

Volunteer Spotlight **Betty Blakemore** **THE LIVING CENTER**



As a resident manager for the past three years at the Living Center, Betty has managed to keep her days and evenings very busy. As the wife of an Air Force Chief Warrant Officer, Wilburn E. Blakemore and mother to three daughters, she became very adept at accepting change and appreciating the opportunity to make new friends in the process. Her personal philosophy of “seeing a need and then filling it” is proof of the adage - *good things come in small packages* - is certainly true when it comes to Betty.

She has felt for some time that the Lord was calling her to do something for our University Hills Nursing Home and Assisted Living residents. During the holiday season, her tireless efforts to serve and bring joy to others resulted in a Special Christmas Blessing project. With staff approval, she decided to give each resident a small holiday gift bag with a few chosen items and a personalized Christmas card. With help from volunteers, she prepared, organized and delivered each gift before Christmas. The result was heartwarming for all.

Betty feels the mission of Christian Living Communities speaks to the soul of volunteering with seniors. She believes that when we help others we feel God’s loving presence. Betty is a sincere example of what makes our community a great place to live.