

## Resident Spotlight



Bessie Mae Davis was born on July 3, 1929, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to John and Mary Ida Davis. Bessie was one of seven children. Growing up in a big family, Bessie and her siblings really enjoyed each other's company. They especially enjoyed dancing. Her brother Robert, better known to everyone as Dee Dee, could really play the piano. He couldn't read a note, but he could just listen to any song and naturally start playing it. Then everyone would start dancing. The kids would always challenge their mother, and she never backed down to a challenge: she could dance with the best of them!

Mary Ida could cook better than anyone Bessie has ever met. The thought of her fried chicken and biscuits to this day makes Bessie's mouth water. Her mother knew just the right seasoning to make food taste absolutely delicious.

The children enjoyed walking, especially to pick blackberries. They had to cross over the railroad tracks to a field that had blackberry bushes everywhere. Sometimes they would sit and eat them; other times they would take their mother's pot and fill it for a pie later on. To this day, Bessie does not like blackberries; she ate too many growing up!

After Bessie finished Stowes School, she went on to attend Woodworth High School, graduating in 1946. After high school, Bessie became a personal housekeeper for different homes. Bessie would always save her money for special Christmas gifts. Her mother loved beautiful handkerchiefs; Bessie would buy her some that were lace or had flowers embroidered on them.

Bessie's favorite items were purses and shoes. She felt like a queen when she dressed in a long skirt with her saddle oxfords and bobby socks. There were 2 places she loved to shop: Potter's Shoe Shop and Anthony Richards Catalog. She has fond memories of the beautiful items she purchased from these companies; one pair of boots in particular cost her \$77. They were leather with a small heels. Bessie has always been very particular about her hair as well. In her youth, she never let a hair dresser fix her hair. She used her own flat iron and rolled her hair using paper grocery bags covered in lard. She knew what she loved and what she wanted.

Bessie raised 5 children on her own as a single mother: Cornelius, Anthony, Jaqueline, Barbara Ann, and Robert. In 2017, Bessie realized it was time to come the Christian Village for some extra help. On February 28, she came to the Faith Center and now resides on 5 North. Bessie is such a delight to talk to; make sure to stop by and ask her about her mother's cooking. You will for sure walk away hungry!

## Don't Get Scammed (2nd in the Series)

By Shannon Bryant

Every permanent resident in the US who is over the age of 65 qualifies for Medicare. That creates a big opportunity for a scam artist to target seniors about insurance. The scammer will pose as a Medicare representative and offer great services and possibly a better Medicare supplement plan that will save you money throughout the year. It sounds good, right? So when they ask for your personal information and your Medicare number, you might willingly give it to them, thinking they are helping you. But what happens next is where the scam comes in: they bill Medicare for a variety of services that you never get, and they pocket the money.

Just remember, a Medicare representative will never call you and ask for your number. They will only reach out to you if you have first reached out to them. Never give your personal information to anyone over the phone. Giving that information could wind up costing your thousands of dollars. Remember: don't get scammed!

## The Power of Prayer

By Jon Underwood

Do you ever wonder if praying does any good? The Bible says God “is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think” (Ephesians 3:20). And He does it in answer to our prayers. In 1960, Richard Crabtree was minister of the White Oak Christian Church, and a member of his church was looking for a retirement home. Richard thought the Christian churches in the area ought to support such a home that would welcome anyone into a Christian atmosphere. So he began to pray about it. He shared his dream, and others began to pray about it. Someone at Standard Publishing (located then where the Mt. Healthy Jr/Sr High School is) heard about it, and the publisher invited Mr. Crabtree to his office. The result of that meeting was a gift of 5 acres of land that became the home of the Mount Healthy Christian Home (now called The Christian Village at Mt. Healthy).

No one asked for the land. No one imagined such a gift might even be possible. But God heard the prayers of His people, and he moved the hearts of people at Standard Publishing to make a generous gift. In April of 1966, the south building was opened and welcomed our first residents. That's the power of prayer—power that sees “far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think” become reality! What's on your heart today? Give it to God in prayer, and see what He does in response!



# National Senior Citizens Day - August 21

## A Proclamation

Throughout our history, older people have achieved much for our families, our communities, and our country. That remains true today, and gives us ample reason this year to reserve a special day in honor of the senior citizens who mean so much to our land.

With improved health care and more years of productivity, older citizens are reinforcing their historical roles as leaders and as links with our patrimony and sense of purpose as individuals and as a Nation. Many older people are embarking on second careers, giving younger Americans a fine example of responsibility, resourcefulness, competence, and determination. And more than 4.5 million senior citizens are serving as volunteers in various programs and projects that benefit every sector of society. Wherever the need exists, older people are making their presence felt—for their own good and that of others.

For all they have achieved throughout life and for all they continue to accomplish, we owe older citizens our thanks and a heartfelt salute. We can best demonstrate our gratitude and esteem by making sure that our communities are good places in which to mature and grow older—places in which older people can participate to the fullest and can find the encouragement, acceptance, assistance, and services they need to continue to lead lives of independence and dignity.

The Congress, by House Joint Resolution 138, has designated August 21, 1988, as “National Senior Citizens Day” and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this event.

*Now, Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim August 21, 1988, as National Senior Citizens Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.*

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand this nineteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirteenth.

*Ronald Reagan*

Ronald Reagan



# Celebrations & Birthdays



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

This information is for  
The Christian Village at Mt  
Healthy residents.



Happy 101st to Ruth!

## Upcoming Events

### Monthly Birthday Social

Join us on 8/11 at 2pm outside to celebrate our August birthdays! Entertainment by John Simpson.

### Farmer's Market

Shop for fresh produce on 8/13 from 10am to 2pm. Fresh produce will be available from Browns Family Market.

### Spa-Tacular Women's Social

Come to the patio at 10am on 8/16 and make a homemade hand scrub while enjoying a cappuccino and croissants.

### Carnival

Join us for the carnival on 8/18 at 2pm. Come enjoy the dunking booth, pies in the face, yummy food, and a stilt walker! The auxiliary will also be hosting a bake sale.

### Special Meal of the Month

On 8/19, we will be serving fried chicken, green beans, and strawberry rhubarb pie.

### Hawaiian Luau

Don't miss our Hawaiian Luau happening on 8/25 at 2pm. Enjoy a snow cone while learning the true meaning behind hula dancing from a professional hula dancer!

### Men's Breakfast

On 8/26 at 8am we will be hosting our monthly men's breakfast.

### Jeopardy

Test your knowledge by playing Jeopardy with us on 8/27 at 8am. You can tune in on Channel 3 or join us in the chapel.



The Christian Benevolent Association does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, religion, age, qualified handicap or veteran status.