



A History

God is building a home. He's using us all – regardless of how we got here – in what He is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now He's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with **Christ Jesus as the Cornerstone** that holds all the parts together. Ephesians 2:20, *the Message*

Cornerstone Village, Johnson City, Tennessee, previously Appalachian Christian Village, became a reality in 1966 as the Christian Home for the Aged, Inc. At the initial dedication service, Dr. Joseph Sutherland, minister of First Christian Church, Kingsport, Tennessee, said these words: "...this Village was conceived in love, and dedicated to the proposition that all God's family deserve to live in dignity."

The words aptly described the vision fifteen years earlier, of Dr. Joseph Dampier, minister of First Christian Church, Johnson City. His passion for the project grew out of a desire to honor biblical challenges regarding the aged (Matthew 25 and Isaiah 46.) So he encouraged other local churches to work together to address the need for safe and comfortable residence in retirement for aging citizens in East Tennessee, particularly in his own congregation. During those years of development, the number who shared his desire grew, allowing the vision to become a reality.

Today, over fifty years later, that vision and passion continues to be shared by a robust and diverse community that has grown to over 300 residents and an equal number of staff. We consider ourselves a family, and so we love and serve one another, as our vision statement says, "To Reflect Christ's Love..."

We welcome all of like-spirit who would consider partnering with us as residents, staff, visitors or volunteers, to share in mutual opportunities for service.

You will be blessed.