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# The Baptist Home Philosophy

*This is the second in the series of articles on The Baptist Home Philosophy taken from a presentation made at our Staff Development Retreat in the Fall of 2004. The first three (3) Principles were presented in the Spring Newsletter: 1. Individual 2. Choices/Freedom/Autonomy and 3. Listen. This article is Principle # 4. **Feelings/Emotions.** Principle # 5 "Relationships," will be presented in the December Newsletter.*

*My mother had died only a few months before the 2004 Staff Retreat. Since that time, my father has also died at age ninety-four (94). This article has some of my thoughts regarding those experiences. I have continued to learn from my mother and father even after they are gone.*

--Larry N. Johnson

## FEELINGS/EMOTIONS

### Introduction

How many times have you heard me say, "The greatest pain in growing old is emotional pain"? Since we are all growing older, I think I will expand that statement to say, "Regardless of age, the most difficult issues in all of life are emotional issues."

A young lady who works in our office lost her favorite cousin recently in a tragic auto accident. This is probably the most difficult loss she has experienced in her young life. Painful happenings like this can happen to us at any age.

- the loss of friends and loved ones
- the break up of families
- difficulty with friends or family members
- being hurt by words or actions of others
- feeling mistreated
- dealing with difficult supervisors!

While emotional issues are not always age related, THE OLDER WE ARE, THE GREATER THE ACCUMULATION OF LOSSES. They come faster with less time for recovery in between. And, coping with loss is more difficult in old age.

- ▶ Losses hit harder in old age. (After 70 years of marriage, Dad just could not recover from the loss of Mom.)
- ▶ There is less emotional strength for recovery. (Much like recovering from physical pain and ailments, emotional healing is much more difficult when you are 94 than when you are 49.)
- ▶ In old age, there are fewer friends left to lean on. (In the past few years, Dad's circle of close friends consisted primarily of his family. Close friendships he had developed throughout his lifetime were folks who had already passed away.)
- ▶ In old age there are fewer opportunities to get help or to find relief from emotional pain. (At 94, he could not jump in the car to go to a baseball game for example. There was no more taking a vacation. There were few opportunities to meet new friends and almost no opportunity for a second start.

There may be some exceptions to what I am saying, but, most of the time, emotional pain in old age is more difficult to deal with than physical pain.

Mrs. McCormick died last year at age ninety-seven (97) after living at The Baptist Home for more than thirteen (13) years. Her funeral was unusual in that she had written it all in advance. In her "prepared statement", Mrs. McCormick referred to her husband who died in 1990 (fifteen (15) years ago) and said, "I have missed him at least twenty (20) times everyday since!"

That's the emotional pain of growing old.

As you walk the halls of The Baptist Home and visit with the residents, what do they talk about most? Some will talk about their ailments, but most will talk about their losses. I rarely heard Mrs. McCormick talk about her physical ailments, certainly not twenty (20) times a day.

A resident who has lived at The Baptist Home for only a couple of weeks has yet to make mention of any of the physical or medical conditions that caused her to have to move into long term care. But, every time we meet she talks about how difficult it is to give up the nice house with a nice yard she had enjoyed for so many, many years . . . even though she fully realizes that she was no longer able to take care of the house and yard.

That's the emotional pain of growing old.

**B.** Although emotional issues almost always cause us more distress than physical or medical issues, which gets the most attention? Are we just as careful to give the same attention to the emotional issues of our residents as we give to their medical issues? Do we make specific assignments and develop plans (or "prescriptions") to help the resident deal with those issues?

The answer to that is, "Probably not", because of all the expectations that are put on us by state Regulation and state Surveyors, by family members and by the residents themselves to see that all the physical and medical needs are met . . . that the food is prepared just right and the beds made correctly and the medicines are passed on time.

Rarely are we questioned on how we help residents to cope . . . except perhaps when a resident seems "depressed" and someone wants a "quick fix".

And there is the attitude of society that in general down plays the importance of paying too much attention to emotional issues. How many times have you heard statements like, "Don't feel that way." Or, "You've just got to toughen-up." "It will go away." "This is real life, you know."

And, there is the attitude that adults don't cry (especially men!).

Emotional issues are believed to be something that you "learn to live with" and coping with emotional issues is not thought to be all that important in comparison to coping with all the other issues of life.

If I have a broken leg, people will gather around me and try to comfort me and will rush me to the nearest emergency care.

But, if I have a broken heart, sometimes those very same people will gather around me and say, "Don't feel that way." "You've just got to get over it!"

**C.** I realize that there are some exceptions to what I have said. There are some folks who live in constant pain and who have to plan their entire day around how much pain they can tolerate.

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But, that is the exception. In fact, sometimes those who always talk about their physical ailments or their medical conditions do so because of some unresolved emotional issues in their lives.

Perhaps that statement is too judgmental so let me bring us back to the point of this discussion: "Regardless of age, the most difficult issues in all of life are emotional issues."

Seven or eight years ago, a friend of ours began battling with a deteriorating spine condition. Over the years, she experienced more and more pain and weakness making it almost impossible to stand or to walk without assistance. She effectively lost the battle and now ambulates primarily on a motorized scooter.

Six or seven years ago her daughter began battling breast cancer. Six months ago the daughter lost her battle.

Do I need to tell you which of these losses is more difficult for our friend? Do you know for which one she gets the most attention? For her back she receives constant help including medications, motorized transportation, and support from family and friends. I wonder how much help she is still receiving to deal with the loss of her daughter?

**D.** Following the death of my mother, my father did everything he could to cope. He learned to prepare reasonably "balanced" meals. He always cleaned up the kitchen following a meal. He was a pretty good housekeeper. He learned to do his own laundry. And, he continued to do very well the outside jobs such as keeping the lawn and taking care of a large garden.

One thing he could not do, however, was to fill the void left after seventy (70) years of marriage.

That's the emotional pain of growing older. And, there is no adequate medication for emotional pain. (I emphasize "adequate" because there are all sorts of medicines on the market that are supposed to help you feel better or to lift your emotions and to help you overcome depression.)

And, this is where we are often tempted to take a "short-cut". However, if we are to help our residents (and others) with their emotional pain, we have to be willing to deal with the emotional issues that cause the pain . . . to "walk with them" in their pain. That takes time and understanding and patience and a whole lot of other things.

**II.** There is a second part regarding emotional issues/feelings of residents.

There are emotional reactions and responses that are caused by recent events . . . recent losses . . . recent hurts . . . events that are still remembered and over which we still grieve.

But, there are also emotional reactions and responses from old, old experiences that may not even be remembered but the emotion is still there and is still strong and active.

We are all products of a life time of experiences . . . some very good experiences and some very painful bad experiences . . . all of which make us what we are today.

Unresolved feelings and emotions from the past often come back to trouble us in old age. And, these emotions can have a profound effect on our behavior

EVEN IF WE ARE NOT CONSCIOUSLY AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON.

**1).** The Baptist Home staff will not soon forget Bro. L. who lived at The Home several years before his death. In old age, he was "driven" by an insecurity that started when he was only three years old and his mother and father divorced. She got the kids but could not provide for them. At age three, Bro. L. was put on a train by himself and was sent to a place he had never been before to live with an aunt and uncle he had never seen before . . . an aunt and uncle who, according to Bro. L., really did not welcome him into their home and did not want the responsibility of providing for him.

That (along with other experiences) effected him all of his life. In old age he would ask every day at The Baptist Home, "Do I have a place to stay tonight?" "You're not going to put me out, are you?"

Sometimes with the right kind of help, painful emotional issues from the past can be dealt with so they do not haunt us nor cause a sense of restlessness for all the rest of our lives. However, more often than not, we live with those feelings.

Bro. L. was a minister. He had to "set the example". What do you think he did when he felt sad or distressed or anxious? He had to "buckle-up" and to pretend that he was happy and confident, and he had to show others how emotionally and spiritually strong he was. For after all, preachers are expected to set the example.

Sometimes the behavior of residents is difficult to understand when our information is limited to recent events or to their recent history. The really effective Caregiver is the one who can provide sympathy, understanding and ministry when we have no idea what is the cause or the feeling behind the action.

**2).** I said earlier that, "Unresolved feelings and emotions from the past often come back to trouble us in old age. And, these emotions can have a profound effect on our behavior even if we are not consciously aware of what is going on." While I have emphasized how unpleasant experiences from the past can have a profound effect our behavior, not all unusual behavior in older life is caused by unpleasant past experiences.

Some of The Baptist Home staff will remember when one of our residents kept trying to get out the door. She was somewhat confused and disoriented and on a strong medication that often caused her to say and to do things that did not seem "rational". So, when she was trying to get out the door, most of our staff felt that she really did not know what she was doing or where she was trying to go. And, you certainly must take it seriously when a resident is trying to get out. There is always the risk of a fall or accident or injury or getting lost. And, it was very hot that day.

When she persisted, one of The Baptist Home staff said, "Well, I will go with you."

When they got outside, the resident insisted that her wheelchair be parked right up next to the curb. And, as they sat there talking, it was discovered that this was the time of year when she had boarded a bus to go to downtown St. Louis and buy school supplies for her nieces and nephews.

After they sat there and talked for awhile, the resident herself said, "Well, I think we better go back inside."

Working with our Residents, you will discover that there are emotions caused by recent experiences and there are emotions caused by past experiences. Many are very painful but some are very pleasant.

**III.** There is a third element in regards to the issue of feelings and emotions. We, too, as Caregivers, have feelings and emotions. We, too, are the sum of a life time of experiences . . . some very good experiences and some not so good . . . all of which have a profound effect on our actions, reactions, behaviors, moods, and emotional responses. Even though we may not be consciously aware of these, they affect us nonetheless.

As Caregivers and providers for the elderly, we have the responsibility to be aware of our own feelings and emotions in order to respond appropriately and effectively with our residents.

My reasons for saying that is this: our actions, interactions and reactions with residents (or with anyone else for that matter) are NEVER based only on the facts of that particular situation or the resident's issues alone. We bring our own emotional issues and feelings with us to the situation.

Sometimes our feelings may be very positive, coming from pleasant experiences from the past (although they may have long been forgotten about). Unfortunately, however, many times our feelings are more negative and cause negative responses and reactions to current situations.

And, all of that creates a kind of "emotional triangle":

- There are the resident's feelings and emotions from recent experiences
- The resident's feelings and emotions from past experiences
- And, the feelings and the emotions of the Caregiver.

Is it any wonder that relating to others becomes very complex and involved?

**B.** This same dynamic is also true in our relationship with the people we supervise. Can you imagine how much more pleasant our work would be if for every employee issue, we had to deal only with the facts of that particular issue?

Wouldn't it be nice if, for example, when an employee did not mop a floor properly and you went to speak with him or her about it, you could deal with just that issue only without getting involved in all the other issues of life . . . such as the fact that he or she was already upset because you had a similar incident last week . . . or the fact that he or she has difficulty relating to anyone in a position of authority . . . or that he or she is having difficulty at home and with family. All of that gets dumped into the "mix" when you are trying to address what started out being a fairly simple issue of mopping the floor.

And the supervisor (like the Caregiver) has the responsibility to see that as little as possible of his or her own emotional issues enter into the situation.

**C.** You and I cannot successfully help other people with the emotional issues of their lives if we do not have some kind of understanding and control of our own feelings and emotions. I do not mean to imply that we will ever resolve all of the emotional issues of our lives, but it is imperative that we develop some kind of awareness of what is going on within ourselves

that is motivating us to act the way we act and is causing us to feel the way we feel.

Too often, we let the personal issues in our own lives get in the way of ministry and relationships. (We have all sat through sermons that were motivated more by the emotional frustration of the minister than by the spiritual and emotional needs of the congregation.)

We must do our best to recognize the emotional issues that are in our own lives. And, if we cannot deal with them, then be honest enough to stay away from situations that stir these beyond our control.

Best of all, whenever and wherever you can, use your unique emotional make-up that has been developing over a lifetime to strengthen and enhance your ministry.

Use your spiritual and emotional gifts to bless others.

### Summary

*My family got together on the one year anniversary of my mother's death. It was agreed by all of us that in many ways we were grieving more one year later than we did at the time of the funeral . . . although we all certainly had our grief and our tears then.*

*We had seen Mom suffer so much. Her health and her quality of life had been declining over a long period of time, and to see her lying helplessly day after day in intensive care was not what any of us wanted for her. There was a sense of relief when her suffering was finally over.*

*In addition to that, there is always so much activity at the time of a death . . . so many details to be attended to, and a constant stream of family and friends who came by to comfort us. In reality, there is so much going on that for the first two or three days you are not able to focus on your own grief.*

*And now, the reality of the death of a loved one is setting-in bit-by-bit as time passes.*

*I don't think my family is abnormal when I say the grieving is more difficult today than it was one year ago. And, I don't think we are abnormal when I say we are probably handling our grief in a less healthy manner now than we did one year ago. At the time of the death, it was acceptable to cry. But, by now, the "sting" is supposed to be over and we are supposed to be back to "normal" and attending to other issues of life. It is true for all of us, but especially for my father, that our grieving one year later was being done in a less healthy fashion than at the time of the death. His grief started showing up in "symptoms" like ailments and health issues and worry over endless details.*

*I don't have an easy answer for my family's situation. It is always more difficult to minister to members of your own family. But, I am saying that the grief and the depression that often come following the death of a loved one can magnify every other problem that you have . . . physical . . . medical . . . financial . . . social . . . or whatever. And, we make a mistake when we focus on solutions to all of those issues without acknowledging the grief or the emotional feelings that lies behind them.*

*For the first six months, I felt my father handled his grief exceptionally well. He would grieve and then he would say, "But, you've just got to learn to cope and to go on." But, then he started not doing so well. I believe it would be very unusual for a person ninety-four (94) years old to have the emotional strength to work effectively through all the stages of grief. It is true that my father had medical conditions and health problems that were fairly serious. But, it was the grief . . . the emotion of losing a loving, life companion . . . that he could not overcome.*

**B.** *Every loss causes grief . . . not just the death of another person. We all do grieving. We can either do healthy grieving or unhealthy grieving. Every resident of The Baptist Home is coping with loss or a succession of losses. And, when you consider their age and the accumulation of losses, you will see just how difficult life can be for them.*

*All of life . . . not just old age . . . is full of emotion and emotional experiences and emotional issues. We are always learning to cope. In old age, when these struggles become even more difficult, it is our responsibility (and privilege) as Caregivers at The Baptist Home to walk with our residents as they cope with the emotional issues of life.*

## FROM OUR HOME TO YOUR CHURCH

By: Roger Hatfield

The Baptists of Missouri and The Baptist Home have lost a great churchman and friend in the passing on August 15 of Gene Moore. A Christian gentleman and selfless servant beyond description, Gene's love for The Baptist Home started years ago.

Gene and his wife Thelma, who passed away at The Baptist Home-Ozark only a few years ago, were laypersons involved in Sunday School work in their home church and the Cuivre Baptist Association. I first met them in the late '70's when, as an associational Sunday School director, we got acquainted at what is now called Windermere Conference Center. Later as a member of the Missouri Baptist Convention staff for almost 20 years, I was pleased to see them throughout the year, and year after year in associational work. They later relocated to Jefferson City to be near their adult children and became active members of First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, where they were Sunday School leaders as well.

As Thelma developed Parkinson's Disease, they moved to the Nixa area to be near their family who had been reassigned there. The final chapter of Thelma's life was in the care of the ministry of The Baptist Home-Ozark. Following her home going, Gene remained on as a volunteer exercise director coming daily to The Baptist Home "for the price of his lunch," as he once told me.

In April this year, he developed cancer and at once transitioned to The Baptist Home where he spent his final months in a place he loved and served and which held so many special memories of his wife Thelma. He spent his days until his illness caring for others and seeing that they "stretched" one more day just as he had learned to do after Thelma's death.

Why do I take the time to share the Moore story to so many local church readers who do not know them or perhaps have never even heard of them? Because it is a living story of The Baptist Home philosophy expressed so eloquently by Larry Johnson, retiring president of The Baptist Home. He has said it many times and in many places. It is the lead story of the Summer 2005 edition of The Baptist Home Newsletter. [For a complimentary copy of this, please communicate with The Baptist Home. The Fall 2005 (this issue) and Winter 2005 editions will carry the final discussion of these values at The Baptist Home.]

I. Individuality – When Thelma became a resident, it was not just her needs that received close attention, but also Gene's. Their unique needs were met to provide quality care not only to one individual but the family. Working and counseling with entire families is required to provide excellent care to a resident.

II. Choices/Freedom/Autonomy – The Moores had the freedom to be who they always had been except now in a new context of ministry. Their dignity was enhanced at The Baptist Home, not stolen. These two mature adult Christians made the decisions that were best for them and for what they and their families thought was the right thing to do.

III. Listening – Gene and Thelma were careful listeners, and in their quiet way, they urged us to do that back to them as well. As Thelma's Parkinson's began in the early stages and before a diagnosis, we talked together about the journey of my father-in-law's Alzheimer's Disease. We both were listening to one another. Listening goes beyond words to meaning and intent behind words, to fears and frustrations, to assurances and affirmations. The Baptist Home continues that time-honored guiding principle of listening, something that is unique to this ministry.

IV. Emotions/Feelings – We watched the painful emotional journey of a wonderful and bright couple going through both Parkinson's and cancer and no one was able to make them well. Mary and Martha knew about that with Lazarus. To those of us who are healthy and mobile, we cannot identify with the emotional journey from independence to dependency and the gradual losses that occur over time as we live into our 8th and 9th decades of life. What we do is to bring honor to that passage by helping friends and family both verbalize feelings and give permission to remain silent in times when there are not words in language to express those feelings.

V. Relationships – Because Gene and Thelma first had relationship with God through Jesus Christ, that drew them to each other in a Christian marriage. That marriage was textbook for what God says it ought to look like—caring, selfless, loving, grace giving, productive, combined with laughter and tears, joys and sorrows. I have seen relationships with the staff at The Baptist Home and residents that are not seen anywhere else in long-term care facilities. The staff care about each resident and each other, and staff have said to me that I was welcomed to call day or night if I needed to about residents who were very close to me. The staff don't feel residents are a bother; it is the reason they are there.

So what does this have to do with churches? Your church needs:

- To have a relationship with The Baptist Home.
- To receive quarterly newsletters to become motivated and informed about The Baptist Home.
- To bring staff and members of all ages to visit, to work, to lead worship.
- To have a Baptist Home Representative to help the church have current information.
- To consider its mission and ministry dollars contribution level to The Baptist Home.
- To participate in the adopt-a-resident ministry.
- To choose some items off the quarterly Needs List in the newsletter and bring to one of the campuses.

The list can go on and will in the Winter edition of The Baptist Home Newsletter.

Now, where are the Gene and Thelma Moore's of the 21st century? They are in your church and association as well as mine. They have left a wonderful legacy to The Baptist Home in so many ways, and we can do likewise.

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES NEWS

By: Frank E. Fain, PhD

"Childhood and adolescence may be our best chance to win people to Christ, but senior adulthood is our LAST CHANCE to win a person to Christ."

Recently I had the privilege of leading a workshop for church leaders on reaching and evangelizing senior adults. Although I cannot relate all that we covered in that workshop, I feel one part of the session needs to be shared with a wider audience through this article.

Studies of churches that are effective in reaching adults age 55+ have revealed common events when individuals tend to be to more open to the gospel or to deeper church involvement. Researchers are calling these times "windows of receptivity" and feel these events offer very good opportunities to share the gospel with a non-Christian friend or to encourage a non-active Christian to become more active in the life and ministry of the church.

Researchers also have found that one must have a relationship with the person before, during and after these events to be most effective in leading them in these spiritual decisions. In short "relationship evangelism/discipleship" is the most effective method in reaching adults.

One of the windows of receptivity is retirement. This window opens a year before retirement and closes about three years after retirement. As we close out our careers it is only natural for us to wonder what meaningful contribution can we make to society in our retirement years. During this window even those who have rejected the gospel in the past begin to reconsider and are open to a friend helping them understand it better.

Moving is another window of receptivity. Any move, be it to one's ideal dream house, to an apartment, even to a nursing home, offers the individual an opportunity for a new beginning. Often that new beginning includes changes in the spiritual realm. This window usually closes six to ten months after the move. So, we need to quickly develop a relationship with our new neighbors and encourage them to join us in bible study, worship and being part of God's family.

The conversion of a spouse is another window of receptivity. Generally during the first two years after a husband or wife converts to Christianity their spouse is more open to make the same decision. So as we disciple this new believer we must also be sensitive to needs of their spouse. In a sense we should look at helping both individuals to grow, one in their new faith and the other in understanding and accepting the faith.

The death of a spouse, child or close friend is another window when a person open to making spiritual changes. Part of the grief process is a yearning for spiritual insight into the sense of loss one is experiencing. We should be prepared to walk alongside our friends during their time of grief giving them emotional, physical and spiritual comfort. In so doing we may help them become a child of God.

These are a few of the windows of receptivity we are discovering as we look for the most effective ways to witness and disciple older adults. You may have discovered other windows that we need to be aware of, if so I would love to hear about them.

We are reviving an old tradition of including photos of new residents in the newsletter. During Dr. Scott's administration, the pictures always carried a caption which read: *"The above is a fair likeness of ...."* On this page, page 5, and page 8, we honor the service of Dr. and Mrs. Scott by introducing "fair likenesses" of our newest residents on all three campuses.

## Chillicothe's New Residents



**Luther Williams**  
(Highview - Chillicothe)



**Mary Frances Williams**  
(Highview - Chillicothe)



**Rev. Bill and Evelyn Harris**  
(First - Carthage)



**Jean Hedges**  
(Second - Liberty)



**Archie Hull**  
(First - Chillicothe)

**The Baptist Home - Chillicothe does a terrific job with activities for residents year round. During National Nursing Home Week every year, they go all out to have a good time.**



*They start the week with cake!*



*Cowboys and Cowgirls show up during western day.*



*Lack of a ballfield is no hindrance to these players.*



*Her bubble has yet to burst.*



**Charlie Siron** (Broadway - Sedalia) *is an avid gardener.*



**Denise Howell**, CNA, *demonstrates the nearly lost art of the hula hoop.*



*Residents and staff wear leis and other strange and colorful outfits on Hawaii day.*



## Needs List

**The Baptist Home- Chillicothe**  
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**Clothing protectors, bath towel size-WHITE ONLY; Kleenex; bobbie socks; knee-hi hose (neutral color); twin sheets (deep pocket, extra long); hair brushes; denture cleanser; small hosiery bags; washcloths; bath towels; hand towels; mouthwash; women's spray deodorant; lotion; hair picks; toothpaste; Oil of Olay; 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 (no candles, please); postage stamps; International coffees; Special Day decorations (Hawaiian, Western, Circus, Ball Park, 50's, Patriotic, Christmas, etc).**

**\*\*\*\*BOLD denotes immediate need\*\*\*\***  
**Anything sent is greatly appreciated.**



*Activities Director, **Joyce Stark**, takes the lead in planning events.*



*Residents and staff enjoyed a special treat when the Youth Handbell Choir from First Baptist Church of Warner, Oklahoma presented a concert at Chillicothe.*

## Ozark's New Residents



**Venetia Brandes**  
(Glenstone - Springfield)



**Leta Whitt-Suttee**  
(Temple - Springfield)



**Patricia Hancock**  
(FBC - Willard)



**Wilma Atkins**  
(FBC - Lebanon)



**Dorothy Dixon**  
(National Avenue - Springfield)



**Frankie Scroggins**  
(FBC - Pleasant Home)



**Myrtle Clausen**  
(Second - Springfield)



**Captola McClellen**  
(Grant Avenue - Springfield)

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**Kleenex;** hand towels and wash cloths (white); Oil of Olay; mouth-wash (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; fingernail polish remover; fingernail polish (pink or clear); base and top coat polish; shampoo; conditioner; Attends; Chapstick; aftershave; cologne (for men and women); shavers; corn pads; moisturizing body lotion; music CDs; birthday gifts (men's and women's--\$1.00-\$2.00); Mod Podge (matte finish); craft foam; tacky glue.

**\*\*\*\*BOLD denotes immediate need\*\*\*\***  
**Anything sent is greatly appreciated.**



**Jim and Bernadine Sullins**  
(FBC - Harvester)  
Independent Living



**Bill and Nell Duncan**  
(Second - Springfield)  
Independent Living

## Family Visits are great!



**Geneva Garrison** (Fairview - Joplin) has a musical family; daughter **Diane**, granddaughter **Angie** and husband **Bill** and great grandchildren; **Rachel, Will and Audrey**.



**Ruth Funk** (FBC - Kimberling City) visits with granddaughter **Suzie Varren** and great grandchildren **Emily, Annie and Jack**.



**Florence Brown** (FBC - Cabool) with 4 generations of her family at her 90th birthday party.



**Lucille Brown** (First - Springfield) visits with daughter, granddaughters, and great grandchildren.



**William Roden** (FBC - Hollister) visits with granddaughter, **Meco Baker**.

**Don't forget! If you want your anniversary offering to benefit The Baptist Home, please send it direct to PO Box 87, Ironton, MO 63650**



**John Baur** (First - Springfield) enjoys a visit from his sisters.



**John Crum** (Centennial - Mexico) and son, **Dan**.



**Juanita Walker** (First - Ellisville) had a big birthday cake.



Outbackers worship led by **Ken Ragsdale** (Second - Springfield), **Martharose Adams** (Jefferson Avenue - Springfield) and **Leonard Ayres** (First - Battlefield).



The scrabble lady, **Sue Dosch** (Glenstone - Springfield) prepares to beat three men at her game.



**Martha Young** and **Gloria Rentfrow** were two of the many auxiliary ladies to work at the auction held to benefit The Home at First - Ozark.



### Lowrance to Receive Life Service Award

Gayford Lowrance (Glenstone - Springfield) is scheduled to receive one of the 2005 Life Service Awards from Southwest Baptist University in October. Gayford was married for more than 60 years to the late Jewell (Browitt) Lowrance who spent her final years at The Baptist Home - Ozark. His life of service included serving as Outreach Director and Chaplain of The Baptist Home during the administrations of John Burney and Ed Goodwin.

## In Memory of ....

**Jeanne Albers** by Mr. Henry Carner, Independence.  
**Marilyn Allee** by Mrs. Dorothy Foley, Marceline.  
**Mildred Allen** by Ms. Connie Garber, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis, Mrs. Maxine Meneely, Ms. Diana Epperson, Mr. Eugene Crookshanks, Mr. Glenn Thomas, Ms. Doris Hendrix, Chillicothe; Mr. and Ms. Jeff Minnis, Dawn.  
**Robert Allen** by First Baptist Church, Smithville.  
**Blanche Barnes** by Mrs. Gladys Cooley, Black River Electric Cooperative, Fredericktown.  
**Bob and Ruth Barton** by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jarvis, Pevely.  
**Rev. Clarence Bates** by Mrs. Dorothy Bates, Chillicothe.  
**Donald Brower** by Mr. and Mrs. William Lamme, Ozark.  
**LaVerne Buckner** by Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson, Jefferson City; Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Noble, Liberty.  
**Bob Burford** by Harmony Baptist Church, Leeton.  
**Esther Burkart** by Denver and Charlene Wright, Kirkwood; Mrs. Patricia Merelo, Ballwin; FBC Deborah SS Class, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Engler, Festus; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Weber, Arnold; Ms. Sylvia Eddens, Mr. Frank Carman, Sun City Center, FL; Erwin Duelm family, Brighton, IL; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pluhm, Litchfield, IL.  
**Rev. Glen Cantrell** by Mrs. Donna Speer, Savannah.  
**Marvin Carroll** by Mrs. Darlene Bullock, Bonne Terre.  
**Mayme Couch** by Mr. and Mrs. George Couch, Olive Branch, MS.  
**Frank Dick** by Mrs. Mary Dick, California.  
**Corinne Empanger** by Ms. Lucille Stodgell, Chillicothe.  
**Robert "Bob" Fagan** by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mayse, First Baptist Church, Mrs. Lodean Dugal, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Fain, Farmington; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dugal, Bonne Terre  
**Mary Fulk** by Mrs. Norma Singleton, Weston.  
**Erma Gallagher** by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Faircloth, Park Hills.  
**Keble Gambill** by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheehy, Mrs. Laura Thurman, Ironton.  
**Chlora Gilmer** by the Gilmer Family, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Wagner, Catron.  
**Mervil Hagan** by Mrs. Athel McIntosh, Lebanon.  
**Shirley Hall** by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jarvis, Pevely.  
**John Handlang** by Deacons of First Baptist Church, Bonne Terre.  
**Jeanette Harper** by Mr. Earl Sutherland, Farmington.  
**Betty Harris** by Mrs. Belle Coy, Phoenix, AZ.  
**Laura Hooks** by First Baptist Church, Deacons of First Baptist Church, Bonne Terre.  
**Margaret Hoover** by Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Gordon, Farmington.  
**Gladys How** by First Baptist Church Deborah SS Class, Festus.  
**James Hughes** by Mr. Joe Pewitt, Bridgeton.  
**Donald Ingram on our 52nd wedding anniversary** by Mrs. Bonnie Ingram, Bowling Green.  
**Carl and Estella Ives** by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jarvis, Pevely.  
**Ralph and Ruth Jarvis** by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jarvis, Pevely.  
**Edith Johnson** by Mrs. Frances M. Jackson, St. Louis.  
**Rev. Noel C. Johnson** by Ms. Leslie Limbaugh, St. Louis; Mrs. Lois Waltrip, Bloomfield; CBF of Missouri; Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Harper, Ash Grove; Farmington School District R-7; Ms. Ruth Whitehead, Mrs. Irene Hale, Gainesville, FL; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cheatham, Lake O Lakes, FL.  
**The wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Noel Johnson** by Mrs. Nancy Sue Stroud, Rev. and Mrs. Larry Johnson, Farmington.  
**Henry and Thelma Jones** by Mr. and Mrs. Wyman Degonia, St. Louis.  
**Beatrice Keathley** by Mrs. Belle Coy, Phoenix, AZ.  
**Jim Key** by Mrs. Cora Johnson, Farmington.  
**Cecil and Carmen Kindle** by Ms. Nadia Rinehart, Ironton.  
**J. R. Lee, Jr.** by Mrs. Dorothy Cozad, Ft. Collins, CO.  
**Alberta Lemmons** by Mr. Ivan Pulling, Parma.  
**Harold Leonard** by Mrs. Lillith Leonard, Tipton.  
**Jewell Lowrance** by Rev. Gayford Lowrance, Ozark.  
**Elizabeth Matthes** by Mrs. Carol Mallette, St. Louis.  
**G. L. McIntosh** by Mrs. Athel McIntosh, Lebanon.  
**James McIntosh** by Mrs. Athel McIntosh, Lebanon.  
**Frances Merseal** by First Baptist Church, Farmington.  
**Susie Moulder** by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baughman, Edwards.  
**Wilfred Mueller** by Mrs. Daisy Mueller, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cognard, Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coleman, Auxvasse; Mr. Martin Mahula, Mr. and Mrs. William Lamberson, Columbia.  
**Mervin Neale** by Bethlehem Baptist Church, Centralia.  
**Lissie Parker** by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parker, Des Arc.  
**Marilyn Pewitt** by Mr. Harold Pewitt, Ironton; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pewitt, Ellisville; Mr. Joe Pewitt, Bridgeton; Mr. and Mrs. James Gore, Lawrenceville, GA; Ms. Gerry Bishop, Surprise, AZ.  
**Roscoe Reeder** by Mr. and Mrs. Clay Reeder, Independence.  
**Willard Revelle** by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Revelle, Viburnum.  
**O'Garlan Ricks** by Ms. Hazel Cannon, Moscow Mills.

**Lucille Riley** by Mr. and Mrs. Drexell Campbell, Savannah.  
**Jess Ritter** by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Revelle, Viburnum.  
**Glen Rohs** by First Baptist Church, LaGrange.  
**Maude Scott Russell** by Mr. Max Tyler, Higginsville.  
**Paul Sappington** by Mrs. Martha Sappington, Kansas City.  
**Catherine Shands** by Rev. Norman Shands, Chillicothe.  
**Helen Shirrell** by First Baptist Church, Farmington.  
**Eunice Simons** by Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Hurst, Tarkio; Mr. and Mrs. Blake Hurst, Westboro; Mr. and Mrs. Garry H. Simons, Jr., Goodyear, AZ.  
**Garry Simons** by Mr. and Mrs. Garry Simons, Jr., Goodyear, AZ.  
**Minerva Sisk** by Mrs. Rhodella Poser, Vernon, TX.  
**Estella Slater** by Ms. Bettie Deniston, Ironton.  
**Bill Slowensky** by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cheatham, Land O Lakes, FL.  
**Harold Smock** by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Chatlos, Liberty.  
**Ruth Stacy** by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Faircloth, Park Hills.  
**Floyd Stewart** by Ms. Leslie Limbaugh, St. Louis;  
**Bertha Strange** by Rev. and Mrs. Steven Jones, Farmington; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis, Ms. Connie Garber, Chillicothe.  
**Ruth Sturm** by Mrs. Aileen Williamson, St. Louis.  
**Marion Sutherland** by Mr. Earl Sutherland, Farmington.  
**Richard Taylor** by Ms. Leslie Limbaugh, St. Louis.  
**Helen Thomas** by Mr. and Mrs. Roger Baker, Holts Summit.  
**MaryAnn Tyndall** by Ms. Bettie Deniston, Ironton.  
**Josephine Upchurch** by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheehy, Ironton.  
**Irene Walker** by Mrs. Clara McGuire, Springfield.  
**Robert Walker** by Mrs. Betty Walker, Springfield, IL.  
**Larry Wells** by Rev. and Mrs. Keith Huffman, Ironton.  
**Dwight and Ina Mae Williams** by Mrs. Lillith Leonard, Tipton.  
**Juanita Wilson** by Mr. Steve Vorbeck, Belton; Ms. Ruth Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wilson, Ms. Marian McDonald, Ms. Martha Gaston, Ms. Norma Vorbeck, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Benskin, Ms. Idella Akers, Ms. Linda Maupin, Mrs. Cleo Willard, Ms. Nellie Reeter, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Young, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reeter and Claressa Wilson, Ms. Lorene Willard, Ms. May Akers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Noah, Ms. Ruby Walker, Mrs. Geneva VanHorne, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis, Ms. Connie Garber, Chillicothe; Ms. Wilda Ireland, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Stith, Chula; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vorbeck, Independence; Mrs. Ruthie Meyers, Meadville; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laffey, Laffey Brothers, St. Joseph; Mr. Wendal Street, Trenton; Ms. Marilyn Davidson, Ms. Ruth Davidson, Tulare, CA.  
**Andrew Yeager** by First Baptist Church, Farmington.  
**Myra Yount** by Mr. John Yount, Leadwood.  
**Ruby Zumalt** by Mr. James Zumalt, Chesterfield.

## In Honor of....

**Dorothy Bates** by Mr. and Mrs. Berle Andes, Garden City  
**Nula Brawley** by Mr. Douglas Brawley, Doniphan.  
**John and Gladys Burney** by Rev. Gayford Lowrance, Ozark.  
**Lucille Chappell** by Mrs. Evelyn Moak, Bonne Terre.  
**Rosalie Covert** by Mr. & Mrs. James Nelson, Jefferson City.  
**Wedding anniversary of Richard and Vicky Davis** by Mrs. Dorothy Seitz, Centertown.  
**Vicky Davis** by Mrs. Emma Neudorff, St. Joseph.  
**Jesse and Helen Flassing** by Lewis & Clark School Retirees, Kansas City.  
**Geneva Garrison** by Mr. and Mrs. John Noel, Branson; Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Garrison, Jr., Camdenton.  
**James and Margaret Gibson** by Mr. and Mrs. Drexel Campbell, Savannah.  
**Larry and Jane Johnson** by Mrs. Dorothy Seitz, Centertown.  
**Wedding anniversary of Steve and Kathie Jones** by Mrs. Dorothy Seitz, Centertown.  
**Ivan Kirk** by Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson, Jefferson City.  
**Our 57th wedding anniversary** by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lee, Lamar.  
**Our wedding anniversary** by Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Simpson, Catron.  
**The 50th wedding anniversary of Donald "Ferd" and Leona Ray** by Dr. and Mrs. Frank Fain, Farmington.  
**Our 44th wedding anniversary** by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, Carrollton.  
**The 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lenville Smith** by Mrs. Barbara Farmer, Willard.  
**Our 56th wedding anniversary** by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Waters, Sedalia.

*The memorials and honorariums listed herein were received by The Baptist Home between May 5 and August 12, 2005.*

## IRONTON BIRTHDAYS

**Correction** to birthday list in Summer, 2005, issue:  
 September 21 **Nina Ray**, FBC, Farmington

October 5	<b>Minette Huston</b> , Tower Grove, St. Louis
October 5	<b>June Smith</b> , FBC, Farmington
October 6	<b>Ruth Short</b> , Charrette, Marthasville

October 10	<b>Norma Helvey</b> , FBC, St. John
October 14	<b>Ruth Jacquot</b> , Rock Hill, Brentwood
October 21	<b>Goldie Graham</b> , Second, Fredericktown
October 24	<b>George Noe</b> , Fee Fee, Bridgeton
October 25	<b>Jewell Stehlik</b> , FBC, Camdenton
October 26	<b>Leroy Furgerson</b> , FBC, Ferguson
October 30	<b>Clyde Larrew</b> , Fee Fee, Bridgeton
October 31	<b>Muriel Pirtle</b> , FBC, Affton
November 5	<b>Homer Delozier</b> , Southwest, St. Louis
November 5	<b>Daryl Yackey</b> , Oakhill, St. Louis
November 6	<b>Mary Bredemeyer</b> , FBC, Wentzville
November 7	<b>Ruth Bone</b> , FBC, Arnold
November 7	<b>Eva Singleton</b> , Bellefontaine, St. Louis
November 9	<b>Janice Young</b> , Second, Fredericktown
November 11	<b>Myrtle Lee</b> , Lafayette Park, St. Louis.
November 13	<b>Mary Cobb</b> , FBC, Ironton
November 13	<b>Edward Hickinbotham</b> , FBC, Ironton
November 18	<b>Wanda Rayfield</b> , FBC, Ironton
November 18	<b>Claude Cobb</b> , FBC, Ironton
November 22	<b>Alma Fauth</b> , FBC, Ironton
November 22	<b>Etta Pedersen</b> , FBC, St. Clair
November 25	<b>Margaret Eastwood</b> , FBC, Poplar Bluff
December 3	<b>Mildred Wigger</b> , FBC, DeSoto
December 4	<b>Myrtle Kloke</b> , FBC, Gray Summit
December 16	<b>Lillian Sheppard</b> , Second, Fredericktown
December 19	<b>Ernestine Hughes</b> , FBC, Ironton
December 19	<b>Betty Jumper</b> , Rock Hill, Brentwood
December 22	<b>Mary Gardner</b> , FBC, Sedalia
December 29	<b>Evelyn Dufur</b> , Hanley Road, St. Louis

## IRONTON ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 21, 1950 **Clyde and Joyce Larrew**, Fee Fee, Bridgeton

## IRONTON NEW RESIDENTS

**Helen Boatner**, Fee Fee, Bridgeton  
**Margaret Taff**, Fee Fee, Bridgeton  
**Martha Baker**, FBC, Doniphan  
**Joy Phillips**, FBC, Ironton (ILF)  
**Elsie Mohr**, Bayless, St. Louis  
**Lodean Dugal**, FBC, Farmington  
**Lillian Sheppard**, FBC, Fredericktown

## IRONTON DEATHS

**Marilyn Pewitt**, FBC, Gerald  
 April 25, 1931 - July 5, 2005  
**Anna Broadhuhn**, Center Point, Steelville  
 June 15, 1904 - August 10, 2005  
**Juanita Myers**, Compton Heights, St. Louis  
 May 19, 1920 - August 12, 2005

## RESIDENTS THAT LEFT IRONTON

**Celeste Jolly**, FBC, Ironton  
**Betty Harper**, FBC, Ironton  
**Robert Toma**, FBC, Ironton

## CHILLICOTHE BIRTHDAYS

October 2	<b>Dorothy Bates</b> , South Haven, Belton
October 6	<b>Velva Steele</b> , Salem, Trenton
October 8	<b>Leila McCormick</b> , Calvary, Chillicothe
October 8	<b>William Oberkrom</b> , Second, Liberty
October 11	<b>Lucille Meacham</b> , FBC, Sedalia
October 11	<b>Lucy O'Neill</b> , FBC, St. Joseph
October 12	<b>Grace Wigfield</b> , FBC, Chillicothe
October 13	<b>Alden Neely</b> , Englewood, Kansas City
October 30	<b>Delpha Romeiser</b> , Highview, Chillicothe
November 5	<b>Norma Abbott</b> , FBC, Browning
November 7	<b>Grace VanEaton</b> , FBC, Chillicothe
November 16	<b>Ruth Hein</b> , FBC, Chillicothe
November 18	<b>Bernice McKerlie</b> , Coloma, Tina
November 18	<b>Lula Thomas</b> , Calvary, Chillicothe
November 20	<b>Luther Williams</b> , Highview, Chillicothe
November 21	<b>Alvin Lyon</b> , Calvary, Chillicothe
November 26	<b>Jean Hedges</b> , Second, Liberty
November 28	<b>Martha Morrison</b> , FBC, Warrensburg
December 1	<b>Elwanda Wilkins</b> , FBC, Harrisonville
December 8	<b>Ethel Perry</b> , FBC, Chillicothe
December 10	<b>Ruth Cooper</b> , FBC, Tipton
December 17	<b>Alvin Porter</b> , Immanuel, Independence
December 19	<b>Lena Sprague</b> , Olive Branch, Chillicothe
December 29	<b>Clifford Wrisinger</b> , FBC, Wheeling
December 31	<b>Kelly York</b> , FBC, Sedalia

**CHILLICOTHE ANNIVERSARIES**

- Nov. 28, 1941 **William and Marilyn Oberkrom**, Second, Liberty
- Dec. 23, 1951 **Lee and Elaine Ellis**, FBC, Harrisonville
- Dec. 23, 1944 **Alden and Frieda Mae Neely**, Englewood, Kansas City

**CHILLICOTHE NEW RESIDENTS**

- Luther and Mary Williams**, Highview, Chillicothe
- Jean Hedges**, Second, Liberty
- Bill and Evelyn Harris**, FBC, Carthage
- Archie Hull**, FBC, Chillicothe

**CHILLICOTHE DEATHS**

- Bertha Strange**, FBC, Boonville  
January 29, 1912 - May 17, 2005
- Juanita Wilson**, Mt. Pleasant, Chillicothe  
May 2, 1912 - June 26, 2005
- Mildred Allen**, Calvary, Chillicothe  
December 16, 1910 - July 23, 2005

**OZARK BIRTHDAYS**

- October 6 **James Schweitzer**, FBC Kimberling City
- October 17 **Martha Wolkins**, Second, Fredericktown
- October 20 **William Roden**, FBC, Hollister
- October 21 **Bedford Jackson**, FBC, Kimberling City
- October 24 **Opal Brown**, FBC, Springfield
- October 26 **Clifford Gouge**, FBC, Springfield
- October 30 **Irene Davis**, Macedonia, Springfield
- November 2 **Juanita Atchison**, FBC, Webb City
- November 2 **Dorothy Barnard**, FBC, Shell Knob
- November 4 **Frances Davis**, Maness Memorial, Cabool
- November 10 **Bernadine Sullins**, FBC, Harvester
- November 10 **Inez Tillotson**, Ridgecrest, Springfield
- November 11 **Ruth Harvey**, Southridge, Jefferson City
- November 12 **Margaret Miles**, South Gate, Springfield
- November 15 **Fonda Adams**, Macedonia, Springfield
- November 16 **Jane Frederick**, FBC, Springfield
- November 19 **Leonard Ayers**, FBC, Battlefield
- November 25 **Jack Dodson**, FBC, Cape Fair
- November 30 **Myrtle Claussen**, Second, Springfield
- December 8 **Kathryn Faulkner**, FBC, Ferguson
- December 15 **Mary Howell**, FBC, Neosho
- December 21 **Chester Baird**, FBC, Ozark
- December 28 **Lova Ryser**, Glenstone, Springfield

**OZARK ANNIVERSARIES**

- Oct. 5, 1941 **Jack and Bernice Dodson**, FBC, Cape Fair
- Oct. 13, 1961 **James and Helen Curtis**, Forest Park, Joplin
- Nov. 23, 1958 **Glenn and Sue Cole**, Newtonia
- Dec. 2, 1934 **John and Jessie Baur**, FBC, Springfield
- Dec. 11, 1936 **Arthur and Captola McClellan**, Grant Avenue, Springfield
- Dec. 31, 1937 **Steve and Edna Tindall**, Morse Mill, Dittmer

**OZARK NEW RESIDENTS**

Addition to Ozark New Residents list shown in the Summer, 2005, issue:

- Bill and Nell Duncan**, Second, Springfield (ILF)

- James and Bernadine Sullins**, FBC, Harvester (ILF)
- Venetia Brandes**, Glenstone, Springfield
- Patricia Hancock**, FBC, Willard
- Wilma Atkins**, FBC, Lebanon
- Dorothy Dixon**, National Avenue, Springfield
- Myrtle Claussen**, Second, Springfield

**OZARK DEATHS**

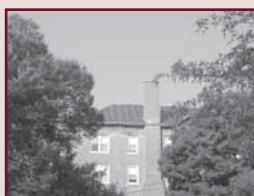
- Dessie Woolman**, FBC, Springfield  
July 31, 1915 - May 18, 2005
- Josephine Palmer**, FBC, Springfield  
July 24, 1915 - June 15, 2005
- Agnes Green**, Southgate, Springfield  
January 8, 1908 - June 16, 2005
- Jeanne Albers**, FBC, Wellsville  
September 22, 1926 - July 29, 2005
- Eugene Moore**, Hopedale, Ozark  
October 18, 1915 - August 15, 2005

**The Grace of Giving**

By: James W. Nelson

"We want the house we build for the Home to be an architectural expression of love. Its granite walls ought to be like new at the end of the first hundred years. In that time, it will have been the home of thousands of old soldiers of the cross, preachers and other men and women..." (The Baptist Home, March 1921).

Many of Dr. Riggs' pronouncements, like the one above, have stood the test of time. The house (Riggs-Scott Building) has been Home to thousands of residents through the years. Its walls of granite are like new after 84 years. They should be good for several more centuries. It is the slate roof above those walls that now is in the process of replacement.



The old slate roof is being removed and a new metal roof will be installed in its place. In addition, all the soffits and trim work are being replaced. The roof replacement is only one part of many renovations on the 82 year old campus.



**Center for Positive Aging**

Underneath the new roof, the historic second floor of the Riggs-Scott Building, has already undergone renovation. Originally it was the heavy care wing of the Home and the favorite of Mary Riggs. "That part of the house is my special pet, for more than thirty times I have helped care for the different ones of our family in their last illness and have longed to have things arranged that they might have all the comfort possible" (The Baptist Home, October 1923).

The beautifully renovated second floor is now home to a conference center and is the focal point for the new Center for Positive Aging. Under the direction



Above, **Dr. Robert Perry** of Cape Girardeau led a wound care seminar for area health professionals at the new conference center on the Ironton campus.

**Goodwin Wing**

The new heavy care wing, now the Goodwin Wing in honor of Ed and Joy Goodwin, was occupied in April 1977. After moving residents there, second floor Riggs-Scott (and subsequently the other two floors) were renovated to become private rooms. "At long last, a person's room could be Home, a place to call his or her own, where one could retreat into privacy and solitude, if need be, and not worry about intrusion" (The Story of The Baptist Home).

Today, each of the rooms on the Goodwin Wing are being renovated with the goal that one day soon each room in that wing will also be a private room.

When the Goodwin wing was occupied in 1977, it was fully paid for, thanks to an outpouring of memorial gifts.

Gifts to memorialize one of the "thousand...old soldiers of the cross" who spent their final years on the Ironton campus is one way to help ensure that the ministry continues strong at this location of The Baptist Home.



Another way to give to help renovate this historic campus is in honor of those still living, perhaps a family member or a beloved member of your church. One that would be appropriate for those who had loved ones here during the administrations of John and Gladys Burney and Ed and Joy Goodwin would be to give gifts to honor their selfless service to The Home.



If you would like to help in the above mentioned ways or to simply make a gift to help renew and restore this historic landmark, please use the attached form to indicate your support. Insert it with your check in the postpaid envelope attached to this newsletter.

On the return form, there is also a box to check should you be interested in naming opportunities. If you would consider making a major gift to memorialize or honor your loved one, check that box and we will contact you with more details.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.

Here is my gift to help with the renovation of the historic campus of The Baptist Home-Ironton.

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please make my gift

- In memory of \_\_\_\_\_
- In honor of \_\_\_\_\_
- Please contact me about naming opportunities available for major gifts.

## Ironton's New Residents



**Helen Boatner**  
(Fee Fee)



**George Noe**  
(Fee Fee)



**Regina Wright**  
(First - Poplar Bluff)



**Martha Baker**  
(First - Doniptan)



**Henrietta Cargal**  
(Pacific)



**Minnie Baker**  
(First - Poplar Bluff)



**Homer DeLozier**  
(Southwest - St. Louis)



**Leda Bell Weister**  
(First - Jefferson City)



**Elsie Mohr**  
(Bayless - St. Louis)



**Dorothy Brotherton**  
(First - Farmington)



**Lodean Dugal**  
(First - Farmington)



Residents enjoy watching trees being trimmed (above), and **Fred & Lela Mouser** (New Trace Creek - Glenallen) celebrated their 68th anniversary. (below)



**Lena Robinett**  
(First - Pilot Knob) (above)  
**Cleva Mull**  
(First - Poplar Bluff) (below)



### Needs List

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**Clothing protectors; Kleenex; thigh-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).

\*\*\*\*BOLD denotes immediate need\*\*\*\*  
Anything sent is greatly appreciated.

A worship service in memory of residents who had passed away within the last year was held in the chapel at Ironton this summer. Family members, residents and staff came together to worship and to remember loved ones.



**Mildred Gaddy's son, Frank Lutes** and family were there.



Administrator **Sherri Snider** greets **Dot Stamp**, daughter of **Mildred Medcalf**.



**Bessie Gross's** sister, **Doris Adolph**, attended with her husband, **Byron**.



(above left) **Ruth Kent** (Tower Grove - St. Louis), (above) **Mildred Wigger** (First - Desoto), and (bottom left) **Lela Mouser** (New Trace Creek - Glenallen) were among residents at the service...



**Owsha Adams's** son, **Gene** and his wife were there....



... as were **Lissie Parker's** son, **Bill** and his wife.



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