

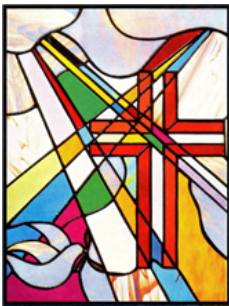
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*"May God Bless
America"*

"In God We Trust"



President's Message

How are your New Year's resolutions coming along?

The "Good Book" warns us against lying, stealing, murder, vulgar language, the love of money and gossip. Be patient with me... I am working to improve on all of those faults in 2025. I was holding strong until the bowl game. Poor Me!

I recently read an article profiling Dr. William Faunce, the former President of Brown University, who once gave a talk on the question, "Is it worthwhile?" During freshman orientation, he advised the assembled students to ask a simple question before making any important decision away from home: "Is it worthwhile?" He suggested that half of life's problems come our way when we get caught up in things that don't really matter.

Which disturbs you the most?

- Missing your household chores or missing a ball game?
- A sermon ten minutes too long or a lunch a half-hour late?
- Missing a doctor's appointment or missing a TV show?

Many years ago there was a large congregation a few blocks west on Tuscaloosa Avenue that made a New Year's commitment to construct a new church building. It was past time to re-build and when the project was completed people came from all over Birmingham to see the finished structure. The building had that new smell. The folks admired the stain glass windows, the carpet was clean and beautiful. The minister was especially pleased with the new pulpit. But, away in the roof a little 4-penny nail held down but one shingle. The nail heard

people praising the furnishings, but nobody mentioned the shingle nail or seemed to be aware of its existence. So the little nail became unenthused and sad.

"I have been doing my job faithfully and I've received no recognition. If I am that insignificant, nobody will miss me if I quit." it said to no one listening. And so, the little nail pulled out, raced down the steep roof and fell to the ground below. That night a big rain came and the shingle nail was buried in the mud. The difference between being buried in the mud and holding down a shingle is that before the nail was obscure but useful, and now the nail is obscure but of no use.

But wait, the worst of the story is yet to come. The shingle became loose and without the cooperation of the nail it blew away and left a hole in the roof. That same rain soaked the beautiful new pulpit and it splintered into pieces and it stained the new carpet. The new building smell became musty. All because one little nail felt neglected and didn't think it was worthwhile or needed.

So what are your New Year's resolutions? We hope one includes being an involved member of BHSRO where you can be that 4-penny nail that holds down the important shingle. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a signup form for the Wednesday, February 19, luncheon. Baptist Health System President, Amy Allen, will provide the group with an update on the merger with Orlando Healthcare. Now is the time to send in your 2025 dues as well. The Haynes Auditorium doors swing open at 11 am. We will have fun and frolic until 11:30 am at which time the buffet line opens. The program begins at noon and you will be on your way home by 1:00 pm. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

BHSRO Winter Speaker

Amy S. Allen



Amy Allen is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Baptist Health System, Inc. in Birmingham, Alabama. Baptist is a non-profit healthcare system providing services to the greater Birmingham community in a way that promotes the healing ministry of Christ through its 20% ownership in Brookwood Baptist Health, a joint venture with Orlando Health for the operation of five hospitals in the greater Birmingham area.

Amy was promoted to President and CEO in October 2015. In her role, she is also responsible for strategic oversight of the Baptist Health Foundation. Prior to her becoming CEO, Amy was the Vice President, Finance and Chief Accounting Officer for Baptist from 2011-2015. She served in several other accounting and finance positions at Baptist from 1997 – 2011.

Amy received a B.S. in Accounting from Auburn University in 1990 and is a Certified Public Accountant. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Alabama Society of CPA's.

Her current Board membership includes serving as Chairman of the Finance and Business Affairs Committee of the Samford Board of Trustees and serving in an Ex-officio capacity on the Baptist

Health System, Baptist Health Foundation and Brookwood Baptist Health boards. Amy also joined the Supervisory Committee of the Legacy Credit Union Board of Directors in January 2022. She also served on the YWCA Board of Directors from 2018-2023 where she served as Chairman of the Finance Committee in 2023.

Amy is a member of Dawson Baptist Church where she has served on the Finance Committee and taught Sunday School. She is also a member of the Downtown Rotary, serving as Secretary of the Board of the Downtown Rotary in 2023, she is a Sustaining member of the Junior League of Birmingham and a past member of the Service Guild of Birmingham. Amy has also served as a Visiting Allocation Team Chairman for United Way and has worked with Junior Achievement, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels and many other local community service organizations.

Amy has been married to Tony Allen for 25 years. They don't have children but enjoy spending time with nieces and nephews. Amy enjoys hiking, reading, traveling and spending time with family.

Amy is passionate about mentoring and coaching other individuals that she works with in the business world and about helping others in her community who are less fortunate. She is also passionate about securing and extending the future of faith-based healthcare in Birmingham.

Baptist Trivia

1. What year did the Birmingham Baptist Hospital begin Operation?
2. What year did BBH expand to a second hospital?
3. From whom did BBH acquire the second hospital?
4. What was the name of the School of Nursing bus driver in the early 30's.
5. What was Highland Hospital called by the public in the early years.

See answers on page 8



Winter Luncheon
Make your reservation for Wednesday February 19, 2025
 Fellowship begins at 11:00 AM with lunch served at 11:30 AM

- When:** Wednesday February 19, 2025
- Where:** Haynes Auditorium—Baptist Health Princeton
 Parking available behind building.
- Menu:** Santa Fe Chicken Breast smothered in bacon, cheddar, roasted peppers, and onions, Baked beans, Cole Slaw , Oreo Delight, Sweet Tea, Lemonade and Water
- Speaker:** Amy S. Allen- President and Chief Executive Officer of Baptist Health System, Inc. in Birmingham, Alabama.

Reservations are required to allow us to provide for adequate seating and meal servings.
(See reservation form below)

Baptist Health System Retiree Organization
Winter Meeting
February 19, 2025

Princeton Haynes Auditorium

Complete form and return along with your check by February 12, 2025

Make checks payable to BHS Retiree Organization and mail with form to:

Thea Benson
 Baptist Health System, Inc.
 Ridge Park Place
 1130 22nd St. South, Suite 3200
 Birmingham, AL 35205

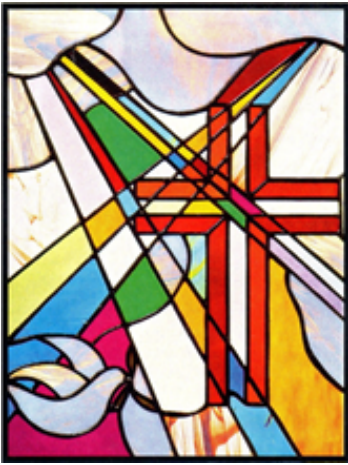
Name: _____

Members: Please make reservations(s) for: Myself -@ \$15 \$ _____

Guest & Spouse Reservations: I'm bringing _____ guest @ \$15 each \$ _____

Guest Name(s): _____ (Please add amounts above & write one check for total due)

_____ Total \$ _____



Do You Know a retiree who is NOT a member of BHSRO? Invite them to join for 2025 and their first LUNCH IS FREE!

Enjoy benefits of membership:

- First time new members receive their first lunch free
- Receive quarterly issues of the ENCORE Newsletter
- Fellowship with fellow retirees at quarterly luncheon meetings in February, May, August and November.
- Door prizes, and a \$25 cash prize drawing at each meeting
- Receive informative updates by management of hospitals news and activities

Contact Us www.facebook.com/BHSRO At Email: bhsro4102@gmail.com

Visit Website: www.bhsro.com

2025 Membership Enrollment/Renewal Form

Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Birthday: _____ (Year Optional) Retirement Date: _____ Facility: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____ Spouse Name: _____

Will spouse become an associate Member? No Yes Spouse Birthday: _____

Membership Dues	\$ 25.00
Associate Dues	\$ 15.00

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Thea Benson
Baptist Health System, Inc.
Ridge Park Place
1130 22nd St. South, Suite 3200
Birmingham, AL 35205



Brookwood Baptist Health officially becomes Baptist Health



New name for Shelby Baptist Medical Center

Five local area hospitals will have a new name starting Tuesday ,February 4, 2025.

Brookwood Baptist Health is now officially Baptist Health. This rebrand comes after the system was assumed by Orlando Health.

The changes to the individual hospital names include:

- Brookwood Baptist Medical Center will become Baptist Health Brookwood Hospital
- Princeton Baptist Medical Center will become Baptist Health Princeton Hospital
- Shelby Baptist Medical Center will become Baptist Health Shelby Hospital
- Walker Baptist Medical Center will become Baptist Health Walker Hospital
- Citizens Baptist Medical Center will become Baptist Health Citizens Hospital

President of Baptist Health Shelby Hospital Holly Dean said this is a new day in health care.

Other than the name change, patients will see no change to their care. Dean said they will continue to offer the same services, but looks forward to new opportunities to enhance care.

“We have a very engaged ownership model between Baptist Health and Orlando Health. They want to see us grow, they want to see us support this community with the healthcare we provide each and every day. So honestly, I think it’s going to be a wonderful change in the future,” said Dean.

Period Ending December 31, 2024	
Cash Balance - September 30, 2024	\$ 2,815.31
Receipts:	
11/13/24 Luncheon	\$ 840.00
Membership	\$ 885.00
Total Receipts	\$ 1,725.00
Disbursements:	
Luncheon 11/13/24	\$ 797.25
Door Prize	\$ 25.00
Table Decoration	\$ 32.98
Speaker	\$ 100.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 995.23
Cash Balance December 31, 2024	\$ 3,585.08

RENEW Your 2025 Membership

**It is time to renew your 2025
membership.**

It’s time again to renew your membership for 2025. You can send your renewal form with your Winter Luncheon meeting reservation. See page 4 for the Membership form. Do not miss out on the benefits of being an active member.

Only paid members are eligible for luncheon door prizes. Sign-in on your arrival to receive a door prize ticket.

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BHSRO 2024 Fall Meeting



*Baptist Health System Retiree Organization
Since 1991*

Directions to Princeton Haynes Building



From I-65 North

- Take I-65 North to the Green Springs Avenue Exit (#258)
- Turn left at the top of the ramp onto Green Springs Avenue.
- Turn right onto Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and go 1.6 miles until you reach the Princeton campus on your left.

From I-65 South

- Take I-65 South to 20 West/59 South toward Tuscaloosa
- Take the Arkadelphia Road Exit (#123) and turn left at the top of the exit ramp
- Follow Arkadelphia Road 1.7 miles until you reach the Princeton campus

From I-20/59 West

- Take 20 West/59 South to the Arkadelphia Road Exit (#123) and turn left at the top of the exit ramp
- Follow Arkadelphia Road 1.7 miles until you reach the Princeton campus

From I-20/59 East

- Take 20 East/59 North to the Arkadelphia Road Exit (#123) and turn right at the top of the exit ramp
- Follow Arkadelphia Road 1.7 miles until you reach the Princeton campus

From Downtown Birmingham

- Go West on 6th Avenue South to Elmwood Cemetery.
- Turn right onto Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and go one mile until you reach the Princeton campus on your left.

- Parking-** Turn off Lomb Boulevard onto Tuscaloosa Ave. heading west with Princeton BMC on the right. Entrance to Parking Deck will be the first street on the left across from entrance to East Wing Parking lot. Arrangements have been made to have reserved parking on the ground level and additional parking available in lot immediately behind the Haynes Building. Enter the lot by driving through the ground floor of the deck, follow drive around to the left. The entrance to the lot will be to the right. We are asked not to park in spaces that are designated for "Job Applicants". Please reserve the spaces at the near end of the lot for those that have mobility issues.
- **Identify yourself as BHS Retiree upon exiting deck for complimentary parking.**

Handicap Parking/Access—Parking Lot Behind Haynes

- **Parking is provided in the lot immediately to the rear of Haynes Building.**
- **Enter Haynes with one step to level access through the back entrance located adjacent to the parking deck. Sidewalk from the near end of the rear lot will provide access to this entrance. This entrance is also accessible from Tuscaloosa Avenue.**



Map of Princeton Campus



Future Meetings

Board Meetings

April 16, 2025

July 16, 2025

October 15, 2025

Luncheons

May 21, 2025

August 20, 2025

November 19, 2025

Baptist Health

A New Day in Healthcare in Central Alabama

Baptist Health is a private, not-for-profit, faith-based healthcare system dedicated to providing high-quality, accessible care for the communities of Central Alabama. As it has been for more than a century, Baptist Health is an integral part of the healthcare landscape in Central Alabama. And now, it also is an integral part of Orlando Health, a private, not-for-profit integrated academic healthcare organization with corporate offices in Orlando, Florida. Like Baptist Health, Orlando Health has a longstanding commitment to its local communities and making sure neighbors, friends and family receive the best care possible. As part of Orlando Health, Baptist Health will advance in providing innovative and compassionate patient care, strengthening the organization's mission to improve the health and quality of life of the individuals and communities we serve.

Baptist Health's system of care includes five acute care hospitals and more than 1,700 licensed beds; a free-standing emergency room, one of the first of its kind in Alabama; Alabama's largest primary care network with 70 primary care clinics as well as specialty care; approximately 2,600 employed and affiliated physicians; and more than 7,000 team members. Baptist Health is actively involved in community outreach and education, providing health screenings, wellness programs, and support groups to advance wellness for the entire region.



Baptist Health joins the Orlando Health connected network of care that spans from Florida's Atlantic to Gulf coasts, to Puerto Rico, and now to Central Alabama. Nationally recognized for its high-performing community and specialty hospitals, the now 5,150 plus-bed healthcare system includes 42 hospitals and emergency departments with 10 more in development, dedicated specialty institutes, behavioral health and skilled nursing facilities, urgent care locations, multiple physician groups and numerous outpatient centers. More than 5,125 physicians in over 105 specialties have privileges across the system, with 35,000+ team members. In fiscal year 2023, the healthcare system provided more than \$1.7 billion in total community impact in the form of charity care, community benefit programs and services, and community building activities.

Prevention and Wellness

Baptist Health is dedicated to guiding our patients — as well as our team members and the community — toward their optimal health and well-being. Our patient-centered prevention and wellness services, such as coordinated care, health screenings and lifestyle counseling, can benefit all and lead to improved detection, management and even prevention of many diseases and chronic illnesses.

Source: Baptist Health

Trivia Answers

- Q1.. 1922
- Q2.. 1930
- Q3.. Dr. Seale Harris
- Q4.. Uncle Bob Early
- Q5.. "The Silk Stocking Hospital"