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Bill and Al Langford, Danny Berry, Kay Foshee, and Pam Langford
.....FBC Missions Men building porch and steps in background

NEW OFFICE BUILDING!

Originally we planned to use some of the space in our houses for offices for the staff. The State Department of Health informed us a few months ago that we couldn't do it; so we had to find an alternative. We first priced leasing temporary modular space. And then we turned to **Mr. Al Langford** for help. Al, his wife Bill and daughter Pam live outside Lexington and Pam will be one of our first residents at SON Valley. **Pam** is excited about moving to SON Valley and Al has always been willing to help. Not only did Mr. Langford find the ideal double-wide office space, he negotiated the deal...and **bought it and donated it to SON Valley!** **How's that for helping??** The carpet needed replacing; so Al got a friend of his to give us a good deal on some carpet, ordered it and had it installed. He then brought his sons to work on the trailer. We can't thank Al enough for giving us the perfect office space. And then **Laura Bergeron** responded to our plea for help. She got Ken Blackstock's SS class at **First Baptist-Jackson** to come out Saturday Feb 24 for a work day. Man, did they work! Lunch was served by Ruth Allen and Edith Everett christening our beautiful new kitchen in the first home to be opened. Great Christian Fellowship is such a Blessing!



FBC SS Class Volunteers



FBC Missions at work on offices



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTES

by Bill McCormack

I don't have to tell our faithful supporters how long we've been nudging forward on Phase I. It has taken quite a while. I can't tell you how many times we (the Board and the small staff) have had to stop and remind ourselves that everything is supposed to happen in God's time, not ours. Well, I think He's ready now...The Green House—water and sewer are hooked up (remember, **Jim Foshee** had to bring sewer cross-country as well as lay the water line); the punch-list items have begun. We'll be moving furniture in pretty soon. And the Yellow House is not far behind. We have hired a couple more key Staff members. **RN Tammy Stanford** came to us from Centralia, Illinois, where she was Director of Nursing at a 99-bed nursing home. What perfect training for SON Valley! **Susan Burns is our new Program Director**, the person who will oversee everything about the care and support of our residents. Susan and her husband will be moving here from New Palestine, Indiana. So, the burning question is still, **WHEN DO WE OPEN SON VALLEY??** We finish hiring staff in March; train in April; bring in our first three residents in early May; get the State Department of Health Surveyors to come check us out—hopefully by the end of May. When they are satisfied, then we're ready to bring in the rest of the 20 residents. If you've got any room on your prayer list, say a prayer that we can meet that schedule.

Thanks, Bill



Attorney Ron Morton

President of the Baptist Homes, Inc. Board of Directors, is a Jackson native and member of First Baptist. He does Estate Planning for families with disabled/handicapped children. We are honored to have him. His expertise is so valuable to us as we move forward with opening **SON Valley** this year.



LADIES AUXILIARY UPDATE

RENE BROCK, PRESIDENT

Over 40 people attended the first meeting of 2007. Bill gave an update of the progress that is being made on the grounds at SON Valley and Danny informed us of planned fund raising for 2007. Their 'Pep Talks' gave all a renewed sense of enthusiasm. Won't you join us for our next meeting Saturday, April 21, 10:00-12:00 noon at Center Terrace Baptist Church, 605 East Peace Street, Canton. (601-859-4186 for directions) You will have an opportunity to tour SON Valley after the meeting. As always, wonderful refreshments will be served and it promises to be time well spent.. We need your support by joining the Auxiliary. Send your check for \$25.00 (annual dues) to SON Valley Ladies Auxiliary, c/o Stephanie Kite, Treasurer, 2852 Englewood Dr, Jackson 39212. We look forward to seeing you there and may God richly bless you and help us work together to accomplish our goal.



Development Director's NEWS

I can feel spring in the air. It is my favorite time of the year when everything has been dormant for several months and all of a sudden it is **ALIVE** again with all kinds of color. While the winter months have been good to Son Valley I am hopeful that the next few months are going to see just as **BIG** a change in progress as we see in the changing of the seasons. We are getting closer to the day when we will be able to say, **OPEN FOR BUSINESS**. It is going to take a lot of work and a lot of money to bring Son Valley to fruition. Everybody's part is important. Our Kroger Card program continues to experience solid growth. If you don't have a Kroger Card please contact me and I will get as many as you need. We are hopeful that our Specialty License Plate for Son Valley will be approved through the Legislator and we will need your support in getting the necessary 200 plates ordered before production can begin. Our next big fundraiser will be our sixth annual Father's Day offering. Our goal is \$75,000 and it is going to take as many churches as possible participating to reach our goal. Please help me by contacting your pastor and asking him to give your church the opportunity to be part of Son Valley through this offering. I am very excited about Miss Mississippi, Taryn Foshee speaking for Son Valley at the State Women's Federation Convention in Natchez in April. I am hopeful this will open up many speaking engagements to get the word out about Son Valley. We are ALL so proud of her and the way she represented Mississippi in the Miss America Pageant. If you know of any organization, club, or church that would like to hear about Son Valley then give me a call at 601-940-8444 or email me at dmb@sonvalley.net

Danny Berry





After 6 months (well actually four years) of waiting, I finally arrived in LAS VEGAS! I could not believe I was actually there to compete in the Miss America Pageant! Advertisements for Miss America 2007 were everywhere: on our room keys, in the elevator, on the side of the hotel. It was unbelievable! After being picked up in a limo and taken to VIP hotel check-in, we settled into our rooms and had final fittings with the seamstresses. Our first official event was the Miss America Arrival Ceremony at Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino. The Mayor of Las Vegas welcomed each of us with a hug and a rose. We then went to an orientation meeting and were able to preview "Becoming Miss America: Pageant School." By the time I went to bed I had been up for 23 hours. The Lord blessed me with a perfect performance! I have never played "El Cumbanchero" perfectly but that night was as close as I have ever come! I guess practicing an hour a day, every day really payed off. I could not be any more pleased about tonight. It was everything I could have hoped for!



WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR SON Valley GIRL



I woke up refreshed and ready for my interview. I thought that it went very well and that the judges really got to know me! Chris Matthews really played Hardball, and I loved every minute of it! I had a great morning! That night I competed in On-Stage Question in one of my favorite cocktail dresses! The on-stage questions were about our platforms, so the audience and judges really got to know my heart. Words cannot describe how honored I am to have reached the top 5. I shared the stage with such wonderful, talented, beautiful, and deserving women. I am thankful for the friendships I have made and the memories that will last my entire lifetime. Lauren Nelson will make a wonderful Miss America. We are so lucky to have her representing us! *Taryn Foshee, Miss Mississippi*



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WELCOME



Susan Burns, Program Director, has a Masters in Special Ed, worked in ICFMR as a Teacher & QMRP; was Team Leader at a non-profit for people with disabilities, and Director of Human Resources. She and her husband are moving to Canton from New Palestine, Indiana.



Margaret Frazier, Business Manager owned/operated The Music Box locally for years, immediate past President of Baptist Homes Board of Directors



Tammy Sanford, Supervising RN. Tammy comes to us from Centralia Illinois, where she was Director of Nursing for Odin Healthcare Center, a 99-bed nursing home.

Ruby Bryant Building

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After a friend told **Tommy & Mildred Wiggins of Caledonia** about SON Valley, they came to visit & offered their help. Arriving before 8 a.m. they took up the baseboard, took apart shelving, and took up all the carpet in the office trailer! They left tired, but in good spirits promising to be back tomorrow for another day's work - and they were. Great Friends of SON Valley

VOLUNTEERS



Roger Hinton, owner of Breezeway Blinds and Shutters (601-857-8070), with his daughter **Kelley**. Roger donated blinds for both houses in honor of future resident **Zach Miles** of Brandon.



Stewart Sneed Hewes Insurance Company Ladies present Bill with a Christmas donation.



Miss Mattie Rials brought **David Stewart** (second from right) and a group of supporters from **First Baptist-McComb** to see the progress at SON Valley



The employees of the **Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services** presented SON Valley a donation at their Christmas party. **Mr. H.S. (Butch) McMillan**, ExDir and **Dean Morganti**, Admn Assistant, present the check to **Bill McCormack**.



NEWS



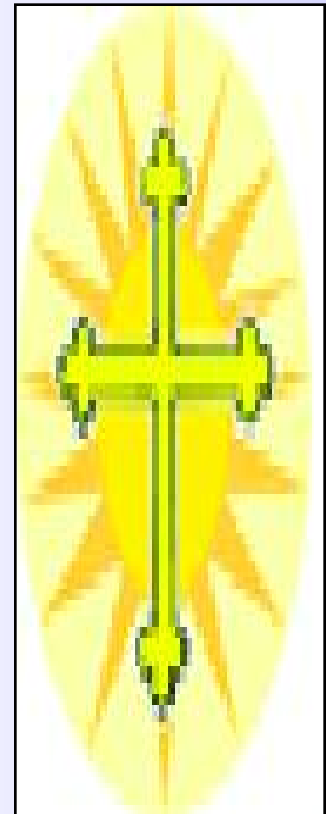
UPDATE



WOW! I am happy to report that our last two checks from Kroger have both been over the \$1000 amount. Our December check was \$1177.00 and our January check was \$1091.00. This represents over a \$300.00 increase over our previous checks. It is only going to get better thanks to ALL of you who are keeping those Kroger Cards active. If you need a card please contact me and I will be happy to get you as many as you need along with the instruction card. Our goal for the year is to average \$1500.00 a month. If we keep this up we may far exceed that goal. New Patrons: M/M Charles Boyer, Dorothea Brock, Rene & C G Brock, M/M Ross Burkett, Marilyn\Harry Carr, Patty Clark, Ann Harris, Liz Little, Beth & B G Sollie Friends, Melda Tunnell, Foshee Construction Co, Mike & Sandra Hammontree, Al & Billie Langford, M/M Tommy Wiggins, Mclaurin Heights Baptist Church and many more.

Thanks for your support!!

Danny Berry 601-940-8444 or email me at dmb@sonvalley.net



Clinton Parkway Baptist church youth group and their Youth Minister, Neal Tullos. They came and spent a day during their Christmas holidays. We thought this was a great example of volunteerism!

Belk and SON Valley TEAM UP

Belk Department Store wants to help Son Valley raise money. Here's how it works! Son Valley volunteers sell tickets for \$5 and the ticket enables the holder to a discount of 20% off shopping pass during a two-day sale on March 30th -31st. The ticket holder can also get their \$5 back if they shop from 8:00am-11:00am on Saturday morning. Son Valley gets to keep the entire \$5 received for the ticket and will be entered in a drawing to receive an additional \$1000. We will also be given an opportunity to sell tickets outside the store during certain hours on each day. Please let me know how many tickets you would like to buy for your friends and give them away or sell them. **LIMITED TIME ONLY!! WE NEED TO RESPOND NOW!** Call me at 601-940-8444 or email me at dmb@sonvalley.net. Our goal is to sell 500 tickets and Son Valley would receive \$2500.

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JUNE 17, 2007!

SIXTH ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY OFFERING

While we still have Easter and Spring to look forward to before Father's Day it is not too early to start thinking about one of our biggest fundraisers, our annual Father's Day offering. We have set a goal of \$75,000 this year and in order for us to reach that goal it is going to take a larger number of our churches participating than ever before. I want to make a personal appeal to ALL our pastor friends to make sure you allow your church this mission opportunity to give to Son Valley. We have many more churches that are getting involved with our mission to build a quality Christian Community for adults with mental retardation and we need your help as well. This is our sixth annual offering and it has grown each year. We will be mailing a package of materials to each church in May so you can promote and receive the offering on Father's Day, June 17, 2007. Please be looking for it and make sure it doesn't get thrown in the garbage. We will be happy to come and speak to your church about the GREAT need for Son Valley and how their participation in our mission is critical for our success. By the time of this offering we hope to have residents in our first home. This is a very exciting time for Son Valley and we can feel the momentum building as we get closer to making it all become a reality. We want your church to be a part of this wonderful opportunity to minister to, "the least of these" as our Lord asked us to do. Remember that we are a nonprofit organization and depend on your prayers and your financial support. Please give serious consideration and prayer to being a part of our sixth annual Father's Day offering and help us reach our goal so we can help our special friends.

Danny Berry, DD



WE GOT IT!

AND JUST IN TIME - BEFORE THE WINTER RAINS COULD STOP US. THANKS TO RICHARD PUCKETT AND FAMILY'S MEMORIALS AT THE END OF THE YEAR, WE WERE ABLE TO PROCEED WITH OUR NEED FOR ASPHALT. IT IS GREAT

"...Jesus rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, He was seen by Peter, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present day, but some have died. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles." 1 Cor 15: 5b-6 **He's Alive!**