

Free Will Baptist Children's Home Newsletter

September — October 2009

DEDICATION SCHEDULED

Our new activity building is nearing completion. The final touches are being done and soon the new facility will be ready for use. The 70' x 120' metal structure is designed to provide recreational space for our children and a meeting location for large events. To celebrate the completion, FWBCH will have a Dedication on Saturday, September 26th at 11:00 a.m. The event will be held in the new facility and will also include special singing and a recognition time to honor six long-time board members. A light lunch will be provided following the dedication. All our friends and supporters are invited to attend and participate in this special occasion. It will be a wonderful time to rejoice in the goodness of God.



MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR

On July 2nd, the FWB Children's Home Board of Directors announced the hiring of Mike Corley as Executive Director. His responsibilities will include oversight and supervision of the staff, facilities, finances, and operation of the Home. Mike assumed his position on August 1st.

"We are thrilled to have a man the caliber of Mike as our Executive Director", said Rodney Yerby, Chairman of the Board of Directors. "Mike brings to our ministry valuable experience in administration and unquestioned credibility in service for the Lord and our denomination."

Mike and his wife, Cathy, have been married since 1966, and have three children and eight grandchildren. A 1976 graduate of the University of Maryland, Corley retired from the US Army after 21 years of service. After working several years in consulting and management, he and Cathy became missionaries with Free Will Baptist International Missions and were assigned to Russia. There they helped implement two Bible Institutes. In 2006 they transferred to Central Asia where they continued a ministry of facilitation and partnership with the Baptist Union.

When you remember the Home in prayer, don't' forget to pray for Bro. Mike as he leads the ministry. WELCOME MIKE AND CATHY—We are thrilled to have you a part of FWB Children's Home!



PURPOSE

Free Will Baptist Children's Home is a ministry of the Alabama State Association of FWB's. As a non-profit organization, FWBCH provides a loving, home-like, Christian atmosphere for abused, neglected, abandoned, or troubled children. Our task is to help children hurt by life to find faith in God and enter adulthood as responsible Christian men and women with a purpose in life.

The FWB Children's Home Newsletter is published bi-monthly to keep friends informed of current activities, programs, and service. If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments, please contact us:



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FWBCH does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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BENEFIT SINGING

The Friendship Stateline FWB Church will host their 5th annual benefit singing for the FWB Children's Home on Saturday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m. The Gardners of Huntland, TN, and The Hopkins Family of Toney, AL, will be the featured singers. The church, located 8 miles east of Ardmore, AL, will also serve a buffet supper from 5:00 -6:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend this great event. Bro. Jerry Hopkins and the church folks have been a real blessing to us through this benefit. Contact Bro. Hopkins at 256-828-0386 for more information.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 9-1-89 Brady 9-2-93
 Catie 9-18-96 Dustin 9-20-93
 Nick 10-15-97

SPECIAL NEEDS

We are looking for a few special items. One of them may make a good project for a Sunday school class, men's or ladies' group, etc. Maybe you know someone that has what we are looking for. If you can help with one of the following, please give us a call so we can give you details, Thanks!

New Refrigerator Televisions DVD/VCR Players
 New or Used Piano Desktop Computers New Printers

Christmas ... already? It will be before you know it. If your church or organization would like to schedule a Christmas party with our children, please contact us. We'll provide "wish lists" as well as the dates and times that are available. When you call, ask for Gina or email her at gina@fwbhome.org.

Like to have more information about this ministry? Our Director of Communications and Development, Danny Williams, is available to come to your church, association, or group meeting. He can not only present the ministry using powerpoint, and answer questions, but he also can preach or teach from God's Word. Just call the Home office or send an e-mail to danny@fwbhome.org and we will be glad to schedule a service or report.

SUCCESSFUL CAMPS

Each summer we make sure the children have opportunity to attend church youth camps. In fact some of our teens went to three different camps this year: Connection Camp (Louisville, TN), The Wilds (Brevard, NC), and Trinity FWB Camp (Guin, AL). Each week provided the time for fun activities, new friendships, and Biblical instruction. From the youngest to the oldest, our kids returned with rave reviews. Best of all, and true to our belief that many of life's most important spiritual decisions are made by young people at camp—two of our teen boys and one of our elementary age girls made salvation decisions! Several others recommitted their lives to Christ. Thank you for praying and giving—your investment is producing eternal return.



MEMORIAL GIFTS

Below are memorial contributions from June 2009—July 2009.. We thank all those who honor their loved ones in this special way.

IN MEMORY

Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Temples

Barbara Thorne

Will Lyons

DONOR

Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Temples

Mrs. Missy Black

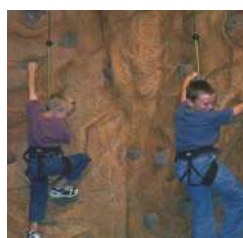
Chad & Lisa Bryant

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Reed

Charlotte Murdock

You may pay tribute to your loved one with a donation in their honor. Please include with your gift the information needed to notify the family. Recognition will also appear in the upcoming newsletter.

The summer break is over and the children are back in school. Vacations were an enjoyable part of the summer as these photos reveal. Whether day trips or off to the beach, it's a great way to make life-long memories.



Just A Thought.....

Recently a friend of the Home notified us he was making the FWB Children's Home the beneficiary of his life insurance policy. What a great way to bless this ministry and help children even after your earthly life ends! Contact us if you would like to know more about this type of giving.

From the Director' Desk

I am truly thankful for this opportunity to serve the Lord, the children of the Children's Home, and the AL FWB State Association as the Director. Since assuming this role, I am humbled by how, together, we are ministering to these children. When I see the smiles on their faces, their reactions to the acts of kindness that you do for them when you bring your donations, and as I see the changes in their lives as a result of the salvation decisions that several of these children have made in the last few weeks, I am convinced, more than ever, that children are at the heart of the Lord. He blesses those who bless the children and I am grateful to have a small part in that ministry.



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Diced tomatoes
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Pineapple (crushed/chunks)
Apple sauce
Cream of chicken soup
Chicken noodle soup
Juices/snack juices
Peanut butter
White gravy mix
Taco seasoning mix
Kraut
Vinegar
Canned ham
Cooking oil
Cooking spray
Sugar/splenda
Muffin mix
Lemonade mix
Snacks

Cold medicine
Styro plates/bowls
Ibuprophen
Children's vitamins
Liquid washing powder
Bleach (liquid/powder)
Mean green
Dryer sheets
Windex
Furniture polish
Lysol spray
Pine-sol
Dawn dish liquid
Clorox wipes
Light bulbs—60W
Garbage bags (all sizes)
Body wash
Paper towels
Napkins
Toilet tissue
Kleenex
Sinus medicine

16 oz cups
Mops
Brooms
Dust pans
Pillows
Towels
Wash cloths
Dish towels/cloths
Twin sheets
Shampoo
Mousse
Blender (white)
Waffle maker
Kitchen/steak knives



It's time for our annual Harvest Drive. Every year you bless us as you share your blessings. Maybe this list will give you some specific ideas of present needs. Thanks for thinking of us! I guarantee you, your gift is appreciated.