

The Maranatha Village Trumpet



"The Lord Cometh!"

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Patty Dale
Manor Administrator

I began at Maranatha Manor in 2005. I previously worked in a nursing home where more care is given to residents than required by the State of Florida in an Assisted Living Facility. I was hired by Amy as a Certified Nursing Assistant to work the overnight shift. My duties included laundry, ironing and cleaning. After a few months, the need arose for an aide/cook to work the hours from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. I assumed this position. Being at the Manor in the afternoon hours gave Amy and me an opportunity to become better acquainted. As Amy observed my work ethic, she

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THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS OF ASSISTED LIVING!



Salzmans

Memories — Memories! Here at the Village, they go back to the days of Sunshine Lodge, the forerunner of Maranatha Manor. Sunshine Lodge was established by Maranatha Village as a small assisted living facility to care for elderly Village residents. At that time David and Eileen Salzman were the managers and their home was attached to the Lodge. It was operated pretty much as the Manor is today with a lot of volunteer help. The kitchen was small, but adequate for the limited number of residents at that time. Eventually the Village management decided that the cost of operating the Lodge was more than they could justify, so it was closed.

The Village had operated the assisted living facility, Sunshine Lodge, from 1979 until 1999. In the summer of 2000, a continuous desire arose to re-open this facility. The deacons proposed to the Village and the Church that the facility be re-opened with the Church assuming the



Esther Wallner

operation and financial responsibility. The Village Board of Directors gave their wholehearted approval. In November 2000, the Church approved the proposal with 89% in favor.

The organization committee included Pastor Kenneth Andrus, chairman; Tom Williams, co-chairman; Carl Kopp, treasurer; Marge Williams, secretary; Ed Micka and Esther Wallner, coordinators for licensure. Esther was a Village resident and the Village nurse at the time, as well as Ombudsman, a position appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida. It was her responsibility

to make sure that all applications for getting the facility ready for approval by state agencies were correct and submitted in a timely manner. Esther is the only one of that committee who is still living. She is now 97 years old and resides with a son in Jacksonville, FL.



Ken & Kathleen Andrus



Ed Micka



Tom & Marge Williams

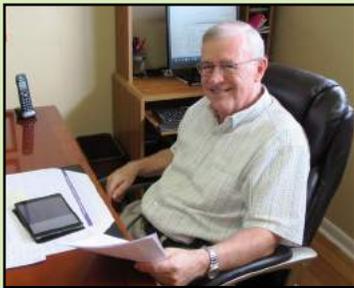
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The Administrator's Perspective!

~~~~~ Synergy ~~~~~

Jerry Webber, Administrator



Jerry

Synergy...now there's a word you don't hear every day. In fact, can you recall the last time you used it in a sentence? Nah, I didn't think so.

And yet, it's a good word, and describes relationships

between the several entities at Maranatha Village to a "T."

The Oxford Dictionary has one of the best technical definitions of synergy, describing it as "the interaction or cooperation of two or more organizations, substances, or other agents to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects." Another source gets to the essence of synergy in this familiar aphorism: "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts."

So, what does it have to do with Maranatha? Answer: almost everything.

I am humbly grateful for a vantage point held by none other. For nearly nine years, I served as Pastor of Maranatha Baptist Church. In that role, I was also involved in virtually every facet of decision-making for Maranatha Manor. And now, having failed twice at retirement, I am privileged to be Administrator of Maranatha Village. My perspective of the relationship between these three entities is a unique one.

And from that vantage point I can see, up close and personal, a strikingly clear example of synergy: "the interaction or cooperation of two or more organizations...to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects."

Maranatha Village is a happy blend of the qualities of three distinct but interrelated organizations: Maranatha Baptist Church, Maranatha Manor and

Maranatha Village. None would be quite the same without the existence of the other two.

While the Church might not be here had the Village not been founded, it's impossible to overestimate its significance today. The world could probably do without another retirement village, but the Church is the very pillar and ground of the truth, and serves as the spiritual rudder for our community life. There are other fine churches ministering to the greater Sebring area, but Maranatha's worship services, prayer meetings, Bible conferences, missionary emphases and musical events cast a lengthy shadow over the lives of our residents, guests and beyond.

Maranatha Manor, a ministry of the Church, provides a happy and wholesome environment for seniors no longer able or wanting to live independently. Its very existence provides residents with assurance that, when the time comes that they can no longer adequately care for themselves, there is a place to go without leaving friends and neighbors behind and moving into a strange environment. It would be interesting to know how many folks have come to live here for that very reason.

Although it provides a congenial home for both of these entities, Maranatha Village could probably exist without either. For that matter, either of these entities might be viable without Maranatha Village (hard as that is to imagine.) But let's face it: each is better for that which the others contribute to the relationship. That's what synergy is all about. Together, the three are enabled to "produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects."

If there is a moral to all of this, perhaps it's that we should each appreciate the others in a greater way, as we work together for the glory of God. We do well to remember that "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts."

THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS OF ASSISTED LIVING!

Sunshine Lodge was renamed Maranatha Manor, a name suggested by Kathleen Andrus. People rallied generously with labor and gifts. Because the building had been vacant for two years it was badly in need of renovation. Dell McClintock and Bertie Thomas were in charge of remodeling and redecorating. Don McClintock, along with volunteers, painted the entire building. Within seven months, donors gave \$50,000 in startup funds. In July 2001, Rodney Sprowls accepted the invitation to be the administrator and his wife Tammy (daughter of Pastor & Mrs. Andrus) would serve as cook/aide and book-keeper. The committee hired Julie Phillips to serve as cook and Judy Fusco as housekeeper. They were the only paid employees at that time; all others were volunteers. The Sprowls remained in their positions until April 30, 2005 when they left in order for Rodney to continue his education.



In February 2005 the board hired Amy VanKleeck. Her parents, Warren and Jane Lewis, were Maranatha Village residents. Amy began her employment May 1, 2005. In 2013-14, she supervised the building of the dining room and kitchen addition. This work was made possible through the gifts of the Roscoe Williams and Jean Heyburn estates. Amy resigned on September 4, 2015, at which time the Board of Deacons appointed Patricia K. Dale as the new administrator.

Since 2001, more than 145 people have called Maranatha Manor "home." Most of those are now calling Heaven their home. All who serve at the Manor have been truly blessed.

Betty Stelzner - As I am the resident who has lived at the Manor the longest, I have seen many dear people come and go. Each received kind, loving care, especially at the time when they became ill and were on hospice care for their last days.



I am so thankful to the Lord for providing a place like Maranatha Manor for my remaining years. I have a pleasant and quiet room and appreciate all the help and kindnesses given by Patty and the aides. The Lord is good. I love these two verses from Psalm 107:8 and 9. "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men. For He satisfieth the longing soul and filleth the hungry soul with goodness."

Morgan Dawley - Maranatha Manor As I See It!

In the two and half years that I have been a resident of Maranatha Manor, I have come to realize how crucial this ministry is for the well-being of us who depend upon it. The *Golden Years* of retirement are past for us, and we are into what I will call the *Diamond Years* because they can be the hard years. It is when life is difficult that the caring staff of the



Manor is most appreciated. The uniquely Christian atmosphere and personal attention go far to ease those times of distress. Actually, most of us as residents need help even in the 'good' times, and the staff is always there to watch over us and give whatever boost each one needs. Also, the volunteers are vital, not only for their help, but for the social interaction they provide. We residents, staff, and volunteers are family. I have also benefited from the short-term care that the Manor can provide when space is available. This occurred a few years ago when I had cataract surgery and needed help for those crucial couple of days after surgery. All in all, the Manor is a great asset.

Helen Hall-Jones - Volunteers are one of the most important parts of the Manor. Hundreds of dollars are saved by not having to hire people to serve in the dining room. Thousands of insurance dollars are saved by having volunteer drivers willing to take residents to their doctor appointments and shopping. Be a volunteer, be a friend to a resident. Come and have a Bible and prayer time with them.



Helen McDonald - Why I Enjoy

the Manor: Let me count the ways.

From the time I rise in the morning, and my bed is made up for me, I am assisted and helped. The breakfasts are better than downtown, and the cooks all serve up bounteous meals.

The holidays are always made special for us, from Valentine Teas to Christmas Eve parties with lovely gifts from the Church and Manor. Many times we are served picnic barbeques, and also birthday dinners with cake and ice cream. Our cleaning lady cleans our rooms once a week, which is surely appreciated. If we fall, the call bell brings an aide very quickly compared with a long wait at other assisted living facilities. When we sit on our roomy front porch, we enjoy the morning breezes as we watch the residents come and go. I especially appreciate the aides taking us to all church services in the Manor golf cart. Did you know that the Manor arranges a nurse to come in and give the yearly flu and pneumonia shots in October? At the end of the day, an aide brings hot chocolate to my room. That is going the second mile in my book. I thank God for the Manor and that our church subsidizes it.

Don Messenger - Alice and I moved into the Manor on February 1, 2017, when we realized that she needed more care, and I needed help giving her that care. I cannot say enough good about the care we received while we resided at the Manor. Patty and her team were available to us at any hour of the day or night while never neglecting responsibilities to other residents.



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What Is Scam; Scamming; Scammed?

“A fraudulent scheme performed by a dishonest individual, group, or company in an attempt to obtain money or something else of value. Scams traditionally resided in confidence tricks, where an individual would misrepresent themselves as someone with skill or authority, i.e. a doctor, lawyer, investor. After the internet became widely used, new forms of scams emerged such as lottery scams, scam baiting, email spoofing, phishing, or request for helps. These are considered to be email fraud. Also see phishing, scheme.” (www.businessdictionary.com/definition/scam.html)

skam/

Noun

Informal

Plural noun: scams

I. a dishonest scheme; a fraud. “an insurance scam”
synonyms: fraud, swindle, fraudulent scheme, racket, trick; More
verb

3rd person present: scams

I. swindle.

“a guy that scams the elderly out of their savings”

synonyms: swindle, cheat, deceive, trick, dupe, hoodwink, double-cross, gull; (copied)

Kathy Kristof - CBS News – Tuesday, March 7, 2017

IRS scam: Phony IRS agents reach you by phone, email or text message, claiming you owe money. Threatening to take legal action, they urge you to send payment by money order, cashier’s check or prepaid debit card immediately -- in some cases, insisting that you complete the transaction while you’re still on the phone. How do you know it’s a scam: A legitimate IRS agent will always first contact you by mail, and the agency accepts checks and credit card payments. The IRS never insists on swift payment by debit card, cashier’s check or wire transfer.

Tech support scams: The phone rings, and the caller claims to be a Microsoft or Apple tech support representative who has detected a problem with your computer. He or she urges you to visit a particular site, or type a series of keys into your computer, to give the fake support person the ability to control the machine and “fix” whatever is wrong. Alternatively, a popup window appears on your screen, warning that your system isn’t secure and you must download security software by clicking on a link in the popup immediately. In both cases, the scammer is aiming to download malicious software onto your machine to either steal your data or to hold your machine hostage until you pay some sort of ransom. How you know it’s a

scam: Real tech support departments don’t call you out of the blue nor can they detect problems you haven’t reported. And while you do need security software for your computer, you’re not going to find it by clicking on a popup ad. Most computers come with security software. All that’s necessary to keep yours up-to-date is to renew your annual subscription.

Grandkid scams: Con artists buy marketing lists, just like big retailers do, looking for vulnerable populations to exploit. The elderly are a particularly ripe target, with those over age 60 accounting for roughly 37 percent of fraud victims. One common scam exploits grandparents by having a con artist pose as a young relative, who then maintains he’s out of town and in trouble. Pleading with the grandparent not to tell anyone, the fake grandchild contends that the only way to get out of this bind is for the grandparent to send money via wire transfer. How you know it’s a scam: A quick phone call or text message to your real relative is likely to find him/her at home. Not sure? Tell the caller that you’ll have to call back. If the grandchild contends that’s not possible, you know you’re talking to a crook. These scammers use a sense of urgency to get you to send cash before you can check out the story. Rest assured, even Mexican jails have phones. (copied)

New Village Resident

Mary Pyle



Mary

Since moving here last December, I have experienced many wonderful things about Maranatha Village. From the very first encounter with the men who unloaded our truck to the precious residents living at the Manor, I have been blessed.

My dear friend, Ginger, and I moved here from a small town in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia. Prior to that, we lived in the Tampa Bay area for 25 years. I was for many years (27) a Christian school teacher and then secretary to our Pastor in Land 'O Lakes, FL for six years.

I grew up on a dairy farm (with four siblings) in a loving and moral family. However, my parents were not Christians. I trusted Christ as a teenager when I attended a church service with a friend. I had no follow-up and did not grow in the Lord.

Out of high school, I began working with a friend who had recently become a Christian. She shared the Word of God with me. We began a "Through the Bible" study in the evenings and began to attend a good church. The Lord began to work in my heart.

Two years later, I was off to train for fulltime service.

During my senior year, I realized God's call for me was to teach. I began my ministry for the Lord the following fall and never doubted for a minute that teaching children was exactly what God wanted me to do. By God's grace, I saw many, many children trust Christ, and many are serving Him full-time today. I was involved in several children's ministries, including bus captain, Awana leader, children's choirs, bell choirs and drama. Oh, how I do enjoy children!

I also had the privilege of helping to raise two other children to near adulthood and helped Ginger with her grandchildren from ages 6, 5, and 3; now ages 17, 16, and 14.

It is such a wonderful blessing to be living here at Maranatha...it is more than anything I *could ask or think*. To say "I love it here" would be a gross understatement. I have already made so many precious, new friends. I love singing in the choir and have been blessed by Jan's ability to lead us. The preaching and teaching (both Sunday school and church services) are the greatest blessing of all!

My hope and prayer is that God will allow me to finish the course here at Maranatha, and if He tarries, I pray He keeps me healthy for many years to minister for Him here.

Patty Dale *Manor Administrator*

approached me with the idea that I train the other aides to care for the residents as she had been trained; this led to my becoming a full-time aide on the afternoon shift. As time passed, I soon assumed some of Amy's responsibilities in the office. I used my 15 years experience as an office assistant to better organize the records of the Manor.

Eventually I took and passed the State Boards for Administrator and began my position as Resident Care Liaison, a position which had been held by a part-time nurse. This position allowed me to be in charge of the facility when Amy was out of the building.

When approached by the Maranatha Board of Deacons, after working with Amy for ten years, I accepted the position as Administrator of the Manor as God's direction for my life.

Thirty-Eight Years *Assisted Living*

It was hard at times accepting help for things we had previously done for ourselves, but it was necessary and, fact is, it's why we went to the Manor in the first place. On at least two occasions, Patty had to call me into her office and gently remind me that I had to let the staff do more for us.

Of course, it was our full expectation to continue at the Manor the rest of our years, but God had other plans. Alice went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday evening, May 10th. The outpouring of love from all of our fellow residents was heartwarming, to say the least.

I have since moved out of the Manor and taken residence at 7 Luke. I've said publicly that I always knew the Manor was a good place. Now, I will tell you that it's a great place!



"My Cooking is so fabulous...Even the smoke alarm cheers me on!"

Chocolate Candies

1/2 package almond bark
One 12 oz. package milk chocolate chips
One lb. of walnuts, almonds, pecans or a combination of these.

Melt almond bark and chips in top of a double boiler, then add nuts and mix until well coated. Drop by teaspoons onto cookie sheet, cover with foil, and then freeze.

Submitted by Pam Kruger

*kitch-en [kich-uhn]-noun
a gathering place for friends and family • a place where memories are homemade and seasoned with love.*

*"A Balanced Diet
is a cookie in each hand."*

Barbara Johnson

Simple and Easy Fruit Cobbler

1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup self-rising flour
1 stick of butter, melted (do not substitute margarine)
1 cup whole milk
1 can of any fruit pie filling

Mix all ingredients except the pie filling and pour into baking dish. (I use a 2 qt round, glass one, but any similar size will work.)

Spoon the fruit filling into the center of the batter. (Will be a bit thinner than cake batter)

Bake at 350⁰ for one hour.

(This is really good, and I even won a prize for it in a church contest. I felt guilty because it is so easy to do!)

Submitted by Sue Stephens

Parmesan Chicken

Spray a 11" x 13" baking pan with Pam or equivalent. Debone and remove skin from 3 large chicken breasts, cut in strips.

Dip pieces in egg white slightly beaten with a fork, then in bread crumbs. Place in baking dish.

Add salt and pepper to taste.

Sprinkle with very thick layer of grated Parmesan cheese.

Pour 1/2 cup melted butter over top of pieces.

Pour about 1/4 cup hot water into pan between pieces.

Cover tightly with foil.

Bake at 325⁰ for 45 minutes. Then remove foil, turn up heat to 400⁰ and let brown for about 15 minutes.

A family favorite!

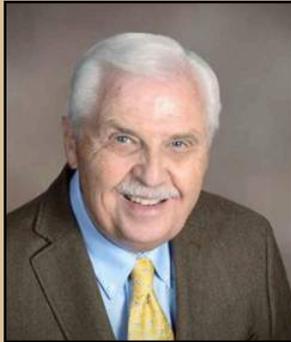
Submitted by Linda Bond

Stressed Is Just Desserts Spelled Backwards!





Maranatha Growth & Development



Gerry

Aspects of Development!

Maranatha Village is a unique place. What a blessing to realize that the Lord raised up our community from an original vision to provide a place for missionaries to retire. From that beginning, God has **developed** a place where like-minded believers from various walks of life and ministries gather and reside. It is a special place of rich fellowship and deepening faith.



Village Dinner & Fellowship

The grounds are attractive in their natural beauty, but it is the people of Maranatha who make it special and are the prime assets. God has **developed** a distinct community here in Highlands County that affords joyful and fruitful living to so many people and families. It is such a blessing to see how all of us blend together in fellowship and are enriched by the distinctive Village culture.

Those of us privileged to live in the Village, or visit each year, know the value of the wonderful fellowship and growing relationships we enjoy. Extended family members love the support they see for their loved-ones who reside here – whether from neighbors, Village friends, or in the Manor. Grandchildren delight to come and swim in the pool,



Greg Kruger & Visiting Family

drive golf carts, ride bikes, and just hang out with us senior citizens. All of us benefit from the spiritual feasts that we share together and the enjoyable activities that fill the calendar. It is truly a special place.



Sunday Church Service

God has also provided, through the years, dedicated staff and gifted volunteers who freely share their talents. Many have contributed financially and in other ways have given tangible gifts of value. In recent years some have participated in the Charitable Gift Annuity opportunity, or in giving back to the Village part of their bond cash value as a tax-deductible gift. All of this is focused on the continual **development** of strengthening Maranatha Village. Every contribution is greatly appreciated!



Within this past year, the Village Board established the **NEW HORIZONS FUND** to

further aid in the **development** of funding for special projects to enhance our Village. Already, several have seized this opportunity to support and sustain the ongoing ministry of Maranatha Village. It is thrilling that so far over \$16,000 has been contributed to this fund.

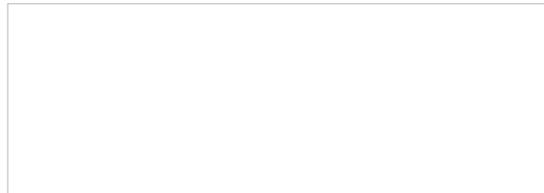
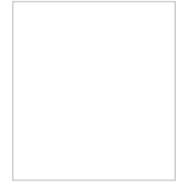
Will you pray with us about building the further **development** of resources for Maranatha Village? In the days ahead we want to share with all our residents, winter guests, and friends new opportunities to strengthen our Village for the glory of God.

“This is the LORD’S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.” Ps. 118:23

Gerry Carlson

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**“Believe on the
Lord Jesus Christ
and you will be saved.”**

In Holy Matrimony

Deana Branaman & Dennis Doughman

*Invite you to witness their exchange of wedding vows on
Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 7:30pm*

Maranatha Village Gazebo
35 Maranatha Boulevard
Sebring, Florida*

A private family reception to follow.

*We request no gifts, please.
We desire only your prayers and your good wishes.*

**The ceremony will be in Maranatha Baptist Church
auditorium in the event of bad weather.*

The Little Boy by the Middle Lake!



Have you seen *Hosea* in the *Conway Memorial Park*? He would love for you to come by to see him!

He has worked hard to get where he is, and so did a lot of other people work hard to get him in the Park. He was formed by Mary Rogers (an old timer) and put in the park by Lydia and Alex Harding.

He almost drowned, but Maxine Brown saw him before it was too late. He weighs about 60 pounds. Heavy! She couldn't get him out of the lake, so John Eiler took a rope and pulled him out! Well! He was dirty and by now he needed a bath and a change of clothes.

Who would be willing and talented to do this – yes! You guessed it – Hock and Deb Kershaw felt sorry for him and gave him a bath and a change of clothes. They even gave him a fishing pole with a line and a fish got on his line – how about that!

Hosea says, “Come and see me at the Conway Memorial Park just beside the middle lake. I would love for you to see how cute and clean I am. I am so happy, and love catching fish. Come and join me for a time of fishing.”