



On February 6th, Pastor Randy Wright of the Piney Grove FWB Church baptized three of our boys who had made salvation decisions. Pray for Luke, Bubba, and James as they begin their Christian walk.

SNOW!

The significant snow fall we received was rare, but it was a real treat for our kids and staff.



Home HAPPENINGS

"Investing *today* in the heart of *tomorrow*."

A Ministry of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home



Every Individual Counts

March / April 2011

Second Annual Homecoming

Mark your calendars for April 9, 2011. We will be hosting our second annual Homecoming. The day is divided into two events: a reunion and a benefit singing.

We are inviting all of our former residents to join us for the reunion from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Lambert Building. The reunion will give attendees a time to fellowship, reminisce, take pictures, and catch up. Lunch will be provided for the former residents and their families. Those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP by calling the office or emailing the Home by April 1st.

The benefit singing will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Faith Activity Center. Our featured artists this year will be song writer and comedian, Aaron Wilburn and The Capstone Quartet. There will be no admission charged, but an offering for the Home's ministry will be received.

Wilburn, a feature on the Gaither Homecoming tour and videos, uses his down home brand of humor and his musical abilities to cheer audiences worldwide. He is a Dove Award winning songwriter who has penned songs such as "What a Beautiful Day for the Lord to Come Again" and "Four Days Late". In 2005 Wilburn was inducted to the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. The Capstone Quartet was formed in 1992 in Tuscaloosa, AL. For many years they regularly appeared in the annual Fireman's Singing. The quartet has received national and international airplay and had charting success.

Help us spread the word about these special events. If you or your business would like to be a sponsor of the Homecoming, please contact Gina at (205)924-9751. Hope to see you in Eldridge on April 9th.



Aaron Wilburn



The Capstone Quartet



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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

Here are a few random thoughts that I've had lately about spring....

God's creations are wonderful, whether it's a child, an animal, the natural wonders of the world or snow. Yes, I said it – snow! I don't know about you, but I'm glad that these last few days of February have been sunny and mild. I appreciate the snow, value its beauty and the deep watering effect it has on the land. However, for this winter season I've had enough. How about you?

The good news is that spring is almost here. The sap is beginning to run, the birds are filling the morning hours with song and our horses are letting loose the thick, heavy blankets of fur that have kept them warm and dry this winter.

With spring also comes the annual spring sprucing. We've got a garden to get out, pastures to plow and plant, and buildings that need maintenance. There's always something happening at the Home and I'm thankful and humbled that you're taking the time to read about them in this newsletter.

I'm also thankful that you have partnered with us. This is our 64th year of operation and we could only do it with your help. Thank you for being faithful with your prayers and your support, whether that is funds, time or goods. We couldn't do it without you.

Bro. Mike



Meeting the Governor

Who would have thought that several trips to the doctor's office would start a friendship with the Governor of Alabama? In Chase's case it really did happen. When Chase found out that Dr. Bentley won the gubernatorial race, he was so excited he wrote a letter to Governor-Elect Bentley congratulating him and letting him know that Chase's cottage had been praying for him. Chase also expressed a desire to be there when Dr. Bentley "took over."

The letter was sent to Dr. and Mrs. Bentley by his staff. A short time later an invitation to attend the inauguration was extended by the Bentleys. Chase, the other boys in the cottage, and their house parents rode to and from Montgomery on a charter bus, compliments of the Alabama Dermatology Group. An Alabama State Trooper escorted them and made all the boys "Junior Troopers." They received V.I.P. treatment for all the day's events – the parade, the taking of the oath ceremony, and the celebration. Governor Bentley even signed the boys' school absence excuse.

The Governor and the First Lady were very gracious and his former staff at the Alabama Dermatology Group was extremely helpful and kind. It was truly a remarkable day, and the boys look forward to a continuing friendship with Governor Bentley. The boys and their house parents, Dick and Barb Williams, have decided to pray every day for the Governor, his family, and his staff. Would you partner with them in this prayer?

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

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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.



Demolition of the old church building on the Home's property has been completed. The site is being prepared for the construction of the Alabama Free Will Baptist State Office. The actual construction of the building approved by the Alabama FWB State Association will begin in the next few weeks.

Birthdays

Best wishes to the following staff:

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| Mildred | 3-1 |
| Beverly | 3-10 |
| Amy | 4-5 |



Honor Roll

Morgan
 Josh
 Michael
 Lindsey
 James
 Justin
 Erika
 Nick

Great job, kids!

We recently upgraded our website. We encourage you to visit www.fwbhome.org to learn more about our ministry and read of recent news regarding the Home.

NEEDS List

Chili seasoning
 8 oz. cups
 Clorox wipes
 Juice boxes-100% juice
 Gatorade
 Sunny D
 Popcorn
 Cookies
 Granola bars
 Protein bars
 Chex mix
 Crackers
 Cheese-its
 Gold fish