

Life Worth Living



BAPTIST MINISTRIES, INC.

*"... let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."
(1 John 3:18)*

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Dear Friend,

While waiting for my appointment at the chiropractor, I decided to check the magazine rack for reading material. My eye noticed a magazine whose masthead highlighted the word, **REMINISCE**, in bold capital letters. As I flipped through the pages, I expected to see black and white photos corresponding with articles relevant to my parents' generation. It did contain the black and white photos and articles all right; basically of my childhood years. Checking out the photos and reading the articles brought me back to those days of innocence. Oh, what fun I had moving dirt with my metal Tonka dump truck! And I remember one Christmas morning, waking up to find my very own Lionel train set under the tree. Or that birthday, when I proudly studded around town wearing my Roy Rogers cowboy hat and outfit. Matter of fact, it was during that time that I mastered "pea shooting 101" with those metal cap pistols and my trusty Daisy BB gun. And I'll never forget that one Christmas with the silvery aluminum Christmas tree being illuminated by a rotating carousel that was wrapped with colored film. Now understand that at 58 years of age, I'm still considered a young whipper snapper! Reminiscing allows us to recede in our minds to the point that childhood seems as yesterday. But we can't remain there.

The ladies residing with us live each day with limitations that the aging process has inflicted upon their bodies. They have traded their car keys for a wheelchair, walker, or a cane. "Handicap accessibility" comes with the special privilege to have added mobility. Speed is no longer a friend; but their dread. One precious lady, in her early eighties, is blessed with a healthy body but deals with the curse of short term memory loss. Even though she uses a cane, she depends on a set daily routine to assist her. This familiarity allows her to function to the point of self care. Familiarity is her friend that drives away the foes of panic and insecurity.

One of the many blessings of a residential ministry is the interaction Evelyn and I have with our ladies. We get to listen as they recall their upbringing; tell us about their parents and their siblings. They speak in such vivid detail about their deceased mate that you would think he presently with us. They speak with enthusiasm about their courtship and their wedding day. And then the subject turns to their children. They recount the hard times as well as blessings. And oh, now the crescendo, like icing on the cake; they boldly proclaim the goodness and faithfulness of their ever-present God! They share their testimony of personal salvation and that God's grace, throughout the years to the present, is all sufficient! They speak of Heaven, of shedding this body of flesh for their glorified body. The anticipation of a reunion, reunited with friends and loved ones; but they long to see their Saviour first of all! Welllllll glory!

As of this writing, a new lady has come and settled in. This new arrival has had some fainting issues and it's not wise for her to continue living alone. Independence is hard trade for dependence; but that's what our ministry is about. The first question she asked was what are your rules? Evelyn spoke up and said, "Rule number one, you make yourself right at home".

We thank God for the privilege of ministering in service to others. Our God is faithful! I admit that we're busy, busy, busy; but loving every minute! There is never a lack of things to do around here. We covet your prayers and with a heart of gratitude thank you for your faithful financial support. Also, thanks for your patience with us!

PRAYER NEEDS:

Laborers for this ministry

Replacement of shingled roof (estimate \$14,000)

Replacement of two 5 ton HVAC gas pact units

Our health needs

Finances to finish vinyl overhang and end sliding on drive under

Our Ladies and God's power and presence

Our children – Jonathan David and Rebekah Joy

Monthly financial support

God Bless!

W. David Dye

1 Corinthians 15:57-58