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Words From Home

by Dr. Perry Hancock, President & CEO

We begin the new year by saying, Thank You! Thank you so much for making 2015 a great year of ministry at your Children's Home. This past year you helped us provide love, care, and hope in Christ for almost 5,000 children and others in need.

The children we cared for through our residential programs on campus now know how much they are loved. Because of our Connect 127 foster and adoption placements, children around the state are waking up every day in godly, Christian homes. The couples and individuals helped through Granberry are stronger today because you helped to provide the counseling they needed. The lives of God's unborn children were saved through our Mobile Pregnancy Care Center. Homeless women and their children found a refuge at HomePlace because of your support. Women furthered their education and enhanced their job skills through Christian Women's Job Corps. Children in Haiti, Nicaragua, and Guatemala know of God's love because of your love and care. Thank you so much!

Most importantly, lives were changed forever because many who came our way accepted Christ as their personal Savior and Lord.

As we move ahead in 2016, we look forward to even more stories of changed lives. We know that with God's help and your support, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of children and families in need. Thank you again. God bless.



Rucker and Faith Cottages Get Makeovers



Rucker and Faith Cottages were the most recent buildings on campus to be renovated thanks to the generosity of Mr. Bobby G. McCullin. Renovations to the cottages included covering up old paneling, painting walls and trim and installing new flooring where need.

The cottages look so refreshed and inviting! Thank you to the McCullin family for blessing the children and families of LBCH once again!

Pictured from left: Marc Eichelberger, LBCH Director of Development and Public Relations, Sandra McCullin, Bobby G. McCullin and LBCH President and CEO, Perry Hancock.

• OUR MISSION •

The mission of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries is to provide love, care, and hope in Christ for children and families in need.

• OUR VALUES •

- 1. We value the Bible as the foundation and guide for our ministry** (2 Timothy 3:16).
- 2. We value the worth of the Children and Families to whom we minister** (Genesis 1:27).
- 3. We value Servant Leadership as our model for ministry** (Mark 9:35).
- 4. We value Excellence as our standard for ministry performance** (Colossians 3:17).
- 5. We value Personal Integrity as our ministry standard for living** (Romans 12:1-2).

• CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT •

By Debbie Robertson, HomeNews Writer

As a child, Amber was aware of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and sometimes wondered what it would be like to live there. She grew up in and out of a lot of different homes, and while she had glimpses of what she thought "family" was supposed to be, it eluded her. "I love and appreciate all my friends who let me stay with them through the years," she says. "I always knew they cared about me, but I still felt like an outsider. They were great, but it wasn't the same as having a family of my own. It always seemed like something was missing."

Amber became emancipated from her family at 17. She was a full-time student and worked part time at various jobs. "The Lord always provided," she says. She later became the primary caregiver for her grandmother. Amber was hopeful that her family might finally come together, but it was not to be. After her grandmother passed away, Amber was once again on her own. But God had other plans. Last May, Amber joined the LBCH family and came to learn about this place she'd always been curious about. "I never expected to be here, but good things are happening."

"It took some time to adjust." Amber smiles as she remembers going from being independent to having curfews and rules. "It has definitely been a growing experience. There's security in having a roof over my head, and that helps me be able to give more time and attention to school." The best part, though, has been the family environment. Cottage Parents, Dale and Harriet Stone, have been very encouraging and supportive from day one. "It has never felt like a 'forced' relationship. It's been very natural and I never had to be intentional about being open and honest. There was trust from the very start. They are easy to talk to and we enjoy being together."

Growing up, Amber always had a desire to travel. Many doors have opened for her to do that, "just not in the way I expected." It was a trip to an orphanage in Malawi, Africa, where "I fell in love with missions." She's traveled to China to minister to orphans and, in a return visit, helped minister to young professionals. She was saddened by the latter, but challenged as she tried to witness to these young people who seemed to be merely going through the motions of daily life or imitating the traditions of their parents' religion rather than living with purpose. As Amber has traveled with ULM's Baptist Collegiate Ministry and other organizations, she sometimes feels that the disconnect with her family has helped her to be able to better relate to those in need of the Good News.

Amber loves music. She considered teaching and enrolled in music education but later changed to music performance. She is an active member of Christ Church and participates in The Table each week. She also leads a small group Bible study and shares her musical gifts by helping in worship. "I love my church and love being part of that community... I really like being with people." She is also part of the Covenant Presbyterian Church family where she plays drums. In her



spare time, Amber enjoys social media, "taking pictures and incorporating art stuff together," along with tap dancing and boxing! These days, Amber also enjoys the regular family meals and other times when her cottage family is together. "Since coming here, I've seen examples of strong families, and it finally feels like what God designed family to be."

This past Thanksgiving was her first on campus and Amber enjoyed sharing the holiday with the Stones and another young campus resident. It was a special holiday for Amber and the first time she felt like she was part of a real family. It was new to her—the feeling that after all these years, she finally belonged. Christmas brought the opportunity for the China mission trip with the BCM. She had signed up months in advance, along with a couple of dozen other participants. After the Paris terror attacks, several dropped out. She continued to pray about her involvement, not because of fear for her safety, but because, "For the first time, a part of me really wanted to stay home. I liked the feeling of finally having a real family, a home, and part of me did not want to leave that." As only God can do, there were numerous confirmations that led her to know she needed to make the trip. And there was also an excitement about knowing she had a family waiting for her return. "There were a lot of Christmases of opening presents and all those traditions. I did get to experience that growing up, thanks to a lot of people. But this year was different." Amber shares that the support and encouragement of the Granberry Counseling Center and the LBCH campus family have been of great benefit as she is still learning how to be part of a family. "And someday, when I have a home of my own, I don't want to repeat all the things I experienced in the past. Counseling has really helped a lot."

Amber knows without a doubt that "God has been and is still at work in my life. There are a lot of interesting things going on right now. I'm not sure what He's doing, but it's always exciting. I'm just waiting to see what comes next." She wants to travel to Russia and India in the future, maybe someday working in international missions. Yet, she's come to have a greater understanding of the many ministry opportunities all around her. Living on campus, she enjoys time with the HomePlace families, inviting them to church with her. She sees the need for relief cottage parents to minister to the children. Teaching English as a second language is yet another possibility. She wonders if someday there might be a way to do all of these things.

"God has given me different scriptures for each different season," says Amber. "Lately, the one that keeps coming to mind is Deuteronomy 31:6, 'Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.'" Amber smiles as she shares, "I don't know what's coming next, but there are so many things happening and it will be interesting to see how He works in all these things. And no matter where God's plans take me, now I know I'll always have a real family here, a place where people care about me and I can always come back home."

PRAYER CALENDAR

Brianna	.....Feb 8
Jenny	.....Feb 9
Sevin	.....Feb 10
Jillian	.....Feb 11
Tammy	.....Feb 12
Wade	.....Feb 13
Patrick	.....Feb 14
Alicia	.....Feb 15
Anna	.....Feb 16
Tripp	.....Feb 17
Cooper	.....Feb 18
Hana	.....Feb 19
Brylee	.....Feb 20
Nicholas	.....Feb 21
Nikki	.....Feb 22
Bryson	.....Feb 23
Emily	.....Feb 24
Kylie	.....Feb 25
Candace	.....Feb 26
Zaita	.....Feb 27
Zoey	.....Feb 28
Sharon	.....Feb 29
Andrew	.....Mar 1
Shirlean	.....Mar 2
Craig	.....Mar 3
Bobby	.....Mar 4
Hannah	.....Mar 5
Katie	.....Mar 6
Kenny	.....Mar 7
Amber	.....Mar 8
Angel	.....Mar 9
Stephanie	.....Mar 10
Mason	.....Mar 11
Brady	.....Mar 12
Jayden	.....Mar 13
Noah	.....Mar 14
Nesa	.....Mar 15
Rayanna	.....Mar 16
Kayla	.....Mar 17
Julie	.....Mar 18

Happy Birthday!

Jenny	.....Feb 9
Candace	.....Feb 15
Starla	.....Feb 28
Katie	.....March 11
Brodiee	.....March 14
Patrick	.....March 16
Julia	.....March 17

Amber... *"LBCH is a place to call home!"*



HomeBuilders

by Marc Eichelberger
Director of Development & Public Relations

Estate Planning: Writing the Last Chapter of Your Autobiography

Estate planning may be the single largest act of stewardship that most Christians will ever perform. Whether we are nearing the end of our lives, contemplating retirement, or younger with a growing family, estate planning boils down to determining how, when, and to whom we will transfer the stewardship of what God has entrusted to us when we can no longer serve as stewards ourselves. Estate planning is like having the privilege of writing the last chapter of your autobiography.

Every year, for the past thirty years, 70-80% of Americans who die, do so without having prepared a valid estate plan. This statistic is astounding since the U.S. tax code provides significant incentives to prepare an estate plan. These incentives are designed to make it easy for your personal wishes to be known and followed, such as dealing with child custody, property distribution, or leaving a legacy of Christian values. A careful estate plan can also help minimize the costs related to settling your estate.

The single biggest reason people fail to prepare an estate plan probably falls into the category of “life just gets in the way.” For most people, the day-to-day routine is just too busy to find time to develop an effective estate plan. For others, it’s the idea that no one plans to die, or certainly no one enjoys planning to die. Still others reason that no one can know the future and, after all, so much may change between today and the time of one’s death.

All throughout Scripture, there are references that speak clearly about what we are to do with the resources God provides us. “Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:2 ESV). The Greek term for “steward” here includes a form of the word “house.” It describes a household manager in the ancient Greek world who handled the finances for the owner. These managers or stewards were accountable to their owners for how they used their finances or material possessions. The application for today: we are the stewards; God is the owner!

A proper estate plan should accomplish the following: (1) express God’s plan for stewardship, (2) transfer the assets with which God has entrusted us to the individuals and charitable beneficiaries of our choosing, (3) and transfer our estate in a tax-efficient manner with as little heartache, cost, and delay as possible for our family members left behind.

Here is a great service available to you. If you desire to include the Children’s Home in your estate plans, the Louisiana Baptist Foundation, as our ministry partner and an agency of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, offers professional estate planning assistance and does not charge a fee for this service. Contact Wayne Taylor or Jerry Love at the Foundation at 318.445.4495 or toll free at 877.523.4636 or www.LBFinfo.org.

Let me encourage you to get the wise, godly counsel available through our friends at the Louisiana Baptist Foundation and write that last chapter of your autobiography. It will probably be the single largest act of Christian stewardship that you will ever perform.

Giving Made Easy!

Gifts may be made simply and securely with MasterCard, Visa, Discover Card, American Express and E-Checks.

Make your “Honor” and “Memorial” gifts directly from the online giving page.

Your gifts are providing love, care, and hope in Christ for children and families in need.

Thank you!

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• Obituaries •

FORMER RESIDENT

Doyle Dean

FORMER STAFF MEMBER

Faye Prince

Thank You Friends!



First Baptist Church, Rayville



Summer Grove Baptist Church, Shreveport

“Everyday Joe” Leaves \$1M Endowment

LBCH was one of three nonprofit groups to be named as beneficiaries of an endowment fund of just over \$1 million created by Wayne Simmons, a Lake Charles resident who died of cancer in 2014.

Reed Mendelson, Simmons’ friend and financial adviser, described Simmons as an “everyday Joe” who wanted to help charities. Simmons, an electrician by trade, lived a modest life. “He wanted to pay it forward,” Mendelson said.

The other charities to benefit from Mr. Simmons’ generosity are The American Cancer Society and The American Red Cross.

Become a Monthly Sponsor In 2016!



Dear Friend of Children,

You can be a "Hope Builder!" You can help rebuild the foundation of trust and hope in the lives of hurting children through our monthly sponsorship program called "Hope Builders."

Jeremiah 29:11 is one of my favorite verses in God's Word and I love to share it with the boys and girls at the Children's Home. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Our children come to us because their worlds have been turned upside down. They feel abandoned, rejected, and alone. They face an uncertain future and need encouragement and hope. They need to know that there is a God who loves them unconditionally and cares for them deeply.

God used Jeremiah as a "Hope Builder." God worked through Jeremiah to rebuild a foundation of trust and hope and to demonstrate His unconditional love and care for those facing very challenging circumstances.

You can be a "Hope Builder!" God can work through you and your monthly gifts to help rebuild the foundation of trust and hope in the lives of those who need it most.

We are excited about the wonderful things God has in store for 2016. Please consider becoming a "Hope Builder." Your monthly investment in this ministry will help ensure that our precious children have hope and a future in Christ. Thank you for caring so much!

Keeping God's Children First,

Dr. Perry Hancock
President & CEO

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MAKING MEMORIES



Mobile Pregnancy Care Center At March for Life Events

Thousands gathered across the state in January to provide a voice for the unborn during three March for Life events sponsored by the Louisiana Right to Life Federation. About 10,000 children die each year in Louisiana abortion clinics. During a ceremony at the end of the walk, Congressman Ralph Abraham shared with the crowd that abortion is the most common medical procedure performed in America.

The Mobile Pregnancy Care Center (MPCC) was onsite at the 3rd annual march in Shreveport-Bossier and at the first ever march in the Alexandria-Pineville area. The MPCC travels the state offering free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds and counseling in an effort to save the lives of the unborn.



For more information on the Mobile Pregnancy Care Center or having us in your area, please contact Ron or Cindy at 318.816.3462 or koufs@lbch.org



Granberry Counseling Centers... Answering God's Call to Care

*Dr. Kathy Eichelberger, Director
Granberry Counseling Centers*



All of our Granberry counselors from across the state just met together for a time of training and fellowship at our main office on the Children's Home campus in Monroe. I always look forward to these meetings because I get to spend quality time with our incredible counselors and administrative team.

I'm grateful that all of our Granberry staff sense God's call to serve in this life-changing ministry. Our counselors are committed Christians who ask God to use their knowledge and skills to serve their clients. They truly are answering God's call to care.

In 2015, our Granberry counselors provided professional Christian counseling for 1,662 individuals at 11 different centers across our state. Through our partnership with the Louisiana Baptist Convention Pastoral Leadership Team, Granberry provided counseling for 102 Louisiana Baptist ministers and their family members. It is such a blessing to know that our Wonderful Counselor is at work in and through our lives to express and extend His truth, love, grace, and hope to those who come to us for help!

I'm thankful for the vision and generosity of Mrs. Mary Anna Granberry and her late husband, Ray. They helped establish Granberry Counseling Centers in 1996 to provide help and hope for children and families in need.

Please contact us if we can serve you or your family or your church in any way. Our toll free number is 1-877-345-7411 or you may visit our website at www.granberrycounseling.org. You may also contact our counselors directly to set up appointments:

GRANBERRY COUNSELING CENTERS LOCATIONS

Baton Rouge:	Fred Selby – 225-223-1497 Sherry Hinkson – 225-678-7216
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Leesville:	Belinda Edwards – 318-355-1067
Minden:	Amy Butler – 318-773-5539
Monroe:	Dr. Kathy Eichelberger, Dr. Bill Riddle, Beth Vetrano, Skylar Artigue – 318-345-8200
Oakdale:	Paula Sheppard – 318-623-1711
Alexandria:	Paula Sheppard – 318-623-1711
Ruston:	Valerie Ramsey – 318-237-4623
Shreveport:	Amy Butler – 318-773-5539
Winnsboro:	Dr. Bill Riddle – 318-376-9767

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LBCH Honored by Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services



Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries was presented the Faith in Families Award from the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services. The award was given for LBCH's efforts and commitment to promoting adoption awareness and community support for children in need of permanent families.

The Children's Home Connect 1:27 Foster Care and Adoption ministry seeks to recruit and certify Christian foster and adoptive families and works with churches to establish support ministries for foster care and adoption. If you or your church would like to learn more about helping children in need contact Beth Green at 318.343.2244.

Pictured from left are Ellen Hammons, DCFS Monroe Area Director, Susan Nolan, LBCH Director of Family Services, Perry Hancock, LBCH President and CEO, Beth Green, Director of Connect 1:27 Foster and Adoption Ministries, and Marsha Linam, DCFS Monroe Area Director.

Hooray for New Backpacks!



FBC Urania, in partnership with LaSalle Junior High Beta Club, provided over fifty backpacks filled with items for children in foster care as a Christmas service project. The Sunday before the backpacks were delivered to the Department of Children and Family Services, the First Baptist Urania church family prayed for the children who would receive them.

Beth Green, director of our Connect 1:27 Foster Care & Adoption Ministries, said this is a great example of churches getting involved in providing love, care and hope in Christ to children in foster care and those who serve them. Thanks FBC Urania for this expression of Christ-like love!

Foster/Adoptive Parent Informational Meetings

There is a tremendous need for foster and adoptive families in Louisiana. Join us for an informational meeting in your area to learn how you can open your heart and home to a child in need!

COVINGTON AREA:

**Tuesday, February 16, 2016
6:00-7:30 PM**

St. Tammany Parish Library-Bush Branch
1123 Main Street, Madisonville, LA
For more information, contact Dru
dru@crossroadsnola.org or 504.482.9135

NEW ORLEANS:

**Tuesday, February 23, 2016
6:00-7:30 PM**

First Baptist New Orleans
5290 Canal Blvd, New Orleans, LA
For more information, contact Dru
dru@crossroadsnola.org or 504.482.9135

SHREVEPORT:

**Tuesday, February 16, 2016
6:00-7:30 PM**

Shreveport BCM
1 University Place, Shreveport, LA
For more information, contact Ashley
ashley@lbch.org or 318.372.9021

MONROE:

**Monday, February 29, 2016
6:00-7:30 PM**

Louisiana Baptist Children's Home Learning Center
7200 DeSiard Street, Monroe, LA
For more information, contact Beth
beth@lbch.org or 318.343.2244

CONNECT1:27
Connecting Children in Need with Churches and Families Who Care

Connect 1:27, a ministry of LBCH is helping families and churches across Louisiana to answer God's call to minister to orphans through Foster Care, Adoption, and Orphan Care ministries.

www.connect127.org



Highlights from HomePLACE

Providing Hope for Abused and Neglected Children

By Susan C. Clark, Director

Happy New Year as we forge into February with great expectation of a God-filled year. Psalm 90:12 reminds us: "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." So far, I can give an account for every day thus far this year. I don't say that in a negative tone but one that represents good things that are coming together for HomePlace and the families.

We are only days away from the opening of Providence Apartments, the new facility for the moms who have worked diligently to live in self-sufficiency on campus. They are absolutely beautiful!!! Please be in prayer for the families that will move in. They have a limited time to reside in the apartments, so each family needs God's direction, provision and wisdom as they make plans for their future outside the umbrella of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home. The staff of HomePlace also requests your prayers as we continue to empower these precious women to become all that God wants them to be. These apartments extend the capacity of HomePlace by ministering to four additional families.

As the new year began, two of our women enrolled at Delta Community College. These two ladies are also working as they attend college. HomePlace has one mom who is working as well as attending Christian Women's Job Corps to obtain her Hi-Set, the high school equivalent diploma. Fourteen out of the fifteen women are working in the community. We always welcome any prospective jobs that you may be aware of in our community. Please feel free to call me if you know of anything that can benefit our women.

Join me in congratulating Evangeline Miller on her graduation from ULM in December. She is now enrolled in the Master's Program at ULM to further her education. Evangeline was a HomePlace resident who worked a full time job while she attended college. God's grace is sufficient!!! A shout out to Evangeline and a praise up to our Lord!

God has entrusted a number of things to us... one of them is time. It is true that everything belongs to God and it is true that one of His good and perfect gifts to us is the gift of time. We want to be responsible stewards of this gift. May we here at HomePlace learn from the Lord how to number our days. Oh, how we yearn for a heart of wisdom as we live and work out our days at HomePlace.



Thanks to the generosity of Jonathan Martin and the RoyOMartin sponsored Brenda Hall Abney Fall Golf Classic, our HomePlace moms and staff were treated to a special Christmas dinner, including gift bags and child care. This was a special night that made some wonderful Christmas memories!



RoyOMartin 12th Annual BHA Fall Golf Classic

Benefitting Homeless Children
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Sept. 26, 2016

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Contact Amanda at
318.483.3822



Louisiana Baptist Children's Home & Family Ministries

2016 MISSION TRIPS



• Guatemala •

Serving Children in Malnutrition Center in San Juan, Guatemala

Sat., May 28 to Fri., June 3, 2016 (*Application Deadline February 11, 2016*)

• Nicaragua •

Serving Needy Children in Managua, Nicaragua

Sat., July 30 to Fri., August 5, 2016 (*Application Deadline March 30, 2016*)

• Haiti •

Serving Needy Children in Croix-des-Bouquet, Haiti

Sat., October 15 to Fri., October 21, 2016 (*Application Deadline July 15, 2016*)

The mission of Orphans Embrace is to serve poor and needy children in strategic areas around the world. You do not need to have any special skills in order to be part of a mission team. There will be projects done on each trip based on the skill level of the team.

You only need a heart for children. Please prayerfully consider being a missionary for one week to children who desperately need to know the love and care of Christ.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP...

Visit www.lbchorphansembrace.org or contact Peggy Moffett at 318.343.2244 or peggy@lbch.org



Louisiana Baptist Children's Home & Family Ministries

Children Need Your T-I-M-E to Experience Your L-O-V-E

By Ashley Gray,

Associate Director of Child and Family Services

How do you spell the word "love"? Easy one: L-O-V-E. Now, how do you think our children would spell the word love? T-I-M-E.

Of course, we love our children. We make sure they have clean clothes, food to eat, help with homework, and they get to ball practice on time. So many times, however, we get caught up in meeting our children's basic needs and forget to slow down and really spend quality time with them. The days are long, but the years are short – our children grow up right before our eyes. Yes, we want them to know that we'll take care of their basic needs, but we also want them to know how much we truly love them. We can do that best by spending quality time with them.

Here are some ways you can spell L-O-V-E to your children through T-I-M-E:

- **One-on-one time:** Alone time with your child is best when you are doing something you both enjoy. This could mean going to a movie, going out to eat at your child's favorite restaurant, or just sitting on a park bench and talking. The frequency of one-on-one time is up to you, but at least once a month is the minimum.

- **Integrate together time into your daily schedule:** Children love to help. Are you mailing bills? Let them put the stamps on the envelopes. Need to go grocery shopping? Be creative and make this a fun time with you. Need to make dinner? Let them help in the preparation process. Yes, it might take more time and be a little messier in the beginning, but your children can become your greatest helpers and they will remember that dinner prep time as a special time spent with you.

- **Be creative and let them know you care:** Write notes and place them in their lunch box. Children love this! It really makes them feel loved and cared for by their parent. Record a short video and send it to them at breakfast or lunch. Take a little time, be creative and show your children just how special they are to you.

Spending time with your children provides them with opportunities to learn, to be heard, and to grow. Most of all, it provides you and your child with time to connect. It's these connections that make your children feel truly loved.





Congratulations to Makayla

for receiving the Citizenship Award and a Certificate of Achievement - B Honor Roll! Makayla, a resident of Love Cottage, is in the 4th Grade at Cypress Point Elementary School.

Mark Your Calendars!
Children's Home Sunday
Annual Offering
June 12, 2016

Christian Women's Job Corps
of Monroe
 Louisiana Baptist Children's Home & Family Ministries



Please be in prayer for the students and staff of Christian Women's Job Corps of Monroe as they kick off the first session of 2016.

Christian Women's Job Corps provides job and life skills training, HiSet training and mentoring for women in need. For more information, call 318.307.1041 or 318.343.2244.

honors: 12/12/15- 1/28/16

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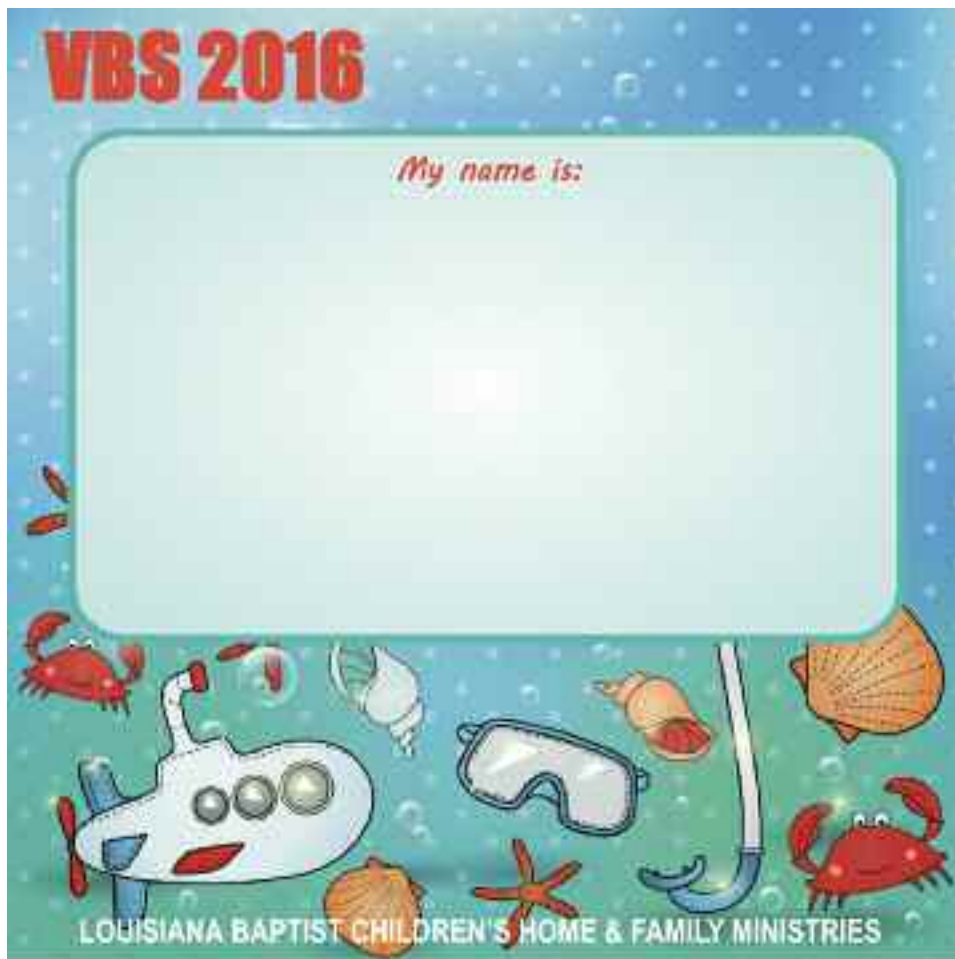
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