

THE BAPTIST HOME STORY

Compassionate LifeCare since 1913

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What Makes The Baptist Home Special?

Reflecting God's love in ministry to senior adults

DISTINCTIVES OF THE BAPTIST HOME

Benevolence

From its humble beginning in 1913, The Baptist Home was known as a benevolent institution. The Home was founded to care for those who had neither money nor family to care for them. Those who had family able to care for them and/or other resources at their disposal were discouraged from even making application to The Home. Exceptions were made during The Great Depression when paying boarders were housed on the second floor of the Riggs-Scott Building but when the crisis passed so did the exceptions.

Today many Baptist Home residents are able to pay for all or at least some of the cost of their care. Still, over 50 percent of our residents received benevolent care in 2008 at a cost of nearly \$2 million. The Home is able to support that level of benevolence through earnings from its endowment fund and the generosity of its donors.

Independence from Direct Government Funding

Closely tied to its benevolent policies is The Home's independence from direct government funding. The Home has no Medicaid beds and receives no direct payments from Medicare. Residents enrolled in either program can receive payments for their medical bills, but The Home receives no direct government

support. Our non dependence on governmental funding allows us to promote Christian values without government interference.

Validation Therapy

In 1980, Ed and Joy Goodwin discovered Validation Therapy, a gentle therapy which was the brainchild of Naomi Feil of Cleveland, Ohio. Validation Therapy supports the frail elderly who retreat to the past when present reality overwhelms them. The main objective is to restore dignity to the confused elderly person. Imagine how you would want to be treated if you live well into old age. The resident who announces that it is time for her to go home and fix dinner for her large family is never told that those days are long gone. Even the young caregivers at The Baptist Home are trained to sit down with her and ask "what's for dinner? What was your family's favorite meal? How much did your daughters help?"

After reliving those happier times, residents often reorient themselves to time and place. Residents often experience less stress, smile more and communicate more openly.

The Baptist Home was a pioneer in using Validation Therapy in a clinical setting during the Goodwin administration. Nurses from Norway, Australia, Canada and Austria came to The Baptist Home to learn Validation Therapy under the guidance of the late Joy Goodwin.

Continuum of Care

All Baptist Home campuses are communities with Independent Living, Assisted Living and Nursing Care. When one level of service is no longer adequate, residents can move across the parking lot or down the hall or the needed higher level of care. Although The Baptist Home is not unique in offering these levels of care in one place, most facilities offer only independent living or assisted living or nursing care rather than all three levels.

Compassionate Christian Care

Such caring is not confined to The Baptist Home but it has become a hallmark of The Home, embedded in our mission statement: *Reflecting God's love in ministry to senior adults*. One of the ways to implement that is by embracing resident autonomy. Residents have the right to be treated as individuals. Residents have the right to direct their care and to make choices without fear of coercion or punishment. Caregiving staff is taught to communicate with residents on an adult-to-adult level, promoting independence and avoiding a parent/child relationship between caregiver and care recipient.

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WELCOME!

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to **Carol Gutshall**, incoming trustee for 2009. Carol was not available for the group photo printed in the January 15, 2009, issue of the Word and Way.

Interested in more information about The Baptist Home?

Need help choosing an extended care facility for yourself or a loved one?

Would you like to help support The Baptist Home, but don't know how?

The Baptist Home now has **4 new brochures** available to help answer these questions and more. To receive your free copy of one or more of these brochures, please call 573-546-2709 or e-mail us at desk@thebaptisthome.org.

Viewbook

- Gives a brief history of The Baptist Home and its Philosophy of Care.
- Gives an overview of The Baptist Home's three campuses.

Teaser Brochure

Smaller version of the Viewbook. Gives a general overview of The Baptist Home.

Live Booklet

- Provides guidance for those making life-care decisions for themselves or family.
- Gives information on how to apply for residency at The Baptist Home.

Love Booklet

Provides an overview of The Baptist Home ministry and outlines ways to support The Home with your gifts of time, talents and financial resources.



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