



Home HAPPENINGS



*“Investing **today**
in the heart of **tomorrow.**”*

A Ministry of the
Free Will Baptist
Children’s Home

Serving the Lord

September / October 2011

Director of Child Care



Linda Berry

For the first time in nearly twenty-nine years Free Will Baptist Children’s Home will have a new social worker. Linda Berry, who came to the Home in November, 1982, is retiring as Director of Child Care on September 1, 2011. Hired by long-time director, Carlton Lambert, she served under a total of five directors. Linda, a University of Alabama graduate, has provided oversight of the care provided by the Home for over 350 children. In addition, she served as Interim Director on three separate occasions.

“Linda has been a major part of the Home’s ministry for three decades,” said FWBCH Board Chairman, Rodney Yerby. “We are appreciative and thankful for all she has done for the children throughout her tenure.”

Linda and her husband, J.W., who passed away in 2007, have two adult children, Patrick and Brian. Brian and his wife, Renae, have three children, Mason, Morgan, and Mia Kate. A retirement dinner was held on September 1st at the Home to honor Linda and her years of service.

On August 3rd, Executive Director Mike Corley announced the hiring of Amanda Mitchell as the new Director of Child Care. She is serving as the social worker and will supervise the child care program of the Home. Mandy, as she prefers to be called, began her employment on August 15, 2011.

“We are thrilled to have a woman with the credentials of Mandy as our Director of Child Care,” said Chairman Yerby. “Mandy brings to our ministry valuable knowledge of child welfare and a desire to make a difference in the lives of hurting children.”

Mandy, a native of Ozark, Alabama, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work in 2005 from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. She is a Licensed Social Worker and comes to the Home having served six years as a Child Welfare Caseworker for Children Services in Ohio and Mississippi. She and her husband, Chris, who serves as Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Amy, Mississippi, have two children, Audrey, 7 and Chase, 4.

“I am very pleased that God has brought Mandy to our ministry,” commented Executive Director Corley. “Her experience in child services will provide valuable perspectives and insights to our child care program.”

Pray for both Linda and Mandy as they begin this part of their life’s journey.



Amanda Mitchell



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

The mission of the Children's Home is to provide a loving, Christian home to children who are in need of care and may be hurting because of the circumstances of life. What does this really mean?

We get children at the home in a variety of ways. In some cases local pastors or educators recommend us to people. On occasion a state agency might refer a family to us. Mostly, though, children are brought to us by parents, grandparents and guardians and for a variety of reasons. Sometimes it is a matter of the parents or guardians not being able to continue to take care of the child because of sickness, economic reasons or other extenuating circumstances. Sometimes there are problems that have arisen between the child and the parent/guardian and they can no longer get along with each other. Sometimes years of little or no discipline or inconsistent discipline have made it difficult for the two to see eye-to-eye. That's where we can help.

Using Biblical principles, a family-type atmosphere, and close, consistent supervision we provide a safe haven for the child to understand what his boundaries are, but more importantly, to learn about the Lord, Jesus Christ. Since no two children are alike, and don't have the same needs, desires, and motivations, this is not an easy job. It requires the full time efforts of the house parents, the staff, and the church, working together with one common goal, to provide the love and nurture each child needs.

Thanks for helping us. Please also remember to be faithful in praying for us. Your prayers are just as important, if not more so, than your financial support. We couldn't do it without you.

Bro. Mike

Summer Camp

Youth camps are an important part of our summer program. Camp is a great time of fun and activities for the children and teens. More importantly, year after year we have seen God do important work in the lives of our kids. This year was no exception. Our children attended a week at Trinity FWB Camp in Guin, AL (thanks to the Piney Grove FWB Church for sponsoring us) and another week at the Wilds in Brevard, NC (thanks to the Wilds for scholarships and Adventure Bus Lines for transportation). During those weeks, one of our teen girls made a salvation decision and several others made various spiritual commitments. Praise the Lord with us for what He has done and is doing in the lives of our young people. Pray that they will grow in the knowledge and grace of Jesus Christ.



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

Memorial Gifts

IN HONOR
 Charles & Delores Marable

DONOR
 Joella Hines, Vickie Ivey
 Patricia Megnin,
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 Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Dorris

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.

Blessings



Pictured are new lawn mowers and a heating and air conditioning unit that recently arrived on our campus. Each item was donated by friends of the Home. The lawn mowers are already at work and the heating / cooling unit is to be installed in the Faith Activity Center in the near future. Friends are a real blessing!



Benefit Singing

The Friendship Stateline Free Will Baptist Church will be hosting their 7th annual benefit singing for the Children's Home on Saturday, October 22nd. A buffet supper will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the singing featuring Marvin Morrow of Cypress Inn, TN, and the Hopkins Family of Toney, AL, will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Friendship Stateline Church is located at 13363 Stateline Road (corner of Stateline Road and Old Railroad Bed Road) in Ardmore, TN. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact Jerry Hopkins at (256) 828-0386.



IN MEMORY
 Clyde Ratchford

Mike Pounders

Stan Malone

Linda Trotman

Edward Harrell

Bryan Thorogood

Dorothy Lynch

Marie Pennington

Clayburn "John" Ott

DONOR
 The Ratchford Family

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Shirley Crowe
 Marsha Farmer

William Carl Long

Karen Thorogood

Mr. & Mrs. John Lynch

Gene Pennington Family

Employees/Staff of TMHRC

Birthdays

Best wishes to the following:

Ellen (staff)	9/9	Katrina (staff)	9/21
Judy (staff)	9/18	Barb (staff)	10/6
Dustin	9/20/93		

Our Sympathy

We want to express our sympathy to the family of Mike Pounders who died in a motorcycle accident on June 25th in Georgia. Not only is his passing a great loss to his family, it is a loss to our Home. As a member of the committee responsible for organizing the annual Eldridge Toy Run, Mike was instrumental in raising funds, getting food donated, and recruiting riders. He even dressed as Santa to give the gifts to our children. Mike was a very good friend to us, and he will be missed.

Harvest Drive

It is time once again 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 our present needs. Thank you for thinking of us! We guarantee you, your gift is appreciated.

Cereals – Trix, Frosted Flakes, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Rice Krispies, Cheerios, Fruit Loops, Raisin Bran

Muffin Mixes – blueberry, strawberry, chocolate chip, banana, apple cinnamon

Pop-Tarts – cookie dough, cinnamon roll, hot fudge, apple strudel, blueberry, brown sugar cinnamon

Snacks – Capri suns, juice packs, small Sunny D's, granola bars, chex mix, animal crackers, goldfish, peanut butter filled pretzels, cheese crackers, chez-its, trail mix

Supplies - Styro plates, cups & bowls, napkins, paper towels, coffee filters & stirrers, storage/freezer bags -gallon, trash bags, bleach, pine-sol, dishwasher detergent, HE washing powders, Glade/Air Wick refills, Pledge

FOOD List

B-B-Q sauce

Worcester sauce

garlic powder

corn bread mixes

Crystal light

fruit cups-reg/no sugar

chili-with/without beans

peaches-lite syrup

ketchup-regular/no sugar

canola oil

Nature's seasoning

gravy mix packets

no sugar kool-aid

pudding cups-reg/no sugar

cream of celery

tuna

hot sauce

soy sauce

Pam

parmesan cheese

spaghetti seasoning

Gatorade

cookie mix

cream of chicken

salmon

canned fruit

steak sauce

black pepper

pancake syrup

Splenda in bags

hot chocolate mix

olives-green/black

pineapple

tomato sauce

cream of mushroom

Mark Your Calendar and Make Your Plans:

9th Annual Eldridge Toy Run December 3, 2011

“All roads lead to Eldridge the first Saturday in December!”

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

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