



The Bible Students Retirement Center

Fairview, OR • FALL 2022

Chairman's Message

Fall is upon us and I am sure we are all looking forward to the cooler weather that fall brings. The period since our Annual Report in June has included many of our Heavenly Father's blessings poured out upon the BSRC. We have also borne the sadness of the passing of our dear Sr. Glenda Hawke. Br. Jerry Leslie chaired a beautiful memorial service for her, held in-person and via Zoom.

We continue to offer thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father for His continued guidance in all matters concerning the Retirement Center. We have witnessed His overruling many times over the years, including motivating some brethren to make donations to the Center that result in funding towards expensive maintenance projects as well as our ongoing Food Service Program. "The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered." (Proverbs 11:25 NASB)

Roof replacements for Buildings C, F and H will be happening by the time you receive this Newsletter. A portion of the walking path behind B Building was recently paved to correct two trouble spots. I am sure you will read more about these projects in the Planning & Construction

Report. Additionally, we want to thank our staff, our volunteers, and our contractors for their continued dedication to the tasks of keeping the BSRC running smoothly.

Although we have not recently heard any new information from the Rockwood Water District with regard to the planned construction of their 8-foot-tall wall separating the BSRC property from the Water District property, we look forward to that project being completed within the next six months.

The BSRC will be the site of the Associated Bible Students of Portland's 2023 June convention. That Ecclesia contacted us for approval, and the BSRC Board approved that request. Their event should be similar in size to several previous BSRC Fellowship Meetings (before Covid) where 60-65 Brethren gathered for meetings as well as a meal together.

Br. Michael Costelli, Board Chairman



Waiting List

If you're not ready to make the move to the BSRC we strongly encourage you to put your name on our Waiting List, so that you can be informed when a unit becomes available. Please contact the Admissions Chair for more details and qualification information. All inquiries will be held in strictest confidence.

Several Apartment Styles Currently Available

As of September 2022, we have a variety of unfurnished second floor apartment units available, including a studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom styles. These upstairs apartments are all accessed by the new elevator or by stairways. Each has its own private deck area where an occupant may keep and tend their own potted plants, add an outdoor

chair, and create for themselves a little oasis to sit and reflect on the abundant blessings from the Heavenly Father.

Monthly rents start as low as \$410 for a C-Building Studio and go up to \$791 for one of the F-Building two-bedroom apartments, plus utilities. All have private bathrooms and full kitchens; some have private laundry

rooms, while others use a communal laundry room on the same level. The Retirement Center complex is a gated community with lots of open space between the various apartment buildings and town homes and includes a large Main House that holds the commercial kitchen and communal dining room. The Chapel/Meeting room

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BSRC Social Activities

BLESSINGS AROUND EVERY MONTH

Sr. Kathy Brooks invited all to enjoy an outdoor feast on September 4, after Sunday services and during the lunch break from three Labor Day Conventions on Zoom: West Suburban, New York, and Seattle.

It was an opportunity for fellowship which included our Moldova brethren, discussing spiritual blessings both from the meetings that morning and sharing thoughts from the discourses.

One sister commented that she does not consider experiences as trials anymore, but lessons, all specially sent from the Lord for her spiritual growth – to be more like our example! What a friend we have in Jesus, and to think he walks with us, talks with us and tells us we are his own!

The Residents were surprised, delighted and blessed to enjoy and participate in an impromptu hymn singing on Friday, September 16.

Br. Albert suggested he and Sr. Norma Svab stop at the BSRC for a hymn singing get-together enroute to Salem. The response was overwhelming!

Albert is a professional accordion player. He plays the hymns with enthusiasm, yet reverentially. Br. Viorel Neagu joined in playing his accordion as well. We all responded by lifting our voices in praise to our Heavenly Father!

Sr. Kathy Brooks seized the opportunity to prepare one of her famous suppers, which was a delightful ending to a very blessed afternoon.



*June gathering with a visit
by Br. Homer Montague &
Sr. Cathy Sandridge*



*July Barbeque
Fellowship*



*September
Hymn Singing*



*August
Pancake
Breakfast*



Apartment Styles Available

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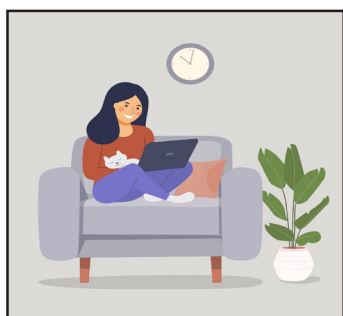
is also part of the Main House. There is a one-quarter mile walking path within the complex.

If you are considering a move to the Bible Students Retirement Center, our Admissions policy includes a one- or two-week Trial Visit. This allows you to visit the complex and experience what a blessing awaits you living in a community of brethren, with your choice of either of two established Ecclesias within walking distance of your apartment. The lodging for that Trial Visit is free to you, and includes a nutritious hot meal served Monday through Friday in the Main House Dining Room.

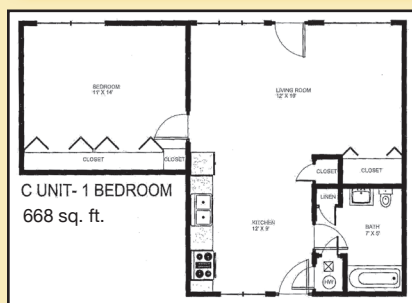
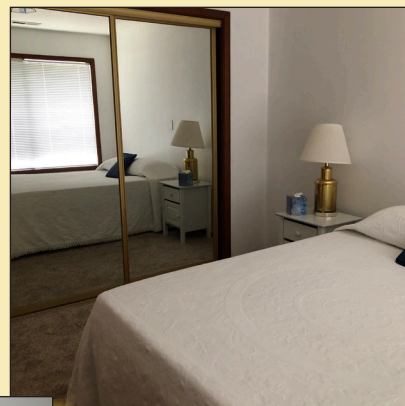
For more information, including the qualifications for admission to the Center, to schedule a Trial Visit, or to add your name to our Waiting List, please contact the Admissions Chair, at 310-454-5248 or npnekora@aol.com.

Temporary Rental Option for Younger Brethren

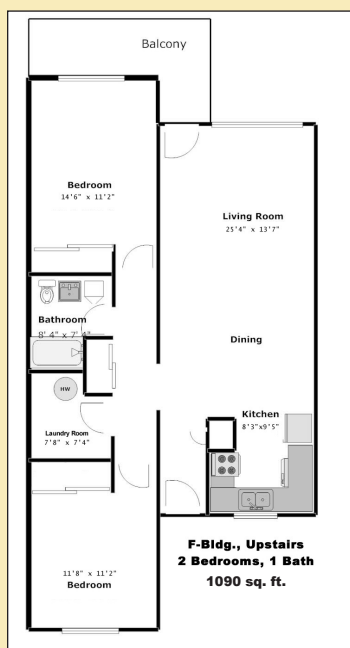
An option is available for consecrated brethren under the age of 55 to rent empty units. A six-month rental lease agreement is offered (that may be renewed for additional six-month terms), if no permanent senior is ready to move in, and there are no similar units available.



Unit C-5 • 668 Sq. Ft.



F-Units • 1,090 Sq. Ft.



Call us with your questions & comments
BSRC • 503-661-7045

Planning and Construction

This Fall our focus has been on two projects: 1) Re-roofing buildings C, F and H; and 2) Rebuilding the stairway at the South end of C building near the elevator.

Two years ago, during the re-roofing of buildings A and B, we determined that C and F buildings would also need attention soon. Both of those buildings had a second roof installed in April of 2002. Since then, we've had to repair a leak in H building and also noted that its second roof was installed in February of 2003. We knew then we had to move quickly or run the risk of damaging the underlying wood and be faced with a greater expense in the repair.

On July 15th, we solicited bids from three reputable commercial roofing contractors in the Gresham area. One of the three reluctantly, and apologetically, had to decline since they had more work than they could handle. We requested and received a separate bid for each of the three buildings, including an option for the same heavier shingle that we installed on buildings A and B.

In the Lord's providence, Rainy City Roofing, the same contractor that re-roofed buildings A and B in 2020, provided the lowest bid using the heavier weight shingle, for the cost of \$103,878 for all three buildings. The next bid came in at \$110,650. Our plan, based on the urgency and financing, was to do building H first, followed by C, then F.

His will, not ours, be done! It was brought to our attention that due to gracious donations from our brethren we had enough money to complete all three buildings at the same time. Doing so means our residents will only have to deal with the inconvenience once instead of three different times. Another benefit is that the entire project can be completed before winter. On top of that, when Rainy City Roofing was asked if there was any "economy of scale" by doing all three buildings at once, the cost of the project was reduced to \$100,000. The one caveat to the total cost hinges on how much rotted plywood under

the existing roofs might need to be replaced.

The contract, for all three buildings, was signed and delivered, allowing the project to be scheduled to begin the first week in October, with completion within two to three weeks. Rainy City Roofing will be working closely with Sr. Arleen Battaglia, our on-site Operations Manager, to ensure the safety of the residents and to minimize the inconvenience.

In our last report we shared the need to forego replacing the wooden stairs with steel stairs and have Br. Tim Sochacki, our Handyman, maintain the existing wood stairs on the north side of C building and the south side of F building. The remaining challenge is the stairway on the south end of C building. It was not constructed as well as the other two. However, Br. Tim assured us, by what he's done thus far, that he is capable of rebuilding that stairway to match the other two, including a landing. As of this writing, plans are being developed to have Br. Tim move forward in that direction.

The progress on the Rockwood Water Plant continues next door. We are anxiously awaiting the construction of the beautiful 8-foot high wall that will separate us from our neighbor, providing an aesthetically pleasing and quieter environment. Patience, however, is the word of the day, as it will be a while before they get to that phase. If you'd like to watch the progress of the construction, we've included a link to a live camera overlooking the project, with the BSRC behind the upper right side of the water tower. Click on, or type the following into your search box...

<https://app.truelook.cloud/dashboard/372/711/live?code=9wy1itplswx8vkuy579r7p0l>

We are extremely grateful to our Heavenly Father for miraculously directing the affairs of the "Center," and thank each of you for being Members.

Br. Ed Heidelberg,
Planning and Construction

A Remembrance

Glenda Hawke

1932-2022



Sr. Glenda Hawke passed to her reward on July 5th at age 90, having suffered a major stroke a few days previously. After a brief hospitalization, she was released to her daughter's final care.

In 1997 Sr. Glenda went to Br. Tim Krupa's clinic for treatment, and when she asked about his beliefs, he gave her two booklets. After reading them, she asked about meetings and started attending the Portland Area class, where she won the hearts of the brethren. She was immersed in June 1998 at the Portland convention held at Collins Retreat.

Sr. Glenda has lived at the Retirement Center several times, alternating with times when she traveled for work and cared for family members and brethren. She most recently lived here since June 2015, while still working at her antique store. She so appreciated the peace she felt at the Center, as well as being able to listen in her apartment to hymns, meetings and conventions on the BSRC local cable TV channel.

Sr. Glenda wanted to give a witness to her family with scriptures, and especially certain ones she specified which would express her belief in the ransom for all and the resurrection. This was well accomplished by Br. Jerry Leslie, with a large group of family members at the graveside and during a memorial service on July 24th at the Center, for which her daughter in particular was very appreciative. Her favorite hymn was No. 135, "Near the Cross," and her favorite scripture was Proverbs 3:5,6, which includes her "last words of advice": "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart."

**Check Out Our
Video at...**

<https://youtu.be/CgVp7TIYnj0>