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# DR. ALOIS ALZHEIMER

BY DR. BILL PIERCE, BVC PRESIDENT

The name Dr. Alois Alzheimer will forever be associated with what we now know as Alzheimer's disease. The disease was identified slightly more than 100 years ago. We are learning more each year, and progress is being made. Significant research is occurring.

There can be no doubt that Alzheimer's disease and other related conditions are some of the greatest challenges an individual or family will ever face. I think of the words of Psalm 121, which read, "Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord."



**DR. ALOIS ALZHEIMER**

It is very sobering indeed to think that five million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, a number that may grow as high as 16 million by 2050, more than triple. Every 66 seconds, someone is diagnosed. The disease has touched nearly every family in some way.


Baptist Village Communities (BVC) is a ministry that is equipped to help you and your family. Caring professionals that are called to serve God, serve you and serve together. We can serve you both in your home and our "memory support" neighborhoods.

Entrusted Hearts by Baptist Village is BVC's home health services agency that provides services in the Lawton, Oklahoma City and Tulsa areas. Services are available 24 hours a day.

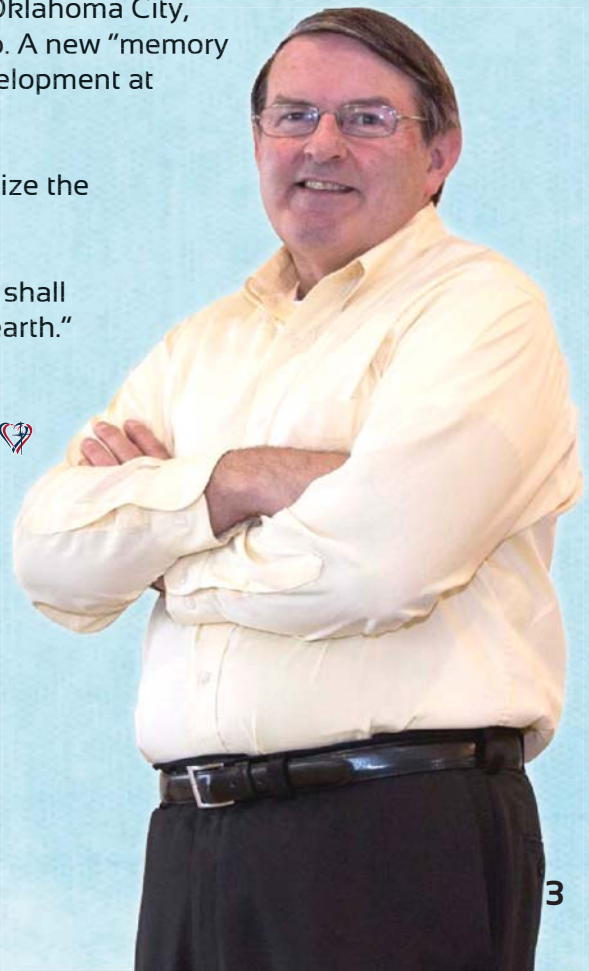
Specialized "memory support" neighborhoods have been developed at Baptist Village of Oklahoma City, Broken Arrow, Elk City and Hugo. A new "memory support" neighborhood is in development at Baptist Village of Owasso.

We are here to help you, your loved ones and your family. We recognize the support you need.

I love this verse - "I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." (Psalm 121:1-2)

Thank you for giving us the privilege of serving you and your family. 

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MEMORY SUPPORT NEIGHBORHOODS,  
VISIT [BAPTISTVILLAGE.ORG](http://BAPTISTVILLAGE.ORG).**







## TOGETHER WE SERVE: MEMORY SUPPORT COMING TO OWASSO

BY JASON DAVIS, DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SPECIALIST

"Together We Serve" continues to move forward. Baptist Village Communities (BVC) is in the midst of bringing multiple capital improvements to five Villages in eastern Oklahoma - Broken Arrow, Cleveland, Hugo, Okmulgee and Owasso.

Two major projects have been completed and are being utilized on a regular basis. The first project to be finalized was Baptist Village of Broken Arrow's outdoor life enrichment venue, opened in the spring of 2016. In August, BVC dedicated Unity Square at Baptist Village of Owasso, a re-branded and revitalized living assistance neighborhood.

BVC is thrilled to announce another major development at Baptist Village of Owasso. Baptist Village will bring a brand new memory support neighborhood to the campus.

"The opportunity to create an assistance in living neighborhood with memory support services at Baptist Village of Owasso will be a tremendous way to continue enhancing the services available in that community," says Wendell Short, BVC vice president - planning and project management. "The enthusiasm and excitement continue to grow as the plans are being developed."

When completed, BVC will have five Villages that feature memory support neighborhoods. The neighborhood will continue BVC's homelike environment standard, where the physical design also is part of the service. The open-concept design will create a friendly, family-style ambiance. The layout will promote Friends Team and resident interaction and visibility. In addition, the memory support neighborhood will feature a full-sized kitchen and dining room with family-style dining - just like at home.





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Thanks to our friends' generosity and humble, servant-like spirit, BVC has received gifts and pledges toward the campaign in excess of \$2.6 million. We are exceptionally grateful to the individuals and families who have seen BVC's vision to lead the way in shaping the future of aging services.

We ask you to pray about how you can help us enhance lives in eastern Oklahoma! There are several ways to give. You can send a check to the development office - 3800 N. May Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73112. You also can go to our website - [baptistvillage.org](http://baptistvillage.org). Click on the "Donate" tab at the top.

Thank you for partnering with us in Serving God, Serving You and Serving Together! 



# Hugo's Yant Honored by LeadingAge Oklahoma

BY JASON DAVIS


Baptist Village of Hugo resident Wilfrid "Buck" Yant was named the 2017 Outstanding Resident Volunteer of the Year by LeadingAge Oklahoma, the state association of not-for-profit senior living organizations. At 98 years young, Buck is far and away the oldest LeadingAge award recipient in the organization's 22-year history.

BVC thrives on a culture of serving together, and a life of service was nothing new to Buck. He served as pastor of Moyers Baptist Church for 28 years. A resident since February 2013, it wasn't a surprise at all that Buck began helping others the day he moved in to Baptist Village of Hugo.

Residents and their families bring Buck puzzles to put together for their loved ones. He completes every puzzle and glues them together. He says the joy these puzzles bring to others is why he puts them together.

Another neat project is Buck's garden at the Village. In the spring of 2014, he planted some tomato and pepper plants. He waters, weeds and picks the produce. He enjoys one tomato a day with dinner and gifts the rest to residents or Friends Team members.

Buck continues his ministerial services at Baptist Village, as well. Every Sunday, he helps with the on-campus Sunday school class. He also leads devotionals every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for residents and Friends Team members. He faithfully offers these weekly devotionals, come rain or shine. If any of his "regulars" miss a meeting, he checks on them to make sure they are doing alright.

Buck is an inspiration and a blessing to all he comes in contact with at Baptist Village of Hugo. BVC is so happy to congratulate this special gentleman on his very deserving honor. 



**Top: Dr. Bill Pierce, BVC President, Dan Stiles, Buck Yant, Baptist Village of Hugo Campus Director and Steve Thomas, BVC Vice President - Operations. Middle: Buck and His Family at the Award Ceremony. Bottom: Dan Stiles and Buck at the Village.**



# BEN LACY: “ULTIMATE VOLUNTEER”

BY JASON DAVIS



“Ben Lacy is the ultimate volunteer.” That is what Chris Finley, BVC director of chaplain services, immediately says when he thinks of the Baptist Village of Oklahoma City resident.

Moving to Baptist Village two years ago, Ben was uncertain as to his next step in service. God knew where he needed to be.

The volunteer rehab greeter program at the Village needed a coordinator. Turns out that Ben was the right man for the job.

“With Ben’s contagious personality, he was the perfect person to serve in the position,” says Chris. “Ben creates an environment of care by offering a listening ear to guests in the Rehab Neighborhoods. Guests, family and Friends Team members alike all have commented on the ‘ray of light’ Ben is in the Rehab Neighborhoods.”

Ben is at the Rehab Neighborhoods, rain or shine, every Monday through Friday at 8 am. He has a lot to do in preparation for the day.

“I fix the refreshments we offer visitors,” says Ben. “I make the coffee and get the juices ready to go. I also put out the granola, cookies and fruit and make sure the supplies are well-stocked.”

Ben oversees a team of about 30 volunteers. He also leads orientation to all new resident volunteers. Ben instructs his volunteers to engage visitors with smiles and in conversation, demonstrating a genuine concern for them. He also trains his team to go the second mile by personally escorting visitors to the area in the Rehab Neighborhoods they need to visit.

“The goal of the Baptist Village rehab volunteer greeters program is not only to give a friendly welcome and good direction but to help visitors feel comfortable and at ease,” affirms Ben.

In addition to the volunteer greeter program, Ben also utilizes his pastoral experience to serve as volunteer chaplain in the Rehab Neighborhoods. A bi-vocational pastor for 34 years, Ben brings a ministerial spirit to the role. “I get to go around and encourage people, especially at lunch,” says Ben. “We laugh, we joke, we carry on. I get acquainted with them. Some residents don’t have family nearby or able to visit them, so I get to fulfill that for them.”

All of his duties involve a great deal of time and effort, but Ben wouldn’t have it any other way. “I tell people that I move my hats where I move my heart. My heart is here at Baptist Village. It’s the place I want to be. This is my home.”





# THE SINGING PREACHER

BY JASON DAVIS

Growing up in Nashville, Tennessee, Phillip Lawrence was always surrounded by music. A lifetime of service through music has culminated in utilizing his talents at Baptist Village.

Phillip has been a resident at Baptist Village of Cleveland for only a few months, but it has not taken long for him to quickly find his niche and make an impact on campus.

"When we have a vacant apartment at Baptist Village, we pray over it," says Terry Dennis, campus director. "We ask God to fill it with someone we can be a blessing to, and someone who will be a blessing to us. God truly answered that prayer by sending Phillip here. He brings us great joy and encourages us."

Much of that joy is through his music. During Phillip's childhood, the Lawrences all played the guitar or piano. Phillip even played the drums. "I listened to rock and country music," recalls Phillip. "After I was saved as a teenager, God gave me a new song. My song is, 'praise the Lord'. He gave me a love for Him where I just wanted to praise and worship him every day, not just Sunday."

Phillip's newfound passion carried over into ministry, as he pastored various churches for 34 years. Originally a church music major in college, God called him to preach. Most of these congregations are Native American churches. This developed in his high school years.

"I grew up going to Glenwood Baptist Church in Nashville," says Phillip. "When I was 14, we started going on mission trips to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. I went on six of these trips. I also went on several mission trips during my college years. After which, God called me away for a while to full-time ministry, though I have always had a heart to minister to Native Americans."

Some of the churches Mr. Lawrence has pastored include First Indian Baptist Church in Ada, OK, Little Coweta Indian Baptist Church in Eufaula, OK and First Baptist Church of Rolling Hills in Catoosa, OK. He helped found the "Shield of Faith" mission church to Native Americans at Catoosa in 2006. Phillip also has pastored at several Indian reservations in South Dakota - Pine Ridge, Cheyenne River and Lower Brule. In addition, he has preached revivals in Alabama, Tennessee, South Dakota and Oklahoma.

Phillip still regularly travels to preach and sing, but he knows where his home is. "To me, Baptist Village is like a family. Hymn Sings are personally great to me. Terry and Sherry (Dennis) are wonderful. I looked all over Oklahoma for the best place for me. I woke up one morning and felt God calling me to Cleveland. I really like it here. The Lord always provides. 💕"





# HELPING YOU HELP THE ONES YOU LOVE

BY JASON DAVIS

Entrusted Hearts by Baptist Village, a ministry of Baptist Village Communities (BVC), is BVC's home health ministry. One of the most exciting avenues this is accomplished through is personalized services. Those receiving services enjoy an enhanced life.

"Personalized services is a wonderful option for families and their loved ones who are looking for solutions to their healthcare needs," says Shannon Ryan, director of Entrusted Hearts by Baptist Village. "With personalized services, families can feel confident that they are receiving quality care by trained professionals."

She continues, "Our goal has always been to serve together to help our clients maximize their health, while providing them the opportunity to continue to live independently in the comfort of their own home. At Entrusted Hearts by Baptist Village, we are providing services people want, when they want them, in the place they call home."

Services received by clients are broad and include assistance with meal preparation, transportation, light housekeeping and laundry,




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errands and shopping, bathing and dressing, live-in and respite services, among others. In addition, nursing and therapy options are available.

Personalized services not only gives clients and their families peace of mind. It gives caregivers freedom to focus on what is most important to them - their family members. They know their mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, etc., is being served by caring professionals in the place they call home. Entrusted Hearts helps you help the ones you love.

Entrusted Hearts by Baptist Village offers personalized services across Oklahoma in the Lawton, Oklahoma City and Tulsa areas. Some services are covered by Medicare or insurance.

To learn more about how you or your loved one can benefit from personalized services, visit our website at [entrustedhearts.org](http://entrustedhearts.org), or call the location nearest you. 





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*Proverbs 4:23 (New Living Translation)*



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# 2016 FINANCIALS

## BAPTIST VILLAGE COMMUNITIES

*"For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you."*

*2 Corinthians 9:10 (New Living Translation)*

### TOTAL ASSETS

**\$89,124,932**

### TOTAL LIABILITIES

**\$36,541,119**

### TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

**\$1,928,981**

### TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT

**\$42,319,170**

### TOTAL EXPENSES

**\$41,747,008**

### TOTAL INVESTMENT AND ENDOWMENT INCOME

**\$755,921**



The Adams Fund enables residents with financial challenges to live at a Baptist Village. This need is constantly growing. Would you partner with us in helping meet this need? To donate online, go to [baptistvillage.org](http://baptistvillage.org) and click the "Giving" tab at the top. Thank you!

Baptist Village Communities (BVC) leads the way in shaping the future of aging services. BVC has many ways that you can help support our ministry and those we serve.

The Larry and Edwine Adams Assistance Fund helps those with financial challenges to live at Baptist Village. This very important Fund is solely supported by gifts from Friends Team members, residents and friends like you.

The annual Mothers Day Offering is a Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma offering. The offering benefits both Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children and BVC. One-hundred percent of BVC's portion goes directly to the Adams Fund.



Finally, you can support the ministry of BVC through an estate gift. Estate gifts are an opportunity to ensure that financial support will remain readily available for the future.

For more information on how you can partner in ministry with BVC, call the development office today at (405) 942-3000 ext. 4205. You also can donate to BVC online at [baptistvillage.org](http://baptistvillage.org).



# 2016 CHAPLAINCY REPORT

*"And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ."*

*Philemon 6 (New Living Translation)*

Baptist Village Communities (BVC) has the privilege and joy of placing a chaplain in every Village to coordinate ministry with residents, clients, families and Friends Team members. BVC enjoys serving through the work of 14 chaplains.

The role of the chaplain is to facilitate ministry at the Village by organizing ministry teams and then equipping them for service opportunities. The fruitful work of effective ministry teams is an example of "Serving God, Serving You, Serving Together". During 2016, chaplains and ministry teams reported the following results from their combined efforts:

## **LIVES WERE CHANGED...**

- 53 affirmations/re-dedications
- 17 professions of faith
- 2 baptisms

## **CAMPUS LIFE WAS ENHANCED...**

- Resident newcomer fellowships
- Resident ministry teams
- Revivals/VBS/Holy Week
- Lunch and learn presentations
- Summer youth projects
- Resident choirs and bell ringers
- Festivals and concerts
- Volunteer greeter coordination
- Intercessory prayer ministry
- Spanish language ministry

## **THE GOSPEL WAS PRESENTED...**

- 2,121 opportunities for worship and Bible study
- 1,902 spiritual resources distributed

## **ENCOURAGEMENT WAS OFFERED...**

- 20,713 resident ministry team visits
- 466 hospital visits or calls to residents

## **RELATIONSHIPS WERE CULTIVATED...**

- 14,664 resident/client visits
- 2,558 Friends Team visits
- 557 family visits
- 1,267 Rehab guest visits
- 425 churches participated in ministry

As part of BVC's continuing emphasis on prayer and evangelism in 2016, chaplains and other volunteers assisted approximately 233 residents in writing and sharing their salvation experience on [mostimportantthing.org](http://mostimportantthing.org).

LINC® (Loving, Inspiring, Nurturing, Caring) is a ministry of BVC, designed to equip churches to develop a vibrant ministry to elders in senior living communities by providing training, resources and ministry tools. A LINC® consultant works with senior living community team members to open doors of ministry and tailor it to meet residents' specific needs. The goal of LINC® is to give every Oklahoma Southern Baptist church the opportunity and knowledge to extend its current ministry in the community.

For more information on LINC® and other chaplaincy ministries, contact Chris Finley, director of chaplain services, at (405) 470-8915 or email him at [cfinley@okc.baptistvillage.org](mailto:cfinley@okc.baptistvillage.org). We give God the glory for the good work of the chaplains and ministry teams in reaching out and enhancing lives of those being served.





# 2016 SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

*"And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God."*

*Hebrews 13:16 (New Living Translation)*

Opportunities to provide community services are multiplied every day throughout Baptist Village Communities (BVC). They are the natural activities of our organization, whose mission is to honor God by creating communities and services to enhance lives and enable people to serve God and one another. These services help meet unmet needs in communities.

Since our founding nearly 60 years ago in 1958, we have grown to include nine Villages, three home health agencies and a medical equipment company. The number of people ministered to daily has grown from 1,150 in 1993 to more than 2,200 in 2017 - a 91 percent increase.

The social accountability report allows you to understand how BVC impacted its surrounding communities, providing charitable services in the towns and cities BVC serves.

Annually, we document our social accountability. Campus directors record charitable services and community programs. In 2016, BVC provided benefits to residents, Friends Team members and the surrounding areas.

BVC also provides outright benevolence to residents who need financial assistance. Along with the generosity of Friends Team members and other residents, financial needs are being met. Senior adults, families and children are assisted with basic needs, such as provision of food, health services and housing.

Meeting community needs includes, but is not limited to:

- Caregivers supporting the elderly in the community
- Elderly living alone or with few social opportunities
- Homebound senior adults having difficulty with daily living activities
- Widows and couples with limited resources and income
- People in need of services they may otherwise be unable to receive

Using the Adams Assistance Fund to assist with monthly service fees, BVC blessed others with \$445,000 last year. Those assisted through this Fund are residents who, without it, would be unable to meet monthly expenses.

Friends Teams and residents of several Villages participate and volunteer their time regularly. BVC helps provide services for residents receiving Medicaid, where there is a shortfall in reimbursement.

BVC provided charitable services to their broader communities by meeting financial, health and community needs - serving 6,693 people with a value of \$2,732,517.40.

**In 2016, BVC provided hundreds of services in Oklahoma communities. These needs were met by providing the following services, among others:**

- AARP tax preparation site
- Blood pressure/blood sugar clinic host
- Christmas Cantata
- Clinical site for nursing students
- College internship site
- Creative Beginnings music class for toddlers
- Emergency responders banquet host
- Eye exam clinic host
- Fall Festival
- Flu shot clinic host
- Food baskets for needy families
- Halloween fun treat night for community
- Health and wellness fair
- Host for baby, wedding and adoption showers
- Job skill learning site for developmental disability students
- Memorial Day celebration
- Piano recital host
- Pie and Praise event
- See You at the Pole
- Servants of Hope Alzheimer's Support Group
- Tai Chi classes
- Village Crafters making items to donate
- Voting precinct site



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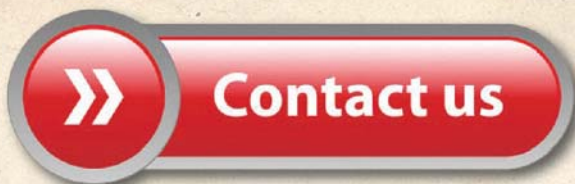


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