just what are some highlights about their ministry and growing up with the Superintendent of The Baptist Home?

Jeanette Ashley: Okay. well, they met there at The Baptist Home. Mother started working there in July, I believe it was 1936. And Daddy started there in November of '36, working as the office man for Dr. Scott and mother was a nurse aid. So, they met there and they dated for about six or seven months, eight months maybe, and married. They eloped. No one knew they were married for a couple of weeks and someone found caught Mother coming out of Daddy's room. They both lived there, [but on] different floors of the main building.

And they caught mother coming out of his room. And so, as she said, "The jig was up," they had to confess that they had been married for about two weeks. Well, the policy was that married couples could not work there. So, mother had to quit and they moved into the farmhouse that was there on the property and lived there then until 1948.

And then when daddy was elected in 1953, we moved back out there. We lived in the big, what I was always told, the summer residence of the Vice-President of the Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company. And I've tried to find that actual written down somewhere. And I haven't, but that's what I was told.

It was a big house. When we lived in Ironton. Mother would say, "Jeanette," and I would say, "Okay," and I'd go right to her. I knew where she was in the house. When we moved into the big house there at The Baptist Home, she'd say, "Jeanette," and I'd say, "Where are you?" And so, she'd have to tell me what floor and what room.

And it was quite an experience. My brother and I didn't understand how valuable that experience was until as adults, we looked back and realized. Dr. Scott had grandchildren that would come to visit. And they were allowed run of the building. And when Daddy was elected superintendent, he set us down and I was almost 11.

My brother was nine and he set us down and said, "You will never run in the main building. You will never yell and be loud. You will be polite." And so, everything was told what we were supposed to do. And to the best of my memory, we obeyed that. We had a lot of fun playing down in the fruit room in the basement of the Riggs-Scott building.

But that was out of the way. nobody knew we were in there and we'd play hide and seek and crawl under the shelves and stuff. But it was an experience that, right, looking back on it, I value and treasure highly. The residents there were so kind to us and the home board was kind. They just treated us like we were special people and I didn't know it at the time until later.

The Baptist Home was very inspirational in my learning to accompany [at] church, singing hymns. I started taking piano when I was seven and when we moved back out there, then when I was almost 11, it wasn't but about a year later, and churches would come from around the state on Sunday afternoons to have a program.

And nine times out of 10, they would not bring somebody to play the piano. And I just lived in fear on Sunday afternoons until after two o'clock. I knew mother was going [to] call over at the house and say, "Jeanette, they don't have a pianist. You better come over here and play."

Well at the beginning, when I was only about 12 or 13, I could only play about two hymns. So that's what they had to sing, but I also was used to being able to stop and start over if I made a mistake. And when people started singing with me playing, I couldn't stop and start over. I had to keep going. So, it really was a valuable experience for me to learn to accompany people. And it was just a time to look back and treasure.

Rodney Harrison: What were some of your favorite pastimes at the home?

Jeanette Ashley: Well, when I was...right before we moved back out there, when I was almost 11, my best friend in Ironton...and, of course, at that time we lived in Ironton before we moved back out...she and I would walk out to The Baptist Home. Mother would let us walk the railroad tracks.

We'd walk about a mile in on the highway and get to The Baptist Home. And we love to sit on the granite entry posts at the driveway and pretend we were statues. And people would come to visit and we would sit there so still, and they didn't know we were real. That was the first thing that popped in my mind.

Another pastime...my brother and I loved to read, and we would climb the trees and basically hide up in the trees and read for hours at a time. Another favorite pastime was to go over to the cemetery and we'd been given strict instructions, "Do not step on the graves." So, we didn't do that, but we walked the wall around the cemetery.

And at the time, we basically memorized all the headstones and the dates and the people because we just did that a lot. There were a lot of other things, but those are some main ones that came to my mind.

Rodney Harrison: Oh, well, those are some very precious memories. And some that I share I've walked the walls of the cemetery and looked at the tombstones and marked down the dates as well.

Jeanette Ashley: I assume you've looked at the cemetery section in the Memorial Park Arcadia Valley Cemetery. There's a Baptist Home section. And it's really interesting too.

Rodney Harrison: Actually. I've not been to the Memorial Park section and I am going there tomorrow.

Jeanette Ashley: Okay.

Rodney Harrison: For the first time.

Jeanette Ashley: And it's not in Memorial Park, but it's right next to it. It's behind it. It's the KP Cemetery.

Rodney Harrison: Correct. There's an archway...Baptist Homes archway there. Yeah. And so, the Administrator, Dan Stiles will be taking me there tomorrow and I'm looking forward to being there for the first time.

Very special. Now, did you have many friends your age to socialize with when you lived at The Baptist Home?

Jeanette Ashley: I had some friends. I wouldn't say I had a lot because we spent all of our time out at The Baptist Home and that was two miles out of town. But the pastor that was there from the time, he came to our church in Ironton just about the same time Daddy was elected Superintendent in 1953, and his two older daughters [and I] became very good friends.

They were almost my age, so we did a lot together. The girl that I walked [with], that we walked out to The Baptist Home and would sit on those entryway posts? She was a really good friend and lived close to us there in Ironton. Some high school friends, but I wouldn't say a whole bunch, because we were kind of isolated.

Rodney Harrison: Now did you get to use the elevator?

Jeanette Ashley: Not unless I was with somebody. And I did not want to be on the elevator. I used the steps, every opportunity I could.

George Ashley: Still doesn't like elevators.

Jeanette Ashley: I don't like elevators.

Rodney Harrison: Well, that elevator is still there and it [is] still terrifying.

Jeanette Ashley: Oh man. I can always see Otis up there.

Rodney Harrison: Now, did you travel much with your father when he was speaking at churches and raising support for The Baptist Home?

Jeanette Ashley: We traveled with him, but not so much. Like what you're talking about is like the associational meetings in the fall? Mm-hmm and he pretty much went to those by himself because he'd be gone for a couple of weeks at a time. Just one meeting after another, after another.

But we traveled. I traveled more with mother as I got older in high school. She started a quartet ladies quartet there at the Home, and they were asked to sing at different associational meetings and churches around the area. And so, I played for them. I still have music that I use that came from Mrs. Isabelle Beating, Miss Louise Sickaphoos, [and] Ms. Mary Steele. Those were the three ladies, plus my mother, that were in the quartet. But we did travel every spring after Daddy was elected. We'd go to the Southern Baptist Convention. And there was always a Baptist Home booth in the exhibition hall. And so, we would go to that.

We, and because of that, by the time George and I were married, I'd been in nearly every state of the continental...of the contiguous states and that was always an experience. There were a lot of things. We camped when we went to San Francisco to the Convention. The only money The Baptist Home was out for that was the four nights we spent in San Francisco.

Everything else we camped. And we bought our own meals. Daddy said, "Nope, not gonna charge The Baptist Home for this." And we would camp just pull off the side of the road and put up cots on the back side of the car and sleep outside.

Rodney Harrison: Well, you'll be happy to hear that, starting next year, Baptist Homes will, once again, have a booth at the Southern Baptist Convention. We will be re-engaging that opportunity once again.

Jeanette Ashley: Let me tell one thing about one of those trips. We went to Miami twice, once to the Southern Baptist Convention. And then, in 1965, the Baptist World Alliance met in Miami. And so, we went to that and there was an exhibition hall. And so, we had a booth, The Baptist Home had a booth in that. And one of the nights, there was this guest symphony orchestra, and I can't remember the lady's name, but she was very well known in Baptist circles. Vocally, she had a beautiful singing voice.

And so, they were presenting this...it was the initial presentation of this particular composition, whatever it was. And right in the middle of it, oh, it was so beautiful. Right in the middle of it, out of the corner of my eye, I saw somebody run down the aisle, the outside aisle of the auditorium where we were. He went up to the stage and reached up and got ahold of the pants leg of the director of this composition and jerked on his pants leg.

And so, the guy stopped the music [and] bent down. There had been a bomb threat, [they] said there was a bomb planted in that auditorium and we had 15 minutes to vacate the premises. "Please do not run, walk, and get out safely."

Well, as we were leaving, the only person I saw run was my mother. But she ran, we got out to the parking lot and we were with Brother Ernie Tower and his wife.

He was the Associational Director of Missions at that time, our association, and we were with them. And so, he jumped in the car and cars were trying to get out of the parking lot everywhere. And so, he jumped one of those speed bump type things. He jumped over that started down this alleyway and came to screeching halt.

We were within about two feet of dropping off into the ocean. It was a loading dock. So, the Lord was with us that night.

Rodney Harrison: Well, I'm glad that you didn't have a big splash in Miami, so you...

Jeanette Ashley: Me too.

Rodney Harrison: ...okay. Tell me about some of the friendships that you had with residents. Are there any friendships that stand out?

Jeanette Ashley: Yes.

Rodney Harrison: In those days?

Jeanette Ashley: Yeah, specifically those ladies that were in the ladies quartet and of those three, Ms. Mary Steele. Her dad was on the very first board of The Baptist Home, maybe not the first one, but sometime in the thirties, George Steele. And she was just a neat lady.

And then a lady named Mrs. Penturf. She started as an employee. And then when she retired from that, she became a resident right off. And she was just a really neat lady. Another one named Mrs. Burleson and then there was Mr. Sam Camel and Brownell. Brownie, Brownell and a fella. They both worked outside in the farm and helped with the cows.

And there were just a lot of them that, that became really special.

Rodney Harrison: What were some of the memories of food and meals at The Baptist Home?

Jeanette Ashley: Well, I could tell you what some of the residents thought. I'll tell that right quick. Before I tell my thought. Mother took over being the meal planner and helped a lot in the kitchen when we first moved back out there. And when we first went out there, each individual was served, especially on cereal mornings.

They wanted, well, Post Toasties, whatever, Rice Krispies, oatmeal, Cream of Wheat. So they tried to please everybody. Well, it just got to be too much. I mean, you get a hundred people wanting a hundred different things. So, one of the ladies was complaining to mother one morning and so mother stood up in the middle of the dining room, clapped her hands real loud.

She said, "From now [on,] when the day is for Rice Krispies, everybody gets Rice Krispies. When the day is for Cream of Wheat, everybody gets Cream of Wheat. When the day is for oatmeal, everybody gets oatmeal." And that really caused a problem. Some of them wrote their pastors and complained. It was really hard, but she stuck to it.

And so, they had to change. But for me, personally, we got to eat in the superintendent's dining room. Man, I felt like I was royalty in there. That was such a pretty room. And it had such beautiful antique side boards and stuff in there. But it was [only] served the meals like breakfast and that's basically the only one I ever ate over there because mother would fix lunch during the summer at home.

And then we'd always eat at home in the evening. But that breakfast meal – it was served at 6:00. Well, my brother, JT, and I wouldn't get there until about 7:30. By that time, the eggs were cold and they had been fried in bacon grease and the bacon grease was totally

covering those eggs. And I can remember sitting there scraping that bacon grease off, trying to get to just the egg.

That was well...I try to eat everything when it's hot now.

Rodney Harrison: And the idea of getting up at 6:00 AM never did really...

Jeanette Ashley: It just didn't take.

Rodney Harrison: ...didn't take, okay.

Jeanette Ashley: Didn't take. We didn't have to catch the bus until about [a] quarter till eight. And so, we always just gobbled whatever we could and ran to the bus.

Rodney Harrison: Okay. Now, when was the last time you were on the campus of The Baptist Home in Arcadia Valley?

Jeanette Ashley: We drove out there this past May when it [was] Memorial Day. Yeah, Memorial Day. When we went to the cemetery to put flowers on the graves.

This is a side thing. I'm just like my mother, but anyway, before she died, she was sitting there. She said, "I don't guess anybody will ever put flowers on the family graves again." And I said, "Mother, I will take care of that." So, I've been doing that since she died in 2010. And so, this past May, we drove out and drove around the grounds of The Baptist Home.

Rodney Harrison: Okay. Wonderful. Well, I truly hope that I will see you there for the 100th anniversary that is coming up in the near future.

Jeanette Ashley: Mm-hmm.

Rodney Harrison: That'll be the dedication. [The] 100th anniversary of the dedication and occupancy of the Riggs-Scott building. Construction on that facility started 101 years ago.

Jeanette Ashley: Yeah.

Rodney Harrison: And so, we're looking forward to that celebration.

Jeanette Ashley: I don't know if you know that my dad and The Baptist Home got started in the same year. Daddy was born in 19, in 1913, which is when The Baptist Home was started.

Rodney Harrison: Well, it'll be a significant celebration and we can celebrate your father's impact and accomplishments. You know, as I think of the Burney era, of course, he came working with Dr. Scott, really was the first accountant for The Baptist Home.

And then was the one who led The Baptist Home, as Superintendent, to a business model that we are building upon today and had a great mind for business. I know that [he] was formally trained. I believe he went to a school in Chillicothe, if I'm not mistaken.

Jeanette Ashley: Yes, Chillicothe Business College. Mm-hmm.

Rodney Harrison: And I think it is interesting that our first campus was in Chillicothe many years later.

So, let me ask, are there any questions and this would be both for you and your husband, George; are there any questions or stories that I didn't ask or didn't allude to that need to be told for future generations?

Jeanette Ashley: Well, the first thing that comes to my mind is to keep giving to Baptist Homes financially [and] praying for Baptist Homes and the leadership. Mm-hmm.

I always look at it as being God's provision, his establishment. So, I just pray that he will take care of it and protect it and guide it in the way it's supposed to go.

Rodney Harrison: Well, that is so, so relevant. We are launching, this coming year, a campaign called the *Welcome Home* campaign. It is an 18 million [dollar] capital campaign to support not only the existing campuses, but also the expansion efforts of Baptist Homes.

And when we look at our strategic initiatives, we are committed. We are stewards of God's resources and this is His ministry and we count it a great privilege to be a part of this ministry. So what are, what are your thoughts about the expansion you've seen and read that we've been expanding and there's actually a little bit more that's about ready to happen...but just kind of, what are your thoughts about the fact that the ministry is expanding, you know, throughout the state of Missouri right now?

Jeanette Ashley: I have mixed feelings. Part of me, I'm really glad to see other areas of the state, you know, have the opportunity that the East side and Southeast side specifically have had for the last a hundred years or anyway. So, part of me think that's really good. Part of me when I see in *The Pathway* that a new Administrator of some kind or rather has been hired, I think, "There goes more money that's not going for the care of the people."

But for, I don't know why, because I don't understand all the terminology and all the air, I don't know what the job description [is] or the title of the job, I don't understand all that. But that, that then becomes my problem because I am praying that the Lord will guide and direct and take care of His facility.

So then, I have to trust that everything being done is what he wants done. And it'll be for the furtherance of the kingdom.

Rodney Harrison: Amen. Well, that is very relevant. And as we look at those that are coming in as Administrators every campus has, of course, an Administrator and every campus has staff. Staffing is one of our ongoing challenges and it's something that we day-to-day pray for.

And, of course, each campus has a Campus Pastor, which is an integral part of who we are. But it is an exciting time to be a part of what God is doing at Baptist Homes.

George, do you have any insights now? You met your wife at the university, is that correct? In yes, Baptist Student Union?

George Ashley: Yes.

Rodney Harrison: Okay.

George Ashley: Yes, we were there in those sixties, the early '60s. And then I went to Kansas City to work as an engineer. [Upon] graduating, [I] felt like God was calling me back into full-time work with young people because I [was] spending all my time-off work on 12th Street, working with the kids that grew up where I did.

Well...so I went back to school and then we started dating. We'd been friends for a number of years and about that time, I was being drafted. So, we were married then, but The Baptist Home was really special for us. First of all, for the ministry that it gave to my mom. And she was, she had visited there with us several times and it was just, it was unlike any Baptist or any home for the aged around Kansas City that we'd been in.

Because...we used to...from church...we'd go and sing at various homes for the aged. And it, just the whole atmosphere, the whole things that were offered. So, we've been really positive about the ministry there. And my last year in the military, Jeanette lived at home while I was overseas.

And we had our son; [he] was one-year-old going on two. And so, she and our son lived there with her mom and dad. And I think John was really a favorite of many of the older people, all. Yes. Yes. It was just special to me that he really felt comfortable there. And when he got...[I] was trying to remember when he came down and worked...was he out of high school?

Jeanette Ashley: Yeah, that [was] his first summer out of high school. And then his second summer, after one year of college...

George Ashley: ...he came down [for] a summer and lived with John and Gladys and worked there at the home on the grounds and helped out there. And it...and it just had a...it's had a real special place for him. Mm-hmm.

The one thing that has kind of disappointed me, and it's not fault of the home at all, but we've tried to promote The Baptist Home to those in St. James, which is not that far away. It's [one] hour and 45 minutes. Yeah. 30 minutes. And it just seems like the ones that we, and we've even taken some down for a visit, but they seem to be so clinging to their particular area. Mm-hmm . And so, in that respect, I think having the various locations around the state maybe will help some, at least, feel free to go ahead and go to one that's within a reasonable distance of where their relatives are or where they grew up.

Yeah. And so that's a prayer and a hope...mm-hmm...for us; that more people will see just how great it is in compared to the other...many of the other places.

Rodney Harrison: Yeah.

Jeanette Ashley: Yeah. And there's no comparison. Really?

George Ashley: Yeah.

Rodney Harrison: No. We recently hired an Administrator and in the interview, after we had talked about her relationship with the Lord and the local church, the question came up, "Why would you like to work for Baptist Homes?" And her answer was, "Because it's the very best...mm-hmm...and I've known of your reputation for 20-plus years."

Jeanette Ashley: Yeah.

Rodney Harrison: And we are so excited. Of course, you'll be joining our team here this week. And, you know, one of the new developments that will be exciting as well is we are in the process of remodeling the second and third floors of the Riggs-Scott building. And they will soon be affordable housing for seniors.

And we are looking forward to that. And hopefully that might be an incentive for folks here, maybe in St. James and other parts of the state who, well, maybe the geography they would like to stay home, but they look at [it and say], "We can afford this."

Jeanette Ashley: Mm-hmm.

Rodney Harrison: And there are so many who, for whatever reason, get to that season of life where they don't quite have the resources.

Maybe all they have is social security and they're needing a little bit of extra care and they need a little bit safer environment and we want to provide that. And the thing about Ironton, what I tell them is, "No matter how little you pay, you'll always have a million dollar view out those windows." It is probably the most beautiful...

Jeanette Ashley: ...yeah...

Rodney Harrison: ...beautiful place in the state.

Jeanette Ashley: Yeah.

Rodney Harrison: And every time I look out those windows of the Riggs-Scott building, I just continue to be in awe of the beauty of God's creation.

Jeanette Ashley: The four years my dad was a resident there from 1914 to nine or 2014 to 2018, we would take Thanksgiving dinner. You know, the home kept saying, "Well, you can eat ours."

I said, "We were going to bring our own and we would eat up there on the second floor and what used to be the porch out there. And I just love to look out those windows and..."

Rodney Harrison: ...that'll be the dining room...

Jeanette Ashley: ...yeah.

Rodney Harrison: And we look for it, because, it's just...I can't imagine every day being able to enjoy that as a place to dine and just looking at that beautiful view. And it's beautiful all four seasons; oh, something very unique and different.

Well, as we conclude our interview, first with Jeanette. And then, George, I'll ask you the same question and that is, how can we be praying for you?

Jeanette Ashley: Well, the first thing that popped in my mind is that we will know when it's time for us to become residents of Baptist Homes.

Rodney Harrison: Okay.

George Ashley: Hmm. Why [do] you get to go first? Because that was hard. No, that's basically it and that's a hard...you know, I'm 82 now.

Jeanette Ashley: Not yet.

George Ashley: Well, October, so basically. And, you know, it's hard to let loose of where you are if you could possibly do it. But I'm finding that we've got five acres. Not all of it has to be cared for, but at least two of it does. [I'm] finding that it is getting closer.

So that's a difficult decision. And I understand that for other people because I see how it is for us. Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm.

Rodney Harrison: Well, thank you. We will be joining you in prayer for wisdom, discernment, and understanding of God's perfect timing [for] Baptist Homes. We are committed to Christ-like care for the aging and it is our desire to set the standard of care. And so, we thank you so very much for your contribution, for the time that you've taken to be on this this interview. And I will be concluding our time together. But again, thank you so very much for sharing your story, for referencing *The Story of The Baptist Home*. [It is] a wonderful resource. If a listener would be interested in knowing more about this, we can make copies available through Baptist Homes & Healthcare Ministries at desk@thebaptisthome.org. Thank you. And God bless.

George Ashley: Yeah. Thank you.

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Andy Braams: I do hope you enjoyed that reflection from Jeanette Ashley or Jeanette Burney, formerly, now Jeanette Ashley, and her being able to recollect some stories from yesteryear. In the podcast, at the very beginning of the episode, there was the book referenced and the book that she referenced. And in fact, she referenced the author's name right at the very end as well.

That book was written by Ira Ann Hawkins. It is simply called, *The Story of The Baptist Home*. And you can get a copy of that book. It does cover everything. It's actually been updated through the 90th anniversary of the Baptist home. And so, if you'd like to get a copy of that in some way, shape or form, you may contact desk@thebaptisthome.org. That's desk@thebaptisthome.org.

And we'd be happy to give you a copy of that. It is an interesting book, a look at the history of The Baptist Home, especially through the eyes of each of the Administrators in the first 75 years or so, and then updated from there. So, I hope again, this episode was encouraging to you; brought a little bit of time of, perhaps, reflection for you if you know of past residents or even current residents at any of our facilities.

So, until next month, let this be an encouragement of what God has done in the ministry here and as we seek his wisdom for how to move forward, realizing that people like Jeanette and her husband, George, and others are praying, not only reflecting on the past, but thinking about what God might do in the future as well.