



Risen Son Christian Village

Greg Witte spoke at the Optimist Club on June 23. He has been Executive Director at Risen Son Christian Village since October 2003. Greg is from Nebraska.

Risen Son has 50 garden homes. This is independent living. They have 44 apartments with 1-2 bedrooms. This is for independent living with some support, such as for medicines and laundry.

They have 23 assisted living rooms for people with dementia and similar problems.

They have 102 nursing home rooms. 28 of these are for short stays, averaging 32 days. They also include long term care. Risen Son currently has five centenarians. There are five nursing homes in the area.

Greg explained the difference between Medicare and Medicaid. Medicare started about 1965 and was a very unpopular program. Part A covers hospital stays, short term nursing home, and rehab for up to 100 days. A 60 day well period is needed before another 100 days.

Part B covers doctor's visits and necessary equipment for recovery. Part D is for prescriptions. Medicaid is administered by the state. It is a safety net for people who have spent all their resources. Medicaid determines what you can pay toward your expenses. Patients must be reassessed every quarter. Medicaid pays \$169 per day. It is the biggest state budget item. 35% of long term care patients are on Medicaid.

Risen Son has 175 staff. It is a not for profit.