

The Maranatha Village Trumpet



The Lord Cometh! □

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□ Maranatha's New Pastor □

Dr. Daryl Jeffers



Pastor Daryl & Janet

Dr. Daryl S. Jeffers and his wife Janet ("Jan") resided in Clymer, Pennsylvania, where Dr. Jeffers had been the senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church for almost 35 years. The church there is also the home of Calvary Baptist Academy, a K-12 Christian School. Jan taught Spanish and music in the Academy. She is also an excellent pianist. The Jeffers have four adult children, three daughters, one son, and four grandsons.

Daryl was born near Miami, Florida, on August 22, 1951, but his family moved to the Atlanta, Georgia, area when he was young. There, as a teen, he was saved and baptized. While a student at Georgia State University, he sensed God's leading him into Christian ministry, and so he enrolled at Bob Jones University, graduating in 1974 with a major in history and a minor in New Testament Greek. Jan, meanwhile, had attended Covenant Bible College in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, and then Ohio State University before transferring to BJU, where she graduated with a degree in Spanish in 1975. The Jeffers were married July 18, 1975.

Dr. Jeffers began graduate studies at Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Minneapolis, earning an M.Div. in 1978. At that time he became the youth pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church in South St.

Paul, Minnesota, and served there from 1978-1986. During that time, he completed his Th.M. degree at Central in 1983. (Dr. Douglas MacLachlan knows Daryl from his time at Central.) Later, in 1990, Daryl earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Bob Jones University. In 1986, Dr. Jeffers was called to Calvary Baptist Church in Clymer, Pennsylvania, and he and Jan have been there ever since! They are excited about MBC and MV here in Sebring and about joining us in discovering what God's perfect will and plan is for both them and us.

Here is Pastor Jeffers' own description of his pulpit ministry: "The greatest percentage of my ministry is expository. I rarely preach topical messages except on special occasions, while I will preach textual messages a little more. Obviously,

expository messages can include smaller texts as well as larger ones. As far as evangelistic preaching, I have adopted Spurgeon's philosophy where he said no matter what his text or message, 'I always make a beeline to the cross.' I attempt to include an evangelistic emphasis and appeal in my messages. I think it is also important for people to leave church having been fed and taught something that can help them grow in their Christian walk and have a greater appreciation for the great God we serve."



Welcome fellowship for the Jeffers



Welcome Home



Moving into 67 Daniel



Unloading ABF Truck



The Administrator Perspectives

Let Him Share the Road Ahead



Jerry

In Luke 24, we read the account of a couple, Cleopas and his wife, walking along the road from Jerusalem toward Emmaus. They are confused and uncertain about what has happened and what now lies ahead. Then the Scriptures say a stranger “drew near and went with them.” That “stranger” was Jesus (v. 15). God forbid He be a stranger to us!

We are on our own road, traveling from 2021 to 2022, and, like Cleopas, we may be uncertain, confused, and anxious about what lies ahead. May the Lord Jesus overtake us on the pathway of life in the coming days and warm our hearts as He did theirs (v. 32).

Take to heart the words of a poem written by John Oxenham entitled, “Roadmates.” The words may be by Oxenham but the sentiments are clearly those of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

“Roadmates.”

Come, share the road with Me, My own,
Through good and evil weather;
Two better speed than one alone,
So let us go together.

Come, share the road with Me, My own,
You know I'll never fail you,
And doubts and fears of the unknown
Shall never more assail you.

Come, share the road with Me, My own,
I'll share your joys and sorrows,
And hand in hand we'll seek the throne
And God's great glad tomorrow.

Come, share the road with Me, My own,
And where the black clouds gather,
I'll share thy load with thee, My son,
And we'll press on together.

And as we go we'll share also
With all who travel on it.
For all who share the road with Me
Must share with all upon it.

So make we – all one company,
Love's golden cord our tether,
And, come what may, we'll climb the way
Together – aye – together!



Dr. D.S. Gordon gives good advice, “*Everyday paths He has trodden and glorified, and will walk anew with each of us. The only safe way to travel is with Him alongside and in control.*”

Micah 6:8, “He hath shown thee, O man, what is good; ...to walk humbly with thy God.”

Jerry Johnson, Village Administrator

New Village Residents

Dan & Barb Wickam



Dan & Barb

Dan was born in Rockford, Illinois, and raised in a non-church-attending home. In his teens, he went to work at Chrysler Corporation in Belvedere, Illinois, where he worked for 32 years, retiring in 2001. He married Shirley Sauer in 1967, and they had four children. On January 19,

1974, Dan was saved at a church

banquet and baptized shortly after at Temple Baptist Church in Rockford. In 2002, he and Shirley moved to Indianapolis, where Shirley died of cancer in 2011. Dan has ministered in the church as a mechanic in the bus barn, usher, treasurer, Reformers Unanimous, and in the jail ministry.

Barb was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and grew up in a non-Christian home. In 1968, she graduated from Marquette University with a diploma in dental hygiene. She worked 25 years in that field. She married Wally Hoffman, a very strong Catholic, in 1970, and they had three children. Searching for truth and witnessed to by her babysitter, on November 18, 1982, Barb was saved in the office of Pastor Grant Shattuck at Calvary Baptist Church in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. She struggled in decision-making because of the difference between Catholic Church doctrine and what the Bible taught. In 1983, Pastor Shattuck baptized her and Wally got saved that year. Wally died of a brain tumor in 1998. After his death, Barb went to work at an academy and later college secretary at another independent Baptist church. There she retired in 2009 to take care of her mother with dementia. She has served in the church as a Sunday school teacher, Reformers Unanimous, discipleship, and jail ministry.

In the fall of 2014, Barb was in Wisconsin visiting family and friends, and Dan was up visiting Barb's friend Abi and her husband. Barb and Dan met in the hall of the church, and it was then that Dan decided

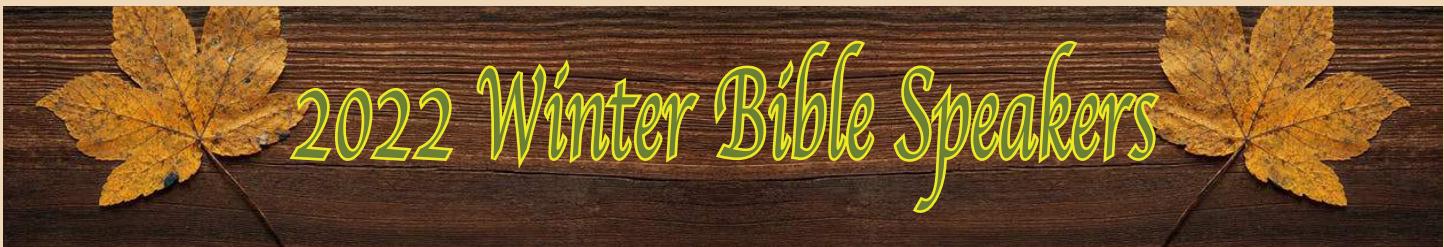
that Barb might be the one for him. After many trips between Dayton and Indy, they were married on Thanksgiving Day 2015. Together they have been blessed with seven children and 24 grandchildren. At the wedding, there were 8 grandchildren age 4 and under. Then they settled in Martinsville, Indiana. Currently they live in Greenville, SC, to be closer to family.

Barb first heard about Maranatha when she was going to church in Dayton, Ohio, where Al and Rosalie Anger were in charge of the senior group. Because of Rosalie's arthritis, they were looking for a warmer climate to live in, and they had tried several other places. They found Maranatha Village; their house went up for sale, and off they went. Barb also heard that Charlie and Barbara Welner lived at Maranatha Village. Likable and friendly Charlie had been her sons' high school principal in Wisconsin. Hearing so much about Maranatha, Barb was drawn there.

In 2018, Barb and Dan stayed at the Maranatha guest house for a few days and then decided to rent a villa in 2019 for the winter. They were here two weeks and knew Maranatha was "the place." Their hearts were drawn to the Village because of the godly Christian atmosphere and loving people. We have been truly blessed by the people and ministry of Maranatha and, as Gerry Carlson told us, we are grasping and growing in the mission and spirit of Maranatha. Currently they are in a mobile home at 237 Timothy Road and looking forward to future ministry and involvement at Maranatha. *"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."* I Corinthians 2:9

The best antidote I know for worry is work. The best cure for weariness is the challenge of helping someone who is even more tired. One of the great ironies of life is this: He or she who serves almost always benefits more than he or she who is served.

Gordon B. Hinckley



2022 Winter Bible Speakers



Bob Gillespie

Reasons for Hope

January 23-26, 2022

Bob Gillespie first got started in apologetic ministry when he taught Bible History and Science for 14 years in Christian schools, as well as on the mission field in West Africa. His goal was to teach his students that they could trust the whole Bible, and teach them to answer the skeptical questions that seem to make so many people stumble.

Upon leaving Africa, Bob felt God's calling to go into full-time apologetic ministry. The Lord opened the door for him to become an associate speaker for Answers in Genesis for 8 years. Bob's greatest joy in speaking is seeing faces light up in the audience as they discover they don't have to be intimidated by secular scientists or teachings that seem to make the Bible seem irrelevant. His passion is that everyone he speaks with sees they can trust the Word of God as an absolute, unwavering authority.

Bob enjoys traveling and speaking with his wife, Lois. He holds a degree from Cedarville University and Master's degree from Clark's Summit Seminary in Pennsylvania. (maranathabaptistsebring.org)



Dr. Curtis Sayre grew up in West Virginia where his father was an itinerant Methodist preacher. He and his wife, Sue, met while attending Alderson Broaddus College in West Virginia. It was there he earned a BS degree in Math Education. He earned an MA from West Virginia University, a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry from Temple Baptist Seminary. He was privileged to pastor churches in West Virginia, Alabama, and Tennessee.

Since retiring, he has served with Amazing Grace Mission in fair evangelism and is currently Chairman of the Board for COME International Baptist Ministries. Curtis and Sue have been married 53 years and have three children and eight grandchildren. (maranathabaptistsebring.org)



Dr. Chuck Phelps

Colonial Hills Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana

Dr. Charles Phelps, Senior Pastor

March 27-30, 2022

Dr. Chuck Phelps pastors Colonial Hills Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. He is a second-generation pastor, Christian educator, and conference speaker who seeks to build ministry biblically. Pastor Phelps and his wife, Linda, have 5 children and 8 grandchildren. They adopted their grandson, Chase, after the death of their son, Chad, and his wife Courtney in 2013. (maranathabaptistsebring.org)



Cook's Korner

Frani Bower's Chickpea Salad

Ingredients:

Difficulty: Easy | Servings: 3-4

1 (15-ounce/425-g) can cooked chickpeas, drained and rinsed
2 stalks celery, finely chopped
3 green onions, thinly sliced
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup finely chopped dill pickle
1/4 cup (60 mL) finely chopped red bell pepper
2 - 3 Tbsp (30 to 45 mL) vegan mayonnaise

[Ingredients continued next column]

1 small clove garlic, minced
1 1/2 tsp (7 mL) yellow mustard
2 tsp (10 mL) minced fresh dill (optional)
1 1/2 - 3 tsp (7 to 15 mL) fresh lemon juice, to taste
1/4 tsp (1 mL) fine-grain sea salt, or to taste
Freshly ground black pepper
Lettuce leaves or gluten-free bread/wraps, for serving

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, mash the chickpeas with a potato masher until flaky in texture.
2. Stir in the celery, green onions, pickles, bell peppers, mayonnaise, and garlic until combined.
3. Stir in the mustard and dill (if using) and season with the lemon juice, salt, and black pepper, adjusting the quantities to taste.
4. Serve with toasted bread, or crackers, in a tortilla (use gluten-free if desired) or lettuce wrap, or on top of a basic leafy green salad.

□ Dill Dip □

1 cup Hellmann's mayonnaise
1 cup sour cream
 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 tablespoon seasoned salt to suit
1 tablespoon parsley flakes
2 tablespoons dill weed
1 tablespoon onion finely chopped

Mix all ingredients together.

Chill one hour

Serve with fresh vegetables or put on your baked potato

Submitted by Sharon Hoopes

□ Good Morning Casserole □

1 1/2 lb. sausage links
8 slices bread, cubed
2 cups grated cheddar cheese
4-6 eggs, beaten
2 1/2 cups milk
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1/2 cup milk

Brown sausage and cut into pieces. Line 13x9" pan with cubed bread. Spread sausage and cheese over bread. Add milk to beaten eggs and pour over casserole. Spread soup and 1/2 cup milk over top and refrigerate overnight. Bake 1 hour at 325°.

Submitted by Elaine Edmonson



2022 Winter Concert Series



Ben & His Family

Ben Everson & Family

January 28, 2022

The Everson Family began traveling full-time in evangelism in 2003. God grew the ministry in the earlier days through the voices of Ben and Amanda, including Ben's unique one-man a cappella orchestras. As the children have become teenagers and young adults, the family sound has blossomed into a spectrum of harmony that is musically excellent and doctrinally solid. The Eversons have traveled throughout the entire contiguous United States as well as internationally, singing and preaching to tens of thousands of people over the last two decades. (maranathabaptistsebring.org)



David & Jessica

Daniel & Jessica Mohnkern - Vocal

February 25, 2022

Dan and Jessica Mohnkern met at a little Bible college in Crown Point, IN. It was "love at first sight" for Dan and "Catch me if you can!" for Jessica! Eventually, after the first date, they realized they had many things in common including a love for music and a love for the Lord.

Dan grew up in Pennsylvania where he began developing his music skills as a youth. He continued by ministering with the traveling men's quartet during his college years. Jessica grew up in New England in a home filled with music. She also had the opportunity to serve with the college's traveling ladies group. She is a skilled vocalist, pianist, and flutist. (maranathabaptistsebring.org)



Janiece

Janiece Robinson - Book of Esther

March 25, 2022

Janiece Robinson is a native of Memphis, Tennessee, who grew up in Sterling Heights, Michigan. She moved to Greenville in 1982 and is delighted to call South Carolina home.

Janiece has a bachelor's degree in Speech Education and a master's degree in Platform Arts from Bob Jones University. She has a distinguished career both as a speech consultant, a teacher and as a performer. She enjoys doing research, especially on the primary level. She travels performing a one-woman drama called "**Face to Face: The Life of Fanny Crosby**" and the biblical book of Esther.

Janiece has been a popular speaker at schools, businesses, and ladies' seminars. She is married to Ross Robinson. In 2014, she and Ross co-founded a leadership development company called **Bold Move International**. (www.boldmoveintl.com). She has three children and two beautiful grandchildren. (maranathabaptistsebring.org)

New Village Resident

Jeff Cline



Jeff

I was born on June 25, 1951 in Warren, Ohio, and lived in that area until I joined the Navy in 1970. After serving four years as a Communications Technician/Operations Specialist, two years shore duty, and two years aboard a troop carrier, I entered college under the GI bill. I received a Bachelor's degree in Organizational Communications with minors in Business & Advertising from Ohio State University, followed by 35 years in business & advertising with different companies in Ohio.

One evening, I cried out from my heart while drinking in a bar and asked the Lord to bring someone into my life that could help me because I could not help myself! A week later Margie Klein, a 1973 Bob Jones University graduate, came into the bar, her first time ever in such a place. I asked her out on a date, and she said, "If you date me, you have to go to church with me." We attended every Sunday together at Youngstown Baptist Church where I heard the Gospel for the first time, though I had grown up in church. We went to church

for a year, still drinking every night, until an evangelist came to preach. On October 28, 1989, I trusted Christ at age 35, and the Lord changed my life. After my salvation and rejection of alcohol, Margie Klein agreed to marry me. We were wed on April 21, 1990, and spent 30 years together, worshiping the Lord, until she passed into heaven on October 6, 2020.

The Lord led me to do Bible studies at the Warren Family Mission for many years. As an outreach opportunity, I started to organize and promote Gospel concerts. Before moving south to Maranatha Village, I was involved in a regional Men of Faith fellowship encouraging men through the love of Christ.

Four years ago, my wife and I visited our friends, Randy & Polly Pigott, here in the Village. Both of us felt the Spirit among the residents and talked often about moving here. With Margie's passing, I needed to move forward, so the Lord directed me to come south. Randy & Polly graciously have allowed me to stay in their mobile since August. Once the electricity is completed, I will move into my new mobile at 204 Maranatha Boulevard.

Thank you for making me feel welcome in this wonderful Spirit-filled Village. My plans are to serve the Lord here until He takes me home.



Thought For The Day

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

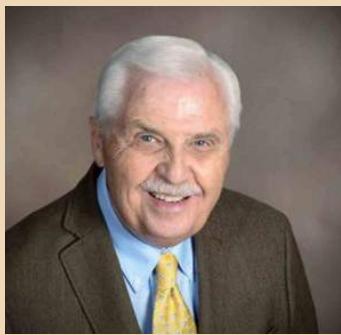


You will never be happy off the trail of God's purpose. A man that is called of God to preach may do something else. He may go to congress. He may be governor. He may be a United States senator. He may become president! But no man was ever happy who left the trail of God's purpose. Stay on the trail and do the will of God, or you will never be happy in this world! There is no such thing as contentment and happiness outside the will of God. And there is nothing that can be done to you that will take out of your heart the joy of living as long as you are on the trail of the divine purpose.



□ *Living and Serving* □

Dr. Gerry Carlson



Gerry

In fact, it is a place where folks are needed to help Maranatha Village survive and thrive.

The truth is that we need servants here to keep our community going: collect garbage, ministering in the Manor, helping as painters, cleaners, rakers, furniture movers, volunteer drivers, and on and on. Servants of the Lord make “the world go around” at Maranatha Village.

Our Village is growing and changing with many new faces coming into our midst. I’ve been asked the question, “What has caused this growth spurt?” I have some ideas, but I don’t believe there is any one specific reason. Most of our new residents have been considering the Lord’s leading in their lives for quite some time. Their decision to seek residency here has not been a spur of the moment impulse, but it has been the culmination of searching, praying, and following God’s leading.

No doubt the recent pandemic has encouraged people to assess their living environments and locations. Considering moving to sunny Florida and joining our community has been alluring. But as I talk with our new prospects and residents, I find that the common theme is “seeking God’s will” at this juncture of their

lives. The president of my seminary used to frequently say, “**Where God guides, He provides.**” That was wise advice back in those days when we were young and beginning to launch out into ministry.

It is also sound wisdom for those of us in the sunset days of life and ministry. We need to follow God’s guidance in our lives every day. We have been called to serve, and that service does not end with our so-called retirement years. It is interesting that the Lord is bringing a wide-ranging group of senior saints – from many walks of life and varied locations – to this place, a totally new environment.

All of us who come to Maranatha Village to live face the challenge of change, which is not always easy at this stage of life. The key ingredient to meeting that challenge is the concept of serving one another. I believe that our Village is growing because the Lord is bringing His servants here. This is not just a place to live. It is a place to serve.

This is a community that is committed to the motto, “**Serving one another, until Jesus comes.**”

The Privilege Of Serving!

The most important thing is not what is in front of us, but what is behind us and what is within us.” – Mario Alonso Puig.

More than agents of change, we are agents of transcendence – because we care about what our hard and diligent actions leave behind. We don’t just have the privilege of serving, but we have an even greater privilege: the privilege of building, living consciously, and, in the fruitfulness of our itinerary, leaving an influential and positive legacy behind.

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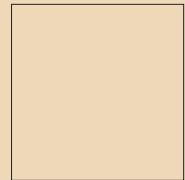
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***“Believe on the
Lord Jesus Christ
and you will be saved.”***

***Those that are: □Gone from our
sight, but never from our hearts.□
2020 & 2021***

<i>Ellen Reed</i>	<i>12/22/2020</i>	<i>Judy Tinkham</i>	<i>05/31/2021</i>
<i>Jurrena Mitchell (former resident)</i>	<i>12/24/2020</i>	<i>Don Wetzel</i>	<i>07/08/2021</i>
<i>Arlene Braman</i>	<i>12/24/2020</i>	<i>Gloria Sawtelle</i>	<i>07/09/2021</i>
<i>Ken Cook</i>	<i>01/04/2021</i>	<i>Esther Wallner</i>	<i>07/2021</i>
<i>Morgan Dawley</i>	<i>01/16/2021</i>	<i>Lucky Shepard</i>	<i>07/25/2021</i>
<i>Ruth Kearsley</i>	<i>01/22/2021</i>	<i>Ron & Ruth Bullis</i>	<i>08/05/2021</i>
<i>Patsy Largent</i>	<i>01/25/2021</i>	<i>Don Esseltine</i>	<i>08/19/2021</i>
<i>Bob Salisbury (former resident)</i>	<i>02/22/2021</i>	<i>Betty Stelzner</i>	<i>08/29/2021</i>
<i>Judy Fletcher (former resident)</i>	<i>03/05/2021</i>	<i>Elva Craig (supported missionary)</i>	<i>09/10/2021</i>
<i>John Magnuson</i>	<i>03/20/2021</i>	<i>Doris Welshans</i>	<i>09/11/2021</i>
<i>Audrey Dillon</i>	<i>03/26/2021</i>	<i>Mary Hudgins (Bobbie Wolford's mother)</i>	<i>09/20/2021</i>
<i>Janelle Conway</i>	<i>04/12/2021</i>	<i>Clair Bajdo</i>	<i>10/12/2021</i>
<i>Norman Greenfield (former resident)</i>	<i>04/15/2021</i>	<i>Roberta Hull</i>	<i>10/25/2021</i>
<i>Barbara Miller (former resident)</i>	<i>04/23/2021</i>	<i>Gloria Mott</i>	<i>11/11/2021</i>
<i>Louise Lanz</i>	<i>04/27/2021</i>	<i>Joyce Walmsley</i>	<i>11/12/2021</i>
<i>Linda Hyder</i>	<i>05/07/2021</i>	<i>Myrl Cousins</i>	<i>11/15/2021</i>
<i>Ray Jensen</i>	<i>05/30/2021</i>	<i>Blanche Hamilton</i>	<i>11/17/2021</i>
		<i>Jack Werkema, (a winter resident)</i>	<i>11/21/2021</i>

