

THE BAPTIST HOME

We Are Called

To Care for aging humanity on our residential campuses where we provide Independent Living, Assisted Living and Nursing Care in a safe, secure, Christian environment.

To Serve individuals and churches through a variety of Estate Planning and Educational services provided free of charge.

To Lead churches and community organizations in the development of services that address the multi-faceted issues of aging.

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The Baptist Home Ministry & Mission

To reflect God's love in our ministries to senior adults

For over 100 years The Baptist Home has provided care for aging humanity. The Baptist Home seeks to assist each senior adult to enjoy life to his or her highest potential by addressing spiritual, emotional, physical, social and security needs.

God has given The Baptist Home a three-part mission for expanding its influence:

- To serve aging adults in Missouri and surrounding areas by offering retirement communities founded on Christian values.
- To provide assistance to similar endeavors overseas.
- To share its experiences and time-earned insight with those who would benefit.

The Baptist Home

~Philosophy of Care~

We believe in respecting the unique individuality of each resident.

We believe in protecting the freedoms of our residents and providing them with as many choices as possible.

We believe each resident has equal value and deserves to be heard.

We believe in helping our residents express their feelings in positive, healthy ways through the use of Validation Therapy, worship, music and prayer.

We believe in building meaningful, adult-to-adult relationships with each of our residents.

The Baptist Home is not a "medical center" but is a "living center" where we focus on the emotional issues of aging, which I have said many times are the most difficult issues not just of growing old, but of all of life.

Larry Johnson, Baptist Home President (1997-2005)

Compassionate Care since 1913

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Assistive Care Ministry

Creating a partnership between the aging, the community and the local church.

Joining together to serve the elderly in our midst.



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Assistive Care Ministry



“The fastest-growing segment of the total population is the oldest old— those 80 and over. Their growth rate is twice that of those 65 and over and almost 4-times that for the total population. In the United States, this group now represents 10% of the older population and will more than triple from 5.7 million in 2010 to over 19 million by 2050.” (www.transgenerational.org)

Assistive Care Ministry will guide you to ...

1. Understand the aging process.
2. Identify the most significant needs of the aging.
3. Develop a local team within your church to serve the aging in your community.
4. Connect the aging with community based resources for the aging.

Will train your church to assist the aging in your community to ...

1. Remain in their own living arrangements more securely.
2. Re-connect with the world around them as your team engages them.
3. Remain vitally connected to the spiritual community they have depended upon.

The key word is **ASSISTANCE**. Volunteer caregivers will need to evaluate the list of practical needs and set priorities. No one can meet all the needs of an elderly person, but whatever help can be given is an “ASSIST”. ASSISTIVE CARE does not eliminate the problems of growing old. It helps to reduce those problems.

No special skill is needed to be a caregiver. Time, self-discipline, and an understanding of the unique problems of old people are the main qualifications.

HOW TO GET STARTED:

The Baptist Home has Experts on Aging available to provide educational seminars and training on Assistive Care Ministry and other similar topics. These seminars are a no-cost service of The Baptist Home and can be customized to fit the needs of your organization.

Assistive Care is a ministry of the local church to give practical assistance to the “old-old” who still live in their own homes. The purpose is to enable them to continue living in their home for as long as possible and to live with a sense of dignity, comfort, and security.

The developmental process called AGING is not a disease. It is, however, a ...

- Gradual progression of losses decreasing opportunity for meaningful experiences
- Lessening of opportunities for living in the community

Our society must begin to enhance those support systems which once came from ...

- Family
- Friends
- Neighborhood
- Church

...and learn to sustain the elderly throughout their life.

Rapidly Changing Landscape of Aging

Changes in how healthcare for seniors is now being provided is creating a confusing array of services designed to help seniors remain in their own homes longer.

We believe that a team approach seeking to minister to seniors and connect them with relevant health services is a worthwhile approach.

Assistive Care Ministry seeks to create a partnership between local churches and the community to serve the aging.

Assistive Care Ministry can help with the practical needs of the elderly:

1. Diet and Nutrition
2. Housekeeping
3. Simple Home Maintenance/Repair
4. Hygiene and Healthcare
5. Telephone Reassurance
6. Transportation
7. Shopping Assistance
8. Reading Bills & Writing Letters
9. Budget Assistance
10. Exercise
11. Continuing Spiritual Development
12. Companionship

