

## Benefit Singing at Friendship Stateline FWB

The Friendship Stateline FWB Church held its 7th annual singing to benefit FWBCH on October 22nd. Bro. Jerry Hopkins helped organize the effort that included a buffet supper and the singing featuring the Gospel Gleaners of Fayetteville, TN, and The Hopkins Family of Toney, AL. The donations as of press time totaled \$16,260.00. This benefit effort has once again been a real blessing to our children.

*Thank You!*



## With Appreciation to our Board Members



The Annual FWBCH Board meeting was held on September 30th and October 1st with 15 board members present. Chairman Rodney Yerby led the Advisory Board and Board of Directors as they heard the reports of the auditor, received the reports of the directors, and approved the 2012 budget. We appreciate these men and women and their contribution to the ministry of the Home.

# Home HAPPENINGS

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

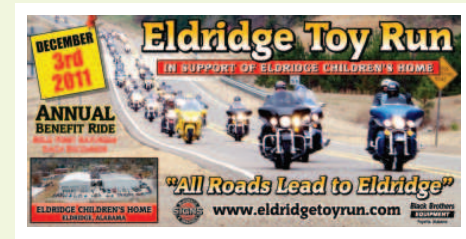
A Ministry of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home

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## ELDRIDGE TOY RUN AND BENEFIT RIDE

*"All roads lead to Eldridge ..."*



*the first Saturday in December"*

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*Please Visit Us:*

The ninth annual Eldridge Toy Run and Benefit Ride will be Saturday, December 3rd. Hundreds of motorcycles, scores of antique cars, and lots of big-hearted people will arrive on the FWBCH campus to brighten the faces of children and staff alike. It is quite a thrill to hear the rumble of the motorcycles as they arrive bringing gifts, donations, smiles, and genuine expressions of love.

The Eldridge Benefit team does a great job organizing and promoting the annual effort. Each year the total donations continue to increase with last year's benefit producing over \$44,000. The attendance at the event last year was a record, also. Over 650 motorcycles participated and approximately 1100 people were on the campus.

You are encouraged to attend and participate in this year's Toy Run. Come enjoy the barbecue, stew, chili and other food provided for lunch. Come share a cup of coffee or hot chocolate. Come watch the children open presents and visit with Santa. Come help make this the most successful benefit yet. Come and be one of those whose heart is warmed by this special event.



More information at: [www.fwbhome.org](http://www.fwbhome.org)



Eldridge Benefit Team site: [www.eldridgetoyrun.com](http://www.eldridgetoyrun.com)

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## 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*



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Yes, it's that time of year again, and although these wishes are early and may be your first of the season, I'm sure they will not be your last. At the Children's Home, we have to start planning early for the Holiday season. Our calendar is already filling up with events and churches and organizations wanting to visit us. That's a good problem to have. It means you care... about the children here, and about the Home. That's what it is all about. God cared enough about us to send His only Son and to provide a way of salvation for us.

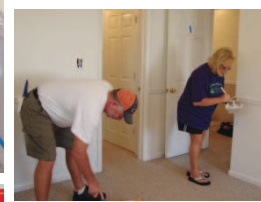
Because you care, it allows us to care for the children. I've heard it said that we are a needy society and that this is a needy generation. These are difficult times we live in and the reality is that we all need something. The truth is, though, when you boil everything down to its essence, the thing we need most is to be loved and to love others. We try hard every day to make our children at the Home realize that they are loved. We, the staff, love them. You, our supporters, love them. We try to teach them to love themselves. We also try to teach them to love others. We do this through teaching them to give of their time, talent and treasures to help other people. Whenever possible, they serve visitors to our campus. They serve missionaries on the field by praying for them. They serve the local church through their participation and involvement in the life of the church. We teach them to tithe their allowances and we encourage them to give beyond the tithe. Caring – that's what the Holiday Season is about.

Thanks for helping us care for the kids. 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

## Thank You Cavanaugh FWB Church!

Recently a group from Cavanaugh FWB Church in Ft. Smith, AR, spent a few days on campus updating our children's bedrooms. The group members provided paint, curtains, sheets, comforters, and new furniture for eighteen bedrooms. In addition to the materials, the team provided the labor to spruce up the rooms. The kids are so proud of their fresh, new bedrooms. We as a Home are proud to have friends like Cavanaugh.



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

## Memorial Gifts

IN MEMORY	DONOR	IN HONOR	DONOR
Edith & Gus Hayes Mattie & Walter Burroughs	Mr. & Mrs. Joe Burroughs	Charles & Delores Marable	Gordon Mahathey, Scharlene Sands, Aaron Holt, Ray Lewis, Lonnie Clay, Faye Gwin, H.C. Richardson, James Howard, Doris Weber, Gloria Campbell, Ellis Ray Johnson, William Gursky, Raymond Cook, J.C. Hopkins, James Sears & Associates, Harvil Gray, Jerry Coker, Josephine Snell
Clyde "Sappo" Black	Kevin & Michelle Smith		
Clyde Ratchford	The Ratchford Family		
Eugene Turner	The Turner Family		
Bryan Thorogood	Karen Thorogood		

## Christmas at the Home

Christmas will be here before you know it. It is always an exciting time for our children around the Home. You, our friends, make it that way. Each year our supporters through gifts, visits, parties, and cards share the joy of the season with our children. We look forward to seeing many familiar faces and welcoming new friends into our family. If you are interested in participating in "Christmas at the Home" contact Gina by calling the office or e-mailing her at [gina@fwbhome.org](mailto:gina@fwbhome.org). She will be glad to provide any information you may need. Thank you for making Christmas special for our children!

Rev. David Dollar

St. James FWB Church

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.

## Birthdays

Lauren	11/14/94
Josh	11/16/01
Gina (staff)	11/22
Gage	11/25/96
Cathy (staff)	12/3

**Hope your  
day is a  
blessed one!**

## Honor Roll

**Great job  
kids!**

Michael	Justin
Josh	Dustin
Morgan	Erika
Paula	Lindsey

## NEEDS List

HE Washing Detergent  
Regular Washing Detergent  
Dishwasher Detergent  
Towels  
Dish Towels

