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# Views from the Village

Boise Christian Retirement Village Newsletter

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## Newsletter Update

We're excited about some wonderful updates to our newsletter that you have already seen a little of in our last few newsletters. We're wanting more special messages about our cherished churches. We deeply appreciate the unwavering support that these churches have provided. The goal is heartfelt stories and testimonials that shed light on the incredible impact God's churches are having.

We also want you to meet the dedicated individuals who form our board. These passionate leaders play a pivotal role in shaping our organization's future. Discover their backgrounds, aspirations, and the enthusiasm they bring to our mission. It's a chance to get to know the faces driving our shared goals.

We'd also like to have an area to share any redevelopment news. Change is in the air, and we invite you to be a part of this journey.



Lastly, your feedback is incredibly important to us, so we encourage you to share your thoughts and suggestions on how we can make our newsletter even better. Additionally, if you believe your church has a remarkable story to tell and should be highlighted in our next edition, please don't hesitate to reach out.

## Resident Spotlight - Bob Weygandt

Bob has the distinction of being the only resident who isn't really a resident at all. He and his wife Helen were residents until they bought a home which is adjacent to the Village but found themselves still immersed in the community and so continued to be involved with their friends and in the activities we all enjoy.

As the Village moved ahead, Bob was one of the earliest members to join the 36th Street Christian Church, our very own registered church. When our administrator resigned and the village was rudderless, Bob stepped in as our temporary administrator. We all saw his devotion to service in fulfilling that role. He continues to provide his time, vehicle, and muscle power to assist with the food procurement. And, as one of our church's elders, he is currently working to find a new pastor. His involvement is vital.



Bob is a lifelong Idahoan, having grown up in the Caldwell area and working various jobs in the state. He is a family man. He and Helen have two children and have given several dogs a happy home. A quick trip to Vietnam was his out-of-country experience and we thank him for his service to his country and to the Village. - Written by Karolynn Hutchison

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## **It's time to send in your end-of-year donations.**

**Our greatest need is funding for daily operations  
and funding for our redevelopment.**

**Some Ideas:**

**Set up a recurring monthly donation.**

**Speak with local business owners about support.**

**Come and spend time with the residents and  
you'll see what God is doing here.**

**Safe and secure donations can be made through:  
<https://www.boisechristianhomes.org/donate>**

## Gratitude: Make it a Habit!

Gratitude is a powerful force that can transform our lives. It is a way to express appreciation for the blessings we receive from God. In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, the Apostle Paul beautifully encapsulates the Christian perspective on thankfulness when he writes, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

This verse reminds us that thankfulness should not be limited to the moments of joy and prosperity in our lives. Instead, we are called to be thankful in all circumstances. Even during challenging times, our faith teaches us to find gratitude in the lessons learned, the strength gained, and the support we receive from our Christian community. When we acknowledge God's presence in every aspect of our lives, we become more aware of His grace and can see His wisdom, and our hearts naturally overflow with thankfulness.

### **Consider incorporating the following practices into your daily life:**

**Morning Gratitude:** Start your day by thanking God for the gift of life, health, and another day to serve Him. Include people in your life you're thankful for.

**Keep a Gratitude Journal:** Dedicate a journal to jot down things you're thankful for daily. Reflecting on these entries will remind you of God's goodness.

**Share Blessings:** When you feel thankful, share your blessings with others. A kind word, a helping hand, or a smile can make someone's day brighter. What if social media was filled with posts about things we are thankful for.

**Pray with Thanks:** During your prayer time, express your gratitude for specific blessings, challenges, and the strength to face them.

As we begin November, let us remember the God's words and strive to be thankful in all circumstances. Our faith in God's goodness will not only strengthen our connection with Him but also deepen our bonds with one another. May thankfulness be a guiding light in our lives, illuminating our path towards a closer relationship with our Heavenly Father.

## Administrator's Corner

As we gather around our tables to celebrate Thanksgiving, I want to extend my warmest wishes and prayers of blessing to each and every one of you. This season of gratitude serves as a reminder for all of us to appreciate the bountiful blessings that enrich our lives, from the love of family and friends to the simple joys of everyday existence. I hope your Thanksgiving is filled with laughter, warmth, and an abundance of delicious food. In the spirit of thanksgiving, I hope we can all reflect on the goodness that surrounds us and share our blessings with those less fortunate.

***"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 107:1***

May this scripture remind us of the enduring love and goodness that flows through our lives, and may it inspire us to cultivate an attitude of gratitude, not only during this holiday season but throughout the year. I'm so grateful that Boise Christian Homes is able to offer the support and housing it can for people who God has told us to care for. I'm so thankful for all of you and to those whose donations make this ministry possible.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones. May your hearts be filled with thankfulness and your tables with abundance.

Written by Michael Morris, Administrator for Boise Christian Homes

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## Partner with Us

You can join our community in many ways:

- Set up a recurring donation through our website or your bank.
- Set up a large one-time gift for the village.
- Send a donation by check or drop one off and visit with us.
- Come visit with residents or serve on a volunteer basis.
- Organize a group to come out and serve.
  - There's always raking, snow removal, beautifying, etc.
- Pray for us.