

ALABAMA BAPTIST RETIREMENT CENTERS

The Alabama Baptist Retirement Centers, an entity of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, seeks to minister to those ages fifty-five and above, as well as those physically impaired or disabled, by providing the best possible housing and ministries designed to meet their holistic needs. We can do so because of the generosity of Alabama Baptist churches who contribute through the Cooperative Program.

Because of your gifts through the Cooperative Program, we can provide safe, clean, decent, and affordable housing to over 250 residents who have found a home at one of the Alabama Baptist Retirement Centers. In addition to meeting the residents' physical need for housing, our creative staff provides activities, crafts, and games to meet their need for social interactions as well.

Most importantly, however, we seek to meet their spiritual needs by providing opportunities for spiritual enrichment and growth. To that end, guest pastors are often enlisted to present a message from God's Word to our residents in a chapel setting. Guest musicians frequently visit our retirement centers to bring words of love, hope, and encouragement through the medium of music. The sounds of music from senior adult choirs from local churches and other gospel groups are often heard echoing down the halls of our retirement centers.

How can you help and participate in the ministry of Alabama Baptist Retirement Centers, you may ask. There are several ways. First, you can contribute financially to the ministry by giving to your local church. A portion of the tithes and offerings you bring to your local church filters its way down to the retirement centers through the Cooperative Program and we are most grateful. Secondly, if you live near one of our retirement centers, located in Montgomery, Dothan and Roanoke, our residents would love for you to visit. Bring a group from your church to sing, present a devotional, lead an arts and crafts project, or conduct a VBS. Get creative! Of course, food and refreshments are always welcome! Most of all, our residents would simply love your company! If there is not an Alabama Baptist Retirement Center near your town or community, you can minister to the residents or patients at a local nursing home or retirement community.

And finally, the most important thing you can do for our staff and residents is to pray. We cherish prayer most of all. Pray for the health and safety of our residents and pray for their spiritual well-being. We don't want these precious individuals to leave this earth without knowing Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Pray for our managers and staff at each site that the residents would see the love of Jesus in them every day through their work, their words, and their servant's heart.

If you would like more information about the ministry of Alabama Baptist Retirement Centers and how you can participate, contact us at 800.264.1225 ext. 329 or visit our website www.abrc.org. We hope to see you soon!

Ken Schroeder
President

"Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth" Psalm 71:9