

The Bible Students Retirement Center

Fairview, OR • SPRING 2022

Chairman's Message

Again, we give praise and honor to our Heavenly Father for His blessings of "every good and perfect gift...." (Jas. 1:17) Indeed, we continue to thrive at the BSRC by His permission. As events turn concerning our brethren in Ukraine and eastern Europe, we pray earnestly for the Lord's protection and overruling on their behalf and likewise for our brethren worldwide.

Our hearts were once again saddened at the loss of our dear brother Doug Rawson, Board Treasurer, who very recently passed away due to a heart attack while bicycle riding. Doug was a wonderful addition to the Board bringing marketing skills as well as his personable ways and steadfastness. He will be missed.

Thankfully, the Residents at the BSRC have not had a case of Covid-19 or its variants. The CMT (Center Management Team) have done a wonderful job, by the Lord's grace, in maintain-

ing this condition by the implementation of best practices, such as hand sanitizers, daily temperature checks and restriction of Main House access only to residents and employees and restricting visitors to the building. We hope we are approaching the time where Covid will take its place among the other viral diseases, such as influenza, etc.

We are happy to see Bill and Ellie Rozmus return to the Center from Canada after an extended time away from us due to Canadian Covid border restrictions. They are hoping to again split their time between their home in White Rock, B.C. and at the Center. In a similar vein, we also welcome part-time seasonal residents who would rent an apartment year-round but maybe would enjoy the summer months in Oregon and winter months elsewhere.

The BSRC has been blessed with resident brethren who are also employees of the Center. This has been a win-win situation for all as we have more conscientious workers than one can hire from the outside.

Of course, these are brethren who have applied for job openings at the Center and look at their employment as more than a job.

We will miss Jean Mora who only recently returned to the BSRC. She has now decided to live with family. The application of her very talented gardening skills helped to make the BSRC grounds more lovely to behold. We will mention at this juncture that 4 empty units are available and ready to occupy. The Admissions Report, included herein, will illustrate, and describe the details.

You are encouraged to read within the various articles which will further explain our blessings and opportunities. May our Heavenly Father bless and keep all of you in the palm of His hands.

Br. Michael Costelli, Board Chairman



Never a Dull Moment at the BSRC

The fellowship activities at the BSRC started off with a bang for 2022 when the residents were treated to a "soup du jour and baguettes" Saturday luncheon featuring a choice of tomato bisque, chicken noodle, or vegetable soup accompanied by French baguette slices and butter. What better way to stay warm (and full) during the January cold!

Each month, the CMT (Center Management Team) at the BSRC has the honor of planning a monthly fellowship event for the residents to enjoy. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the prospect of staging some of these events outside have been greatly diminished and so the challenge has been to plan events on campus (yes, the BSRC looks like a college

campus). February was no exception as the residents partook in the ever-popular ice cream social which featured ice cream sundaes with all the available toppings along with wafer cookies. Who says you can't enjoy ice cream in February?

March offered a very interesting challenge: which Coney Island hot dog is best? Is it from New York or Michigan? Each state has their own version of a Coney Island so it was only natural that the residents were called in to do a taste test and render a verdict. A little incentive was added in washing down the Coney Islands with a refreshing A&W root beer float. What was the verdict? Who cares? The residents

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A Remembrance

Doug Rawson

**December 5, 1947 -
March 21, 2022**

What does the LORD require of us but to do justly, love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God?

During the time we shared with him on the Bible Students Retirement Center Board, we can say that our dear Br. Doug Rawson did just that. His example of doing justly, loving mercy and walking humbly with God was evident in the care and concern he had for the residents and employees at the Center. He was an example to us all.

Br. Doug's interest in the BSRC began when his mother, Sr. Sophie Rawson, moved there in 2002. A few years after Sr. Sophie's passing, in January 2008, Br. Doug accepted nomination and was elected to the Board of Directors for the BSRC in 2012. After his three years of service, he was reelected in 2015 and appointed Treasurer of the Board through 2017. After a required one-year

sabbatical he was re-elected again in 2019 to serve three more years as Treasurer.

Over Br. Doug's consecrated life, he faithfully served his brethren in many capacities. He was an elder in the Palo Alto Ecclesia for many years and later in the San Francisco Bay Area Bible Students Ecclesia. Br. Doug was also one of the elders responsible for putting on the Asilomar Regional Bible Students Convention. His desire to encourage our young Bible Students provided him the opportunity to co-chair the "teen" program at the General Convention that he enjoyed attending with his son and parents, Br. Ray and Sr. Sophie.

Br. Doug was born on December 5, 1947 in Detroit, MI, to Br. Raymond and Sr. Sophie Rawson where they attended the Detroit Bible Students Ecclesia. Upon graduating from Michigan State University, Br. Doug moved to Northern California where he lived with his wife Kathy and their son Matthew.



The Apostle Peter said in 1 Pet. 5:6 "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time." Br. Doug's time came Monday, March 21st. Br. Doug was an avid cyclist for many years and loved to ride with a group of his friends. He was a member of the Almaden Cycle Touring Club. On March 21st, while out riding with his friends he suffered a heart attack and despite valiant efforts could not be resuscitated.

Our dear Br. Doug will be greatly missed. Our prayers go out to his wife Kathy, son Matthew and all his family and friends. Br. Doug had survived his uncle, Br. Ken Rawson, by only two weeks.

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen."-- Phm. 1:25

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wound up creating their own hybrid Coney Island versions and loving every eatable morsel. I guess the question on who's got the best Coney Island will have to wait for another showdown.

April's fellowship event will consist of a pre-Memorial testimony meeting on April 9th followed by cheese and crackers. Brother Bill Facker will be conducting the service.

Although May's fellowship activity is still on the "drawing board," I might entice the reader by saying that the beautiful May weather,



with all its flowers coming into full bloom, will feature an outdoor activity at the BSRC. Last year's event was the debut of BBQ ribs and turned out to be very popular with the residents. The CMT will be considering whether to make this BBQ an annual event and do the same this year. Of course, there are BBQ baked beans and coleslaw added to the menu as well. Decisions, decisions ...

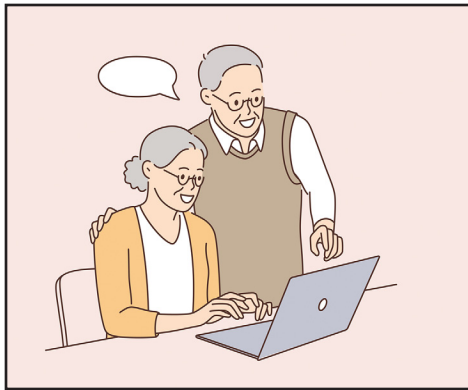
***Come visit us from
the comfort of
your home...***

We are excited to share with you our new website. To visit us from your computer...

Website address:
www.TheBSRC.org

Password:
[The year of our Lord's Return]

Yes, the mountain in the masthead is our beautiful Mount Hood. The website is loaded with information about the Center. Here is just a taste of what you will discover...



- Benefits of living and activities at the Center
- Information about our different unit styles: features, sizes, floor plans, photos, and rental costs
- FAQs, such as: Who may apply as a Resident? Where is the Center located? What does it look like? What is the Security like? What are my expenses besides rent?
- Our Photo Gallery, which includes: Activities, Our Residents, The Main House – the Center of Activities, Unit interiors, The BSRC Grounds, Our Beautiful Flowers, and The Local Area
- Residents' opinions of "Good Reasons to live at the Center"
- How to become a Member to show your support for the Center
- Special Pricing information and qualifications for those with limited income and assets
- Contact information and a list of our Board of Directors
- Local area information, including community services
- Copies of our most recent Newsletters and Annual Reports

We update our website regularly and hope that you will visit it again and again.

NOTE: The website is only for Bible Students. We encourage you to share the web address and password with brethren. Please do not share it with those outside our fellowship or on any social media sites.

What's going on with the Real Estate Market?

You have probably heard that the prices of homes are up, **way up** in almost every area of the country. Real Estate is booming! The median price of homes in the US rose over 26% in the last 2 years (S&P/Case-Shiller statistics). The rental market is also very strong with the median asking rent in the US up to \$1,228/month (19% in the last year alone).

If you have a home to sell, you may be thinking "Should I sell now and take advantage of the price that I can get for my home in this market?" If you are renting, you may be concerned at the increases in rental rates, which are going up even faster than the price of homes.

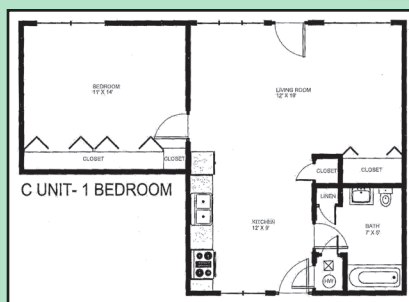
If these are your thoughts, you might consider a move to the Retirement Center this year. As opposed to the rest of the US, the rental rates at the Center are very reasonable. A 500 sq. ft. studio unit rents for as little as \$405/month. Our largest unit, which is 2 bedroom, 2 full baths with a 1 car garage at 1,476 sq. ft. rents for \$1,142/month.



Although, we do not have any of our largest units currently available, elsewhere in this newsletter, you can see which styles we do have available. Not only are our rents low, but our units are in a beautiful, gated community. And the fact that this is a Bible Student community makes them priceless! Something to consider....

New Style Available Immediately

It's been many years since a 1-bedroom C-building unit has been available. At only **\$596/month**, the 668 sq. ft., unfurnished, second floor unit has a lot of value for the money spent. It has an open plan Living Room – Dining area and full Kitchen, a full bath with a shower over tub, good closet space, and a small private balcony. The shared washer & dryer are just a few steps from the front door. Access to this unit is via our new elevator or stairs.



Interested in a Trial Visit?

Have you thought that the Center sounds like a great place to live, but you just are not sure if it is right for you? Well, we have a plan to give you a good taste for what it would be like to live at the Center. For those brethren who are considering a move to the BSRC either soon or sometime in the future, we would like to invite you to come for a **free 1 – 2 week Trial Visit**. The purpose of this visit is to provide an “in-person” feel of what life is like at the Center — to try out a unit and see if this move is right for you. The lodging during this visit will be at no cost to you. Also, we will include a free noon meal in the Main House dining room, on the days that it is served (Monday-Friday), during your stay.

For more information, to schedule a visit, or to add your name to our Waiting List (a priority list), contact the Admissions Chair at 908-400-0456 or dshallieu@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.

ALSO AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

Unit F9: 2 bedroom / 1 full bath / \$822 per month / Second Floor / 1,090 sq. ft. unfurnished / Open concept Living-Dining Room with vaulted ceiling / Separate laundry room / Large private balcony with lovely view of the landscaped courtyard / All on one level / Access to unit via our new elevator or stairs / For floor plan & photos, see “Spring 2021 Newsletter” or go to www.TheBSRC.org.

Unit C2: 1 bedroom with Sitting Room / 1 full & 1 half bath / \$742 per month / First Floor / 1,000 sq. ft. unfurnished / Lots of large windows / Good storage with multiple closets / Washer & Dryer hook-ups in half bath / Small patio area / For floor plans & photos, see “Spring 2020 Newsletter” or go to www.TheBSRC.org.

Unit C8: Studio / 1 full bath / \$405 per month / Second Floor / 500 sq. ft. unfurnished / Access to shared washer & dryer on the same level / Private, small balcony / Access to unit via our new elevator or stairs / Unit qualifies for reduced rent depending on your financial situation / For floor plans & photos, see “Fall 2021 Newsletter” or go to www.TheBSRC.org.

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