

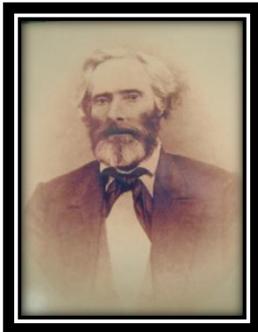
## *Providing a Caring Community for Christians in Retirement*

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**Turner**  
**RETIREMENT  
HOMES**

### Short History of TRH – by Shelley Magnuson, Activity Director



Henry Turner

In 1927 the Judith Turner Memorial Home for boys was established by Eugene Bible College and financed by Cornelia Davis, the daughter of Henry & Judith Turner. It served the needs of boys between the ages of eleven and fifteen until it was a casualty of the Depression and the home closed July 1, 1932. Under the leadership of Dr. H.C. Epley, a member of Court Street Christian Church and Ellmore Gilstrap, the minister of Turner Christian Church and who also managed the Boys Home, started making plans to reinvent the Judith Turner Memorial Home as a home for retired ministers and their wives. On August 1, 1933 the announcement was made and in 1934 the first residents, Judson Brown and his wife, entered the home.

Some time ago I was looking through archived papers, mostly old TRH newsletters and I came across an October 1956 issue of a magazine called Horizons The Missions Story. The issue featured Turner Memorial Home so I read it cover to cover. So many of the names mentioned in the article I recognized from my years in the Astoria First Christian Church and my participation in Christian Endeavor and the Oregon Christian Convention but now as an employee here I see these names all around the TRH property. Ellmore Gilstrap, Robert & Mildred Hendershot, Earl Downing, Elmer Patterson just to name a few. This heritage fills me with a feeling of gratitude because of the work these people did to fill a need for economical housing for retired Christians. I have been given the honor of working in such a wonderful place, built on the firm foundation of God's Word and through the hard work and prayers of those who have gone before.



Judith Turner

I would like to share some of what was written by William F. Morse who was the secretary of the Board in 1956. *“Turner Memorial Home is a national home for retired ministers, missionaries and other servants of the Gospel. It is endeavoring to carry out the final words of the Great Commission when Christ said, ‘Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...’ The Apostle Paul wrote, ‘Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.’ He instructed Timothy regarding the care of those who have served, ‘Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine. For the Scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth the corn. And the labor is worthy of his reward.’” Mr. Morse continues, “The trustees of Turner Memorial Home consider that our work is definitely a missionary enterprise, for it is carrying out the Lord’s command that those who have labored and built churches are entitled to loving care, the care which they have so well earned as servants of our Lord.”*

The years between 1956 and now have a lot in common even though much has changed over the years. Turner Memorial Home is now Turner Retirement Homes and our facilities have grown and the number of people we can serve has grown but one very fundamental thing has not changed. We serve the very people who deserve appreciation for their years of service. Mr. Morse was right on target when he said we are a missionary enterprise and we are so pleased to serve in the mission set

before us, to care for and provide affordable housing to retired ministers, missionaries and other Christian brothers and sisters. The employees of TRH are not the only missionaries who help in Turner in this endeavor. We have wonderful churches and individuals who give to the TRH mission regularly.



## **Charitable Donations**

Although residents' fees are a substantial portion of the monthly income, a considerable portion comes from churches and individuals. TRH and churches work together to provide what could not adequately be done alone. TRH is a ministry, an ongoing mission, where God's people come together to care for and honor our former pastors, missionaries and other church workers. Please pray for TRH and ask God how you or your church could partner with this wonderful non-profit gem in the beautiful Willamette Valley.

## **Estate Planning – Living Trust**

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**Christian Standard Online** Interview with Mike Prior, president of Financial Planning Ministry  
[christianstandard.com/2007/08/interview-with-mike-prior](http://christianstandard.com/2007/08/interview-with-mike-prior)

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