

Friday, February 4, 2022

John 19:27

In John 19:27, Jesus is on the Cross and voiced these words - "Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her into his own home."

Even on the cross, Jesus demonstrates to us the high priority He placed on the care of his mother! The disciple answered the call of Jesus and took her into his own home to meet the needs of her life from this point on! The disciple became a caregiver!

There are countless caregivers, who have answered the call to care for loved ones in their own home. This call is demanding and consuming with little time for rest and respite, but love keeps a caregiver going. Could the same Christ be calling your congregation to help these faithful caregivers find times of refreshment and rest?

Several churches across the state have partnered with Baptist Retirement Homes to begin Adult Respite Care Ministries to help meet this need. Volunteers lovingly care for the Older Adult while the Caregiver can run errands or just rest! We stand ready to explore this possibility with you!

Today, would you pray for the caregivers who lovingly care for someone in their home? Would you also pray for more churches to answer the call to create an Adult Respite Care Ministry in their communities?

Saturday, February 5, 2022

Psalm 37:21

Psalm 37:21 says, "The wicked borrows and does not repay, but the righteous shows mercy and gives."

In reading this passage, I became more aware of why churches and individuals across North Carolina have blessed so many ministries. It begins with a heart filled with the love of Christ, which overflows in response to need. When made aware of that need, the righteous will respond.

As I walk through Baptist Retirement Homes communities, I see smiles and hear joyful sounds. That walk will also reveals the struggles of health issues and bodies becoming frail for both residents and their families.

On my walk, I hear administrators and staff calling people by name, nurses and CNA's patiently providing care. Maintenance and Food Service going the second mile making facilities clean, attractive, safe and the food healthy and delicious! I see office personnel crunching numbers to help open doors of opportunity for those with little resources, but great needs.

On my walk, I see what is possible by the righteous who have shown mercy and have given! Ministry and care given to Older Adults 365 days a year. Through your continued giving, this vital ministry will continue to touch the elderly across North Carolina.

Today, would you pray for Baptist Retirement Homes of NC family? Would you pray for each team member providing care? Would you pray for the resources to touch more lives in need? Would you give thanks for the righteous who show mercy and give?

Keith Dixon
Director of Church Relations



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2022 Week of Prayer and North Carolina Offering for older adults



A legacy of excellence!

*"The eternal God is thy
refuge, and underneath are
the everlasting arms."*

Deuteronomy 33:27a KJV

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FEBRUARY 6, 2022**

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*100 percent of the funds
will provide quality care for
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Monday, January 31, 2022

Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

One way we honor and glorify God is by helping others in our life.

One of the most challenging and rewarding things in life is when we are asked to become a caregiver for someone. We may be caregiving for a neighbor, a spouse, or a parent.

At Baptist Retirement Homes, caregiving is one way we fulfill our mission and our promise to those who call us home. What is often overlooked is our organization's role in supporting the caregivers. This caregiver role is filled by spouses wanting to fulfill their wedding vows as well as children juggling work, children, grandchildren, and supporting their parents. The caregiver is supposed to be the tough one and is supporting everyone else around them but they need support as well.

Look around you in your church, your neighborhood, your family. Are there caregivers that need your support? How do we best support the caregiver? We can bring them a meal, give them a break by helping them with caregiving, go for a walk with them and of course support them with your prayers.

As you pray today, remember the employees (team members) of Baptist Retirement Homes and their role in caregiving. Remember those in your life that are in a caregiver role and ask for opportunities to help them.

Reed Vanderslik
President and CEO

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Romans 10:15

"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

Chaplains are a vital part of life in the communities of Baptist Retirement Homes. Life is filled with challenges and times of great joy for our residents and staff. The beauty of Baptist Retirement Homes is that there is always someone to share life with! Someone to laugh with and someone to walk alongside us to encourage and just be present!

The Chaplains at each of our Homes continue to live out God's calling on their lives to share the Good News and to provide the ministry of the Presence of Christ. They are present to console and to share joy! They are pastors to many and friends to all.

Today, would you pray for our Chaplains, Gene, Roger, Jim, Lowell and Rod? Pray for God's continued blessings on them as they minister to the Baptist Retirement Homes family!

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Psalms 118:24

Activities are an integral part of the care at Baptist Retirement Homes. Activity Directors for every level of care lovingly help keep minds and bodies sharp and fit.

Lashica Johnson has served at Taylor House since 2008. A Stanly county native, married to her high school sweetheart and the mother of a 10 year old, Lashica loves working with Older Adults. She has certifications as an Activity Director, Culinary Art and as a Med Tech.

Lashica says, "In 2001 I began serving Older Adults. As a young girl, I always had a desire to help others and working with Older Adults seemed like home. I'm thankful I was raised in a Christian home and taught to believe and apply the Bible to my life daily, and working with this community, I have never had to venture off what I believe is true."

Lashica's infectious smile and dedication to enrich the lives of residents is characteristic of Activity Directors throughout Baptist Retirement Homes. With calendars filled with creative activities and lots of fun mixed in, our Activity Directors help make every day a Psalm 118:24 day. "This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it."

Today, would you pray for our Activity Directors. Pray for God's blessings on them as they help keep minds and bodies sharp and fit!

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Romans 8:38

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Marjorie Plyler later moved to Charlotte to work for the Charlotte Checkers ice hockey club, previously the Baltimore Checkers.

While living in Charlotte, in 1974 "she turned her life over to Christ" and attended Hickory Grove Baptist Church. She served in the counseling ministry and facilitated support groups over the years through her church. Caring for others has been an important part of her life.

Marjorie has no children of her own, but at least 5 children have given her the name "Grandma".

A resident of Taylor House, every morning Marjorie is seen reading her Bible and praying. One of her favorite verses is Romans 8:38, "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present nor things to come. Nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

When asked what she likes about Taylor House, she said, "Everything... the home setting, staff, friends I've made, food, and I can go on and on." Marjorie has cared for others throughout her life, continuing to do so through her prayers and encouragement. It is an honor for Baptist Retirement Homes to care for her and so many others God has entrusted to us.

Today will you pray for the Older Adults who have cared for family, friends and even strangers throughout their lifetime! Now, these Caregivers may now need Care! Pray with us that God's people will be there for them!