

Staff Additions

We welcome Ellen and Curtis Crumpton to our full-time staff. Ellen is serving as a house parent for our girl's cottage. Curtis has assumed the role of maintenance coordinator. The Crumptons call the Hubbertville, AL, area home. For several years they owned and operated Crumpton Fence Company. Ellen and Curtis have three adult sons and are the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren.



Do You Know Someone?

FWB Children's Home is licensed by the State of Alabama to provide residential care for children ages 6-18. Children are referred to us by pastors, family members, teachers, juvenile officers, DHR representatives, and concerned friends. If you know a child in need of a ministry like ours, please contact us at (205)924-9751. We can provide a place of safety and love to children struggling with life's circumstances and challenges.

Plan ahead for a lasting legacy – call 205.924.9751 for a FREE will guide.

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Free Will Baptist Children's Home



HAPPENINGS

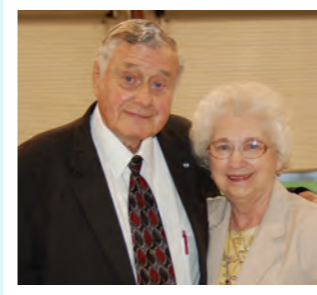


"Investing today
in the heart of tomorrow."

A Ministry of the
Free Will Baptist
Children's Home

January / February 2012

Carlton Lambert *with the Lord*



The Bible states the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. For twenty-eight years the Lord directed the steps of Carlton Lambert across the property of the FWB Children's Home in Eldridge as the Director. Born to Rev. A.J. and Annie Lambert on December 27, 1931, Bro. Carlton's earthly steps ended November 9,

2011, at the age of 79. He and Betty, his wife of 58 years, had three children: Philip, Carla, and Jeffrey.

A 1954 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, TN, Bro. Carlton assumed the position of Director of the Home in April of 1958. For the next twenty-eight years he and Betty were "Dad and Mom" to over 250 children. Displaying humility and integrity, this servant of the Lord quietly worked hard and openly loved the children in his care.



The residents of the Home during his tenure could testify of Bro. Carlton's consistent life, compassionate heart, and committed spirit. After his resignation in February of 1986, he continued helping children, serving on the staff of Victory Christian Academy in Jasper,

AL, for 25 years. He remained a friend, supporter, and ambassador of the Home until his passing.

In September of 2009 the Carlton Lambert Endowment was created to benefit the Children's Home and to honor the man who did so much for this ministry. All gifts made to the endowment are invested permanently with only the earnings being dispersed to the Home. Endowment gifts qualify for a charitable gift tax deduction and may be funded through cash or a planned giving instrument. If you would like to contribute to the endowment in memory of Bro. Carlton, or need more information, please contact the Home.

Over the years the positive influence of Carlton Lambert has continued to impact the ministry of the Home as well as former residents. Because he walked with the Lord, the steps he took in life provided a good path to follow. Only in eternity will we know the amount of difference Bro. Carlton made in the lives of hundreds of children, but even now, we are thankful for him.



Record Breaking!

That is the best way to describe the ninth annual Eldridge Toy Run held on Saturday, December 3rd. Motorcycles from all over the region (some from 600 miles away) came roaring in throughout the morning. By the time it was all done, approximately 800 motorcycles had arrived and over 1500 people had walked on the campus. Both of these are new records, easily exceeding last year's numbers.

Lunch which included barbecue, chicken, chili, stew, pizza and sandwiches was provided. Phil Frye served as the master of ceremonies of the program that included the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and the Christmas story. After the children sang a Christmas carol, they received gifts from the Eldridge Benefit Team and Santa. The program concluded with the presentation of awards.

The day was a record financially, too. As of press time, receipts from the benefit totaled \$59,027. The Eldridge Benefit Team, sponsors, and all participants are to be commended. The benefit is a huge blessing to our ministry. Thanks for your part in making this year's Toy Run a record breaking event! See you the first Saturday in December.



2012 Toy Run –
December 1st!

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 children struggling with life's challenges and turbulent domestic situations. 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 six times per year 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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From the Director's Desk

Mike Corley



You have or will have read in this issue about Bro. Carlton Lambert. He truly was a Godly man with a servant's spirit. He did so much for the Children's Home, both during his tenure here as the Director and after he left the home. The truth is, though, he was only doing what he felt God directing him to do.

During this last year, there were a lot of people "only doing" what they felt God calling them to do. Even during this severe economic slump that our country, our state, our county, and our community find ourselves in, many of you were doing what you felt God calling you to do. Because you were good stewards with what God gave you and shared part of it with the Children's Home, and because we tried to be good stewards with what God provided us through you, the Children's Home finished the year in the black. That's an example of what it takes to accomplish together what one person could not accomplish alone. Just ordinary people (you, me, and the rest of the staff at the Children's Home), together with the leading of the Holy Spirit, doing what God was directing us to do, accomplished what none of us could have done alone.

If we can do that with the Children's Home, just imagine what impact we could have in this world if each of us told just one person about Jesus Christ, and then that person, in turn, told someone else. Together, we can do a lot, or, as one song writer put it, "Little is much when God is in it".

Bro. Mike

Below are memorial contributions from November - December 2011. We thank all those who honor their loved ones in this special way.

Memorial Gifts

IN MEMORY

Dale Johnson
Rev. Carlton Lambert

Pearl Hirsch
Bernard Peters

Stan Malone
Rev. E. R. Mayo
Paul Ashley Johnson
Marty Ramage
Mike Pounders
Steven Harper
Clyde Ratchford
Ivan K. Hill
Dr. Gilder Wideman
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Kat Smothers
Clara Aldridge Chance
Brian Hobbs
Colton Lee Ayscue
Hunter Watson
Charles Powell
Clyde Black

Clyde & Sandra Black

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Barbara Ulmer
Rev. W.E. "Bill" George

DONOR

The Johnson Family
Burma Jordan, Betty Spain,
Geraldine & Gail Hogan,
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Maddox,
The Curtis Gay Family,
The Bill George Family
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Wildlands Fire Service, Inc.,
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Denise Pounders
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Mr. & Mrs. Mike Moore
Jerry & Betty Atikins
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Gregg Black, Bart Black,
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Mrs. Missy Black
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IN HONOR

Johnny & Deb Northington
Jon Michael Northington
Johnny Northington
Madison FWB Adult III Class
John & Lisa Crump
Bessie Dowdney
Dick & Barb Williams
Rev. & Mrs. Dave Franks
Jim Redmill

Jim & Carol Redmill

Ken & Joyce Bishop

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.

DONOR

Burma Jordan
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Mr. Russell Detherage
Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Smith
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Mr. & Mrs. Ronny Lindsey
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Jasper Industrial
Maintenance Supply
Employees
Wayne & Jane Nichols,
Laura Byrd
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bishop

Birthdays

Luke	1-4-06
James	1-7-99
Matthew	1-14-98
Michael	1-23-99
Dick(staff)	1-31
Zack	2-3-97
Morgan	2-28-98

Hope your day is a blessed one!

Honor Roll

Michael	Justin
Josh	Dustin
Morgan	Matthew
Paula	Lindsey

Great job kids!

It Was a Merry Christmas

Christmas around the Home was a wonderful time. In addition to the lights, trees and decorations, there was Christmas shopping and parties to enjoy. Some of the kids participated in a Christmas program at their local church. Many businesses, churches, and organizations sent or brought gifts and food throughout the month of December. They all helped bring a smile to the faces of our children and staff. Thank you for making Christmas so special for us!



NEEDS list

HE Washing Detergent
Regular Washing Detergent
Hand Soap
Light Bulbs - 60 Watt
Trash Bags - 13, 39 & 55 gal.
Pillows
Sugar

Vinegar
Lemonade Mix
Highlighters
Q-Tips
Glade Plug-ins

Thank You!