



# Creekside Update

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## Growth and Good Fruit by Seth Morley, Trustee

God loves to grow things. He loves to grow people, He loves to grow ministries, He loves to grow His kingdom. And I think He has placed a little bit of that love to grow things in each one of us. For me, I love growing a garden. It is not so much that I like vegetables; in fact, I eat very few of the things I grow in my garden. The exciting part for me is preparing the soil, planting the seeds, giving them some sunlight and some water and watching them grow just the way God designed them to. This year when I planted my garden, I wanted to try a trick that a man in our church taught me several years ago. This involves planting a tomato plant start that is 10 to 12 inches tall. But the trick is that you bury most of the plant below the soil.

I was excited to try it, but I ran into some trouble. As I was trying to get the tomato plant in the ground, I accidentally snapped the stem. It was only hanging on by a thread. I was disappointed because I thought I had killed it for sure. But, I thought, "Well, I will just put it back together, cover it with soil and see what happens." I left about 4 inches of the plant sticking up above the soil. That was about three weeks ago. Now that plant is about three feet tall with lots of blossoms and already a few tomatoes growing. I don't know how it survived with a snapped stem. But I

know one thing for sure; it is getting the water and nutrients it needs. And what is my evidence for that? It is growing and producing fruit.

That is the standard that Jesus set in His kingdom too. In John 15:5-8 Jesus says, *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."* The evidence that Jesus followers are connected to Him, the source of true life, is that we are growing and producing good fruit.

And when I look around at Turner Retirement Homes, I see evidence of growth and good fruit all around me. I see a community that is loving, supportive and compassionate. I see people in need being cared for. I see the love of Jesus being lived out in amazing, tangible ways. I see Jesus followers addressing tough issues in our culture with grace and love. I see God opening up doors to new and exciting ministries. In short, I see

growth and good fruit - evidence that Turner Retirement Homes is connected to the true vine. And I see real world examples of what Jesus describes in Matthew 5:14-16 when He says, *"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*

There is a bright light shining in our small corner of the world and you are part of it. God loves to make things grow and He is growing something pretty special right now in Turner. As we continue to stay connected to Him, as we continue to follow His lead and seek His will, He will continue to help us to grow and produce good fruit. He will grow His people, His ministry and His kingdom here in this place. And when people see the growth that God is bringing at Turner Retirement Homes, He will get the glory. I, for one, am excited to see what God has planned next. Because the future is bright when we are reflecting the Light of the World.

## Have You Considered Becoming a Resident?

Are you looking for affordable senior housing with like minded people that live in a safe active community? Then Turner Homes is the right place for you! We offer many options for senior living; from one-bedroom



apartments to three-bedroom homes. Our one-bedroom apartments include a spacious living/dining area with a kitchenette; a large bedroom with a walk in closet large enough for storage, and a full sized bathroom. Our one-bedroom apartments are centrally located close to the main campus and the Creekside Café. Some of our one-bedroom units have indoor washer and dryer hook-ups, and if they don't there is a shared laundry room available.

Our two-bedroom duplexes are one of our most popular options. Duplexes are located in quiet neighborhoods not far from the main campus. The duplexes are separated by a single car garage, so there are no shared walls with your neighbor, making it a bit more private. There is an area for your washer and dryer. Some units have a half bath, or a second full bathroom. They also have landscaped yards with a nice patio area for your enjoyment.



Residents are allowed one small pet per household. Groundskeeping is provided for all grassy common areas around the apartments, otherwise it's the resident's responsibility to take care of their yards and flowerbeds. Garbage service is included, but all other utilities are the responsibility of the resident.

Residents also enjoy access to the Creekside Café. This is our centrally located dining room on campus that provides a hearty lunch meal Monday through Friday (except holidays). The meals include a salad bar, and dessert. During the cooler months soup is also included with your meal. Meal tickets are made

affordable for all residents, and on your birthday you get a free meal!

We also offer our on-site resident housekeeping services for an additional fee. Housekeeping includes cleaning all floors, dusting, cleaning surfaces and appliances in the kitchen and cleaning all areas of the bathroom. We can also change bedding, wash inside windows, or spot-clean carpets at your request.



One bedroom units start at \$1,000 per month. One-Bedroom duplex units start at \$1,100 per month; Two-bedroom duplexes start at \$1,450 per

month; a houses start at \$1,650 per month and go up to \$2,000 per month depending on the size of the unit.

We are offering a Super Spectacular Summer Special for new resident move-ins. New resident must be living at Turner Homes by September 1, 2024. Residents will receive 20 free meals at Creekside café. (One 20 meal ticket per resident in the household.)

If you're interested in learning more we encourage you to give us a call to see what is available, request a tour, and get started on the application process. Tours are available during business hours 8 am—4 pm, Monday—Friday with Administration.

Turner Homes is a benevolent ministry of the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ and is a registered 501(c) (3) non-profit. Financial aid may be available to you if you are on a fixed or low income and in need of assistance to pay your monthly reimbursement. Please talk to Administration to see what documentation is needed to apply for financial assistance.



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1. Your donations go right back into the community.  
*Every donation gets put back into the Turner Homes community in various ways. From maintenance upkeep to special projects and more.*
2. Your donations may help people you know and care for.  
*Some donations help with financial aid to residents with a lower or fixed income.*
3. Your donations are tax deductible.  
*Turner Homes is a registered 501(c)(3), so all donations are tax deductible.*
4. From large donations to small donations, every bit helps.  
*No donation is too big or too small. We are thankful for ALL donations!*
5. You support a ministry that has been around over 90 years.  
*Turner Homes has been around and supporting the mission since 1933.*
6. You support the sustainability of a unique Christian community.  
*Making homes safe and affordable for individuals seeking to live in a Christian community.*
7. You put your money into something that makes you feel good because it helps others.  
*You have the satisfaction knowing that your donations go directly into what affects the people living in the community.*
8. Your donations go to help make improvements to the community.  
*Donations help improve and maintain existing homes along with repairing or replacing worn equipment.*
9. Your donations help expand our mission by making way for new generations to be included.  
*Turner Homes has been able to recently expand what we offer to include younger generations into our*

## How to Donate

*community.*

10. Your donations help to bear good fruit for the community as a whole.  
*By helping us to sustain our current mission and expand into the future!*
- If you have questions about how you can donate to Turner Homes or what your donations support, please contact us and ask for Tim. 503-743-2490. He would be happy to share that information.*

You can make a donation by mailing a check to: Turner Retirement Homes  
PO Box 970

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## What's Been Happening at TRH?

As we lean into the summer season this spring has been a time of growth and change. When you're growing in the right direction the change is good! We reported in our last newsletter that we have partnered with Turner Christian Church to house the local Marion Polk Food Share food bank. Things have been going well with the new location and we appreciate the volunteers that oversee the food bank operations. Many in the local community continue to benefit from this program.



Our partnership with Hope Pregnancy Center for the Women of Hope project is moving along slowly. So far, three women with children have benefited from this ministry. Offering an affordable means for housing while the new mother works her way to solid footing has been beneficial to the women. One of the mothers connected with a local church and committed her life to Jesus! We have had some residents that have also supported this ministry by coming alongside to support the new mothers in various ways. It's encouraging to see how this benefits all the generations involved.



We also welcomed the Mavericks Independent League baseball team back for another season. Some of this year's ball players were here last year. We have players from all over the USA, including Georgia, Texas, and California, and from other parts of the world as far as El Salvador. We provide them with housing during the baseball season that lasts through mid-September, and we have free access to local games. Many of our residents have enjoyed attending the games and getting to know the players.



Our resident, Karen Ziese, lives on the street that leads to Turner Elementary School. This year she made connections with children in the community by sitting on her patio and waving to those headed to school each morning. As the year went on the children would look for her and roll down their car windows waving enthusiastically as they went by. She was quite surprised on the last day of school when many of the children created art and showered the outside of her home with the art, as you can see in the photo. She also received a plant in a plant stand as a gift of recognition. The daily waves created many smiles and had quite an impact on Karen and the children.





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## Living Units Available

Turner Homes currently has a few open housing units available for immediate occupancy. We also have several more units coming open in the next few months. Applicants must be retired and meet resident application requirements. Options for financial assistance.

### Currently available

- One bedroom apartments starting at \$1000\*
- Two bedroom duplex unit—\$1450\*

### Coming soon

- Two bedroom smaller home—\$1600\*
- Two bedroom duplex with sunroom—\$1600\*

*\* All units are "plus utilities" (garbage service provided by TRH.)*

## New staff at Turner Homes

Lisa Gloor is the newest staff member and a great addition to the team! Lisa has been training for many different departments, including the kitchen and housekeeping, but most times you will find her covering the front desk. Welcome Lisa!



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## Giving to Turner Homes

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Turner, Oregon 97392

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