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WORDS FROM HOME

Perry Hancock, PhD
President & CEO

Not long ago I read again 1 Thessalonians 5:18 in one of my devotional books. "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." The verse reminded me of the children and mothers on our campus who face challenging circumstances. Most of our children have been removed from their families because of abuse or neglect. Our homeless mothers and their children are often the victims of domestic violence. If I were in their shoes, it would be difficult to give thanks.

At the Children's Home we try our absolute best every day to give the children and mothers something to be thankful for even in the midst of their difficult circumstances. We love them and encourage them. We support them in so many ways. We help them know how precious they are to God. We tell them what Jesus has done for them.

At Thanksgiving we have a very special time on campus. The children and mothers help with cottage decorations. On Wednesday, we have a special worship service in the chapel, praising God for all His blessings in our lives. Often in that service we give everyone an opportunity to express their thankfulness. The children thank God for everything from their cottage parents to their bicycles. The mothers are thankful to feel safe and loved again.

The worship service is followed by a wonderful Thanksgiving lunch. The room is adorned with beautiful autumn decorations. We enjoy an incredible meal prepared by our staff. The room is filled with joy and laughter. Once again, we celebrate the goodness of God.

On Thanksgiving Day, each cottage has its own special celebration. Some have craft projects for the children. Others tell Thanksgiving stories from history that reflect the true meaning of the holiday. Of course, they all have a great feast of food and most of all another time to reflect upon God's blessings even in the midst of difficult circumstances.

First, let me thank you for making it all possible. Without your generous and faithful support, Thanksgiving would not be such a wonderful time for our children and mothers. But because of your commitment and sacrificial giving, Thanksgiving is a celebration that has an incredible impact on the hearts and lives of those in need.

Second, this Thanksgiving, let us remember the call to rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances. As we gather around our tables, may we reflect on the blessings we have received from God and consider how we can share those blessings with others. Let us commit to creating a spirit of gratitude in our hearts, being thankful not only for our abundance but also for the opportunities we have to give and support those in need.

Thank you again, for meeting needs and sharing Christ through the ministries of your Louisiana Baptist Children's Home. May God bless you and your family as you have blessed our family here.

PRAYER CALENDAR...

Paris ..... November 1
Ta'Mojah ..... November 2
Ma'Rissa ..... November 3
Josie ..... November 4
Josiah ..... November 5
Izaak ..... November 6
Reynaldo ..... November 7
Katy ..... November 8
Ala'Faire ..... November 9
Thomas ..... November 10
Reba ..... November 11
Sheila ..... November 12
Santana ..... November 13
Charlee ..... November 14
Heilee ..... November 15
Victoria ..... November 16
Ava Rose ..... November 17
Sondra ..... November 18
Malachi ..... November 19
Marly ..... November 20
Miguel ..... November 21
Jennifer ..... November 22
Kayson ..... November 23
Carrie ..... November 24
Claire ..... November 25
Carter ..... November 26
Jeanna ..... November 27
Paris ..... November 28
Ashley ..... November 29
Sherelle ..... November 30

BIRTHDAYS...

Reynaldo ..... November 10
Jennifer ..... November 19
Malachi ..... November 25
Ashley ..... December 5
Akeem ..... December 13

• 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 •

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

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Celebrating 125 Years!

Alumni Thoughts & Stories

(from Dinner Bells, Pecan Shells and True Tales from Home, published 2014)

Ola Gleason King, 1920-1926

There were several outstanding events that occurred while I lived at the Children's Home. The first one was the train ride from the Children's Home in Lake Charles to Monroe when I was five years old. Second, when Daddy Flowers, who was superintendent of the Home, was near death, he would send for me to read to him. I would sit next to his bed and read scriptures from the Bible. Third, I planted the oak tree in front of Joy Cottage, which was the location of Mary Goss Cottage when I was there. (In her eighties, Ola came back to LBCH for a visit and posed by the tree she planted)

Ruth Hilton Svoren, 1929-1939

While living at LBCH, I learned to work, as another girl and I cooked for 25 younger children, along with our matron, Mrs. Julia Woodard, who was great. At Christmas, I looked forward to a box of candy from the Biedenharns that we received every year. As a senior, I had the privilege of working in the office. LBCH provided me with the opportunity to pursue my nurse's training at the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. I also attended Northeast Junior College before my nurse's training.

Joseph Tracy Turner, 1941-1951

I was less than two years old when Mom placed me in LBCH. I believe I was the youngest child at the time. My years of living at the home were filled with many fun activities as well as learning the responsibility of doing successful work. This has stayed with me.

I remember the fun we had while at the Children's Home. Eating watermelons during the summer time after supper, going to Lion's Camp at Pollock, swimming, movies, attending church at College Place, going to plays at Neville High School, being baptized in Bayou DeSiard with several other boys, eating ice cream that was made with snow during the winter (the older boys brought this to our cottage in a #3 washtub), Gene Autry and his partner visited us one year, and the delicious barbecue that only Mr. Frankie Stevens could perfect. Another pleasant memory was at Christmas time when Mr. Frankie would dress up as Santa Claus.

Barbara Duffey Gunter Sharp, 1959-1963

My earliest memory of attending church was from the Children's Home. I usually fell asleep on the hard wooden pews and would be awakened when time to leave.

Most of our free time was spent outside or in the playroom. Occasionally when Showtown Drive-In was showing a movie, we would run through the pecan trees and stand at the fence to watch part of it. Of course, we couldn't hear a thing, but it was still exciting.

While on a visit with our mother, my brother fell and broke both of his wrists. When we got back to the Home, the local paper printed a picture of me feeding him ice cream with casts on both his arms.

Coming from a broken home and being placed in the Children's Home helped shape my life in may ways.

Sarah Person, 1992-2010

The Children's Home has been a part of my life since I was four years old. I've made some beautiful friendships and long-lasting relationships all built on the love of God.

One of my greatest memories involving the Children's Home was the day I graduated from Northwestern State University. As I sat in that chair waiting for the processional, I thought how that day wouldn't have been possible without the help of LBCH. Most of my greatest life experiences were all made possible through Home and I will be forever grateful.

HOMEBUILDERS

You Are Making A Difference!

Matt Coker
Director of
Development
& Public Relations

There is a very special day we celebrate in November, and no, it's not Black Friday; it's Thanksgiving Day—a day filled with family, delicious food, and usually someone dozing off on the couch. One of the keys to a good Thanksgiving is the meal. From turkey and ham to dressing and sweet potato casserole, and let's not forget the pecan pie, we all love to sit at the table full of our holiday favorites. We are so thankful for you at the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries this year! Over 350 churches gathered food at different pick-up sites around the state.

The food you donated this year will provide a wonderful Thanksgiving meal and feed our children and families on campus for an entire year. Seeing truck after truck return to campus, filled with food donated by Louisiana Baptists, reminds me of how blessed we are to be a ministry of Louisiana Baptist Churches. David writes in Psalm 91, "I will thank the Lord with all my heart; I will declare all Your wonderful works. I will rejoice and boast about You; I will sing about Your name, Most High." God is honored in your generous giving to the children and families in our care. Thank you!

October was very encouraging as I spoke with many of our friends of children throughout the state. I enjoyed visiting many of our associational annual meetings, and it is a joy to see how much our churches love and support the Children's Home. Our Louisiana Baptist Churches have a great sense of unity and cooperation.

Another example of cooperation was a couple of months ago when we created an appeal through Facebook that we needed pillows. We usually go through 400-500 pillows a year on campus. In just over a month, we collected hundreds of pillows that will be used throughout our campus over the next year.

As we near the end of 2024 and complete our 125th year of providing love, care, and hope in Christ to children and families in need, please consider making an end-of-year contribution to support the LBCHFM.

"I will thank the Lord with all my heart;
I will declare all Your wonderful works.
I will rejoice and boast about You;
I will sing about Your name, Most High."

— Psalm 91

Louisiana Baptists have been taking care of children and families in need since 1899. THANK YOU!

Tour Our New Legacy Room

We are so excited to invite you to take a tour of our new Legacy Room on our campus in Monroe! The Legacy Room displays a historical timeline of our ministry along with photos and artifacts collected since our beginning in 1899. The exhibit narrates how God has provided love, care, and hope for children and families in need for 125 years. Tours are available for groups or individuals by appointment.

Contact Matt at mcoker@lbch.org or 318.343.2244.

We Are Grateful for Wonderful Ministry Partners

Through our Compassion for Kids Ministry we were able to provide Love's Lighthouse Ministry in Tullos with a van full of diapers, socks, toys, and sanitizing wipes for needy families in their community. We are grateful to partner with this wonderful ministry!

Become a HopeBuilder!

HopeBuilders: A Special Group of Heroes to Children in Need

Heroes protect the vulnerable, restore the broken, and bring hope in desperate situations. Every child who has been neglected, abused, or abandoned needs a hero. Our HopeBuilder Monthly Sponsor Ministry gives YOU the opportunity to be a hero to children in need.

When you become a "HopeBuilder," you join a special group of people making monthly investments in the lives of precious children, providing them with love, care, and hope in Christ.

Here's how it works: Go to our website at LBCH.ORG and click on the GIVE NOW button. Set up recurring monthly gifts ($10 minimum) using Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card, American Express, Debit Card, or E-Check. Simply put HopeBuilder in the notes section. You may cancel your monthly donations at any time. It's that easy! You may also give by check. Simply put HopeBuilder on the memo line and mail to LBCH, PO Box 4196, Monroe, LA 71211.

"I thank my God every time I remember you."Philippians 1:3

Dear Friend of Children,

Saying I'm thankful for you is an understatement. Because of your incredible generosity, the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home has been able to provide ministry services to over 8,000 children, families, and individuals this past year. You are truly making an eternal impact!

As more children come to us from incredibly difficult backgrounds, your support offers them care, hope, healing, and a future in Christ. For example, thanks to your generosity, Matthew and Calob, who came to us from a heartbreaking situation, were able to attend Vacation Bible School this summer. It was there that they accepted Christ as their Savior. And they're not alone—another resident, Rachel, accepted Christ at camp. Wow! It doesn't get much better than that!

Many of these children are hearing about Jesus for the very first time. Matthew, Calob, and Rachel are just a few of the many lives transformed because of your support. Your prayers and gifts are invaluable and are sowing seeds of faith in these precious hearts.

For 125 years, friends like you have provided love, care, and—most importantly—hope in Christ to children and families in need. I cannot express my gratitude for your faithfulness and support. You are the hands and feet of Jesus.

As we approach Thanksgiving, would you prayerfully consider making a special gift in support of Matthew, Calob, Rachel, and the many others like them? Your contribution, no matter the amount, will bring lasting change to the life of a child.

Thank you again for your unwavering commitment to the children at the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home. You are making a difference, one precious life at a time.

With heartfelt thanks,

Perry Hancock

Perry Hancock, Ph.D.
President & CEO

*Names changed to protect confidentiality.

Here is my Thanksgiving gift for the children!

__$100 __$50 __$25 Other $_____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE ( ) _____

CITY _____STATE _____ZIP _____EMAIL _____

*Credit Card Info: Account No: _____ Visa____ MC____ AmX____ Discover____

*Expiration Date:_____*Code:_____*Signature:_____

(Optional): I would like to present my gift in ___ memory of or ___ honor of: _____

Please notify (honoree/relative): _____

Address_____City_____State_____Zip _____

__Send me info on how to become a monthly sponsor *Required for credit card processing __Send me your FREE Personal Estate Planner

GIVE ONLINE AT LBCH.ORG
or
Text the word "GIVE" to 318-269-7440

Women's Learning Center To Offer High School Equivalency Tests Online

Alisha Clark
Executive Director,
Women's Learning Center

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the dessert." Isaiah 43:19. Change is never easy and often an unwelcome guest. The Lord and His character are constant, but he often brings forth change in our lives and ministries as we reach new people and accomplish His will. I wanted to introduce a new change coming to the Women's Learning Center. A change we pray reaches women across the state of Louisiana.

In January, we will begin to offer high school equivalency (HiSET and GED) classes online for women who cannot attend in person due to distance or schedule. This is a welcome change and one we are excited about starting. Women joining our online classes will be mentored by an instructor in classwork and complete a Bible study each semester with their mentor. We pray this new change provides opportunities for women all over the state of Louisiana to hear the gospel of Jesus as they pursue educational and career training as they seek God's purpose for their lives.

If you know of a woman who could benefit from our current classes or online classes, please reach out today. I can be reached at alisha@lbch.org or 318-307-7624.

WOMEN'S LEARNING CENTER

Kathy Eichelberger
Director of
Granberry Counseling
Centers

EMDR Therapy Available to Help Cancer Patients

The word "cancer" can generate anxious feelings for most people. It is a word that can be frightening when heard from one's medical provider. It may be one of the most dreaded diagnosis people can face.

In 2021, Louisiana had the eighth-highest age-adjusted cancer incidence rate at 479.9 per 100,000 people. That's 40.9% higher than the national average, according to U.S. Cancer Statistics. These statistics are collected from the year 2021 in Louisiana, the latest year in which data on cancer is available from the CDC, and includes all races, ethnicities and sexes.[1]

Psychological distress is common among patients with cancer, with severe consequences on their quality of life. Anxiety and depression are the most common clinical presentation of psychological distress in cancer patients, but in some cases, cancer may represent a traumatic event resulting in post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Currently, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy is considered an evidence-based treatment for PTSD, but recent studies also showed its effectiveness for anxiety and depression.[2]

A systematic review was made to summarize the current literature on the effect of EMDR on cancer-related psychological distress. Seven studies in which EMDR was used with a total of 140 cancer patients. The psychiatric diagnosis was PTSD in three studies. Otherwise, the diagnosis concerned the anxious and depressive disorder spectrum. Overall, EMDR treatment schedules used were highly diverse, with a different number of sessions (from 2 to 12) and a different duration of therapy (up to 4 months). However, across all studies analyzed, EMDR therapy was judged to be adequate in reducing symptoms of psychological distress in this population.[3]

Another study examined the efficacy of eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR) treatment compared with cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) in treating post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in oncology patients in the follow-up phase of the disease. The secondary aim of this study was to assess whether EMDR treatment has a different impact on PTSD in the active treatment or during the follow-up stages of disease. For cancer patients in the follow-up stage, the absence of PTSD after the treatment was associated with a significantly higher likelihood of receiving EMDR rather than CBT. EMDR showed the same efficacy both in the active cancer treatment and during the follow-up of the disease.[4]

The diagnosis and treatment of cancer is a life-altering experience, with psychological effects continuing long after becoming cancer-free. Research studies have found EMDR therapy reduces anxiety, depression, and post traumatic stress symptoms in cancer patients, even after the patient becomes cancer-free.[5] Our Granberry counselors are trained in EMDR therapy and are ready to answer God's call to care for those struggling with the traumatic effects of a cancer diagnosis, treatments, and follow-up.

Resources:
1 https://www.kplctv.com/2024/08/22/cancer-rates-louisiana-higher-than-national-averages/
2 https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC7847844/
3https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2020.590204
4 https://connect.springerpub.com/content/sgremdr/7/3/134.abstract
5 https://emdrresearchfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/2019_Vol7_Issue-1_EMDR-Therapy-with-Cancer-Survivors.pdf

Granberry Counseling Centers has offices located across the state. Call 877-345-7411 or visit www.granberrycounseling.org.

Meet Foster & Adoption Specialist, Emily Williams...

Emily Williams, MSW, LMSW, began working as a Connect1Child Foster Care & Adoption Specialist earlier this year. Emily serves the Alexandria Region and is skilled in developing personal connections and equipping individuals, families, and churches for foster care ministry. Join us as we sit down with Emily and get to know her a little better. If you would like to contact Emily, please reach out to her at ewilliams@lbch.org.

What made you want to become a social worker?

There are two reasons why social work just seemed like that perfect, no-brainer career choice for me.

First, I was diagnosed with dyslexia in the second grade which meant I needed certain accommodations in school to help me academically succeed. The school board in my parish was reluctant to provide me with accommodations despite laws regarding this issue. My mom along with a few others were my biggest advocates and fought until the school board provided me with accommodations. As a result of these efforts that were made for me, my grades immediately began to improve, and I pushed through all the way to a master's degree that I don't think I would've obtained without that advocacy. So, I want to be that advocate for someone else.

Next, I've always been the kind of person that loves to help others and be that "supportive friend" that you can come to about anything. I feel like the personality and temperament God gave me fits perfectly with what a social worker should be. I wasn't quite sure what I wanted to do career-wise. I just knew I wanted to do something that made a difference in others. My best friend's mother, a professor of a Master of Social Work program, talked to me about possibly pursuing social work in graduate school. From the moment I started the MSW Program at Louisiana Christian University, I knew I would thrive in this profession.

Why are you passionate about foster care and adoption?

As a Christian, I am passionate about foster care and adoption because God calls us as believers to care for orphans and to seek justice for the oppressed. Helping Christ-centered families welcome these children into their homes and allow them to experience pure and true love, not only from that foster family but from God, is something that drives my passion for this ministry. I am also passionate about helping families answer God's calling to become foster parents. Being able to have a career in such an amazing ministry has opened my eyes up to how much God truly works in the lives of the people around me that I serve.

What is your role with Connect1Child?

I am the Connect1Child Foster Care and Adoption Specialist for the Alexandria Region. I help recruit Christ-centered families to foster care and help churches in my region by equipping them to provide support to foster families, whether in their church or the community.

What are some foster care needs you see in Alexandria?

A simple, honest answer to this is the need for more foster parents. Anyone in the Alexandria Region who is involved in the foster care system will give you this answer. The most recent data I have as of August 2024 states that there are 590 children & youth currently in foster care in the Alexandria Region. There are a total number of 238 available foster homes in Alexandria Region. 134 of those homes are general foster homes (they are certified to care for any children in foster care) and 104 of those homes are child specific homes (child specific homes are only certified for particular children, usually relatives or someone they have a connection with, and are not allowed to foster any other children in foster care).

Alexandria region also needs more foster families who are willing to care for teenagers, as well as children with medical special needs. There is a need for more mentors for children in foster care. Regarding foster parents, there is a need for better support for these parents. 30 to 50% of foster parents close their home within the first year of fostering, often due to the lack of support they feel.

If a church is interested in starting a foster care and adoption ministry, what first step(s) do you recommend?

Reach out to your regions Connect1Child foster care and adoption specialist and identify a member within the church who will take the initiative to lead the foster care and adoption ministry. The next step would be to identify any foster families within your church or within your community who need support. Because every family is different, every foster family's needs will look different. Working with these families

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Jonann Byargeon
Director of HomePlace

Highlights from HomePlace

Greetings from HomePlace! One word describes the campus in the fall: beautiful! The colors of the leaves are brilliant, and pumpkins have landed on every cottage porch. This statement is made without biases; however, I must admit that fall is my favorite season. How can you not love a time filled with pumpkins, various types of chocolate, the smell of pumpkin spice, and even more chocolate? The campus feels very welcoming.

Autumn ushers in a time of simple celebrations with friends and families. I recently read this quote:

"Fads fade and cycle, but the human desire to be taken care of never goes away."
From Unreasonable Hospitality

HomePlace strives to meet the needs of moms and children as they join the program. When families arrive on campus, they are welcomed with open arms. However, our support does not stop there; we work to guide our moms so they can provide care for both their children and themselves. As you can imagine, this is a significant undertaking that involves a "teamwork approach."

Dr. Hancock introduced a method to improve and strengthen our team approach to the families we serve. The HomePlace staff began discussing teamwork, focusing this month on understanding the team's tasks and caring for our members.

During the staff meeting, I recognized how fortunate I am to work alongside such an incredible team. The cottage managers and caseworkers are dedicated to supporting our families during difficult times. As they minister to the families, they fall in love with them. The HomePlace staff works together effectively to provide care and support; they offer prayer, encouragement, and assistance to one another. What an amazing team we have!

Parenting classes offer valuable insights for improving and developing parenting skills. These classes provide mothers with an opportunity to listen, learn, and discuss the challenges they face in raising their children. Terri Davis, a certified "Nurture Parenting" instructor, excels at explaining concepts and leading discussions. During the classes, the recreation workers take care of the children, allowing moms to focus on their learning. Thank you to the recreation workers for your support. Strengthening a mother's role as a nurturing parent brings significant benefits both now and in the future.

The fall season provides a time of transition in HomePlace—cooler weather, good food, learning new skills, and time with family and friends. Most importantly, our families experience love and acceptance. Plan a visit and enjoy a cup of coffee with HomePlace Staff. Thank you for your prayers and support of the life-changing ministry.

HomePlace is a transitional housing program for homeless moms and their children.
For more information, call 318.343.4445.

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and identifying what their unique needs are is a great place to start. However, there are many ways you can support any foster family so here are some ways you can do that:

- **Cook a meal for a foster family**
- **Open a foster closet within your church**
- **Provide respite events at your church for foster families**
- **Have a Connect1Child foster care & adoption specialist set up a foster care booth at your church on Sundays**
- **Have a Connect1Child foster care & adoption specialist host a monthly foster parent support group**
- **Pray for a foster family**

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

I love spending time with my fiancé, Thomas, and our dog, Cooper. You can either find us at the camp on Iatt Lake, at church, cooking, hunting during season, or spending time with our family, our friends, and their sweet kids who we love so much.

Is there anything else you would like to share?

I believe I have the best job and I am surrounded by the most amazing people daily. I am blessed beyond measure, and I only have God to praise for that! Foster care is such an important calling. If you are feeling conflicted about whether to start this amazing journey, consider this as a sign to do it! Many people tell me they don't think they could foster because they would become too attached. Here is a powerful quote I recently saw regarding this concern, "Don't let the fear of loving a child who might leave deter you. Let the fear of a child not knowing love drive you," (author unknown).

FALL FOOD ROUNDUP WAS A GREAT SUCCESS THANKS TO YOU!

THANK YOU Louisiana Baptists for another successfull Fall Food Roundup food drive!

Through our annual food drive, Fall Food Roundup, you have provided the majority of the food needed annually to feed the children and families in our care for decades.

With almost 350 pick-up locations at churches across the state, it takes our cottage dads and other staff members about five weeks to make all the stops. What a blessing it is to see the trucks roll in loaded to the brim with groceries from loving churches.

We are extremely grateful for everyone who participated this year! THANK YOU again Louisiana Baptists for putting dinner on the table for children and families in need at your Children's Home! God bless.

Top 25 Giving Churches

Children's Home Sunday Offering

CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU to our 2024 Top 25 Children's Home Sunday Giving Churches. Your generosity to the children and families is over the top! We are sincerely grateful to all churches across the state who participated in this year's Children's Home Sunday Annual Offering. Through your support, lives are being changed forever. Thank you!

First Baptist Church Livingston
#1 Children's Home Sunday
Giving Church 2024

1. First Baptist Church, Livingston
2. Hebron Baptist Church, Denham Springs
3. Lake D'Arbonne Chapel, Farmerville
4. Grayson Baptist Church, Grayson
5. Family of Faith Baptist Church, Baton Rouge
6. Start Baptist Church, Start
7. Friendship Baptist Church, Amite
8. Alto Baptist Church, Rayville
9. First Baptist Church, Morgan City
10. Bellevue Baptist Church, Jena
11. Emmanuel Baptist Church, Arcadia
12. First Baptist Church, Harrisonburg
13. Antioch Baptist Church, Farmerville
14. First Baptist Church, Rayville
15. Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Florien
16. Elwood Baptist Church, Forest Hill
17. Cypress Baptist Church, West Monroe
18. Lake St. John Community Baptist Church, Ferriday
19. South Bossier Baptist Church, Bossier
20. Birds Creek Baptist Church, Harrisonburg
21. Calvary Baptist Church, Gilbert
22. First Baptist Church, Port Barre
23. Shiloh Baptist Church, DeRidder
24. South Winnfield Baptist Church, Winnfield
25. New Ouachita Baptist Church, Enterprise

There Are Currently Over 4,000 Children In The Louisiana Foster Care System

We Want to Partner With Your Church in 2025 to Help Children in Foster Care! Let's Reach the Next Generation for Christ!

We Help Your Church...

- Encourage families to answer God's call to Foster Care & Adoption ministry
- Train and support families
- Establish Foster Care & Adoption ministries that support families in your church and community
- And much more!

Options for Presentations at Your Church...

- Display booth with Foster Care & Adoption info
- During Sunday School/Bible Study hour
- Worship Service with brief presentation by Dr. Perry Hancock, LBCH

LOUISIANA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
Connect1Child
FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION

Connect1Child is the off-campus foster care and adoption ministry of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home. Connect1Child mobilizes churches and believers to answer the call of James 1:27 — to "...look after orphans and widows in their distress..."

Our team is comprised of a team of licensed social workers who are passionate about connecting children in foster care with the hope of the gospel, love of a family, and support of a church throughout their foster care journey and beyond.

Are you ready to answer the call to serve vulnerable children and families in our communities?

Reserve your 2025 presentation online at www.connect1child.org or call 318-343-2244!

Snapshots...

Pumpkin Painting

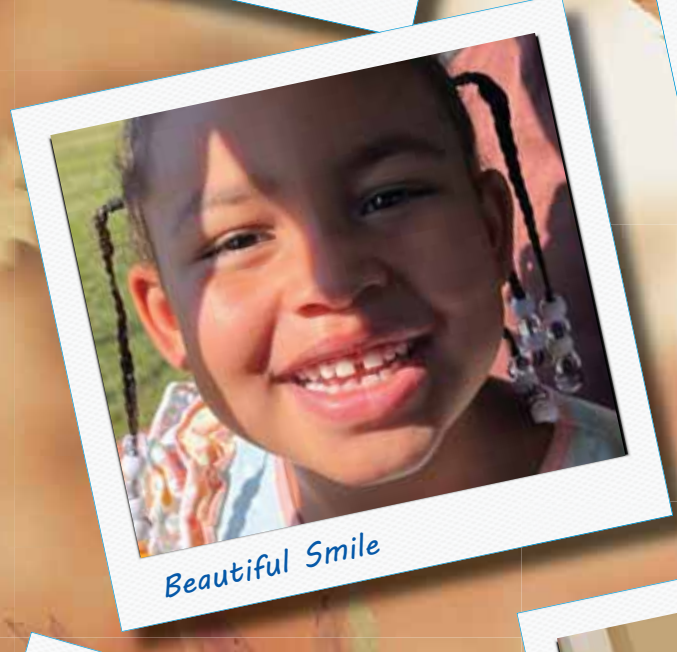
Safari Park

Birthdays

Lost His First Tooth

Fall Festival

Bike Riding



Beautiful Smile

Homework

Friends

Passed Her HiSET

Fire Safety Fun

MEMORIALS

Memorial gifts are received in thoughtful tribute to the memory of a relative, friend or loved one. Names of deceased persons are printed in all caps followed by the names of those making the memorial gifts.

September 4 - October 21, 2024

ERIC W. ST. AMANT
Thomas & Jamie Wiley
VIRGINIA RUTH ANDERSON
Summer Grove - Second Milers Class
BOBBYE "SUE" ASHCRAFT
Johnny & Jeanette Wilbanks
ROY AUGUSTINE
J. D. & Faye Reynolds
JOHN AYMOND
Gayle Lee
BROOK BAILEY
Ruby Jane Bailey
EDWARD BAIN
John Sanders
CARLEY BARTHOLOMEW
Calvary BC
RONNIE BAUDOIN
Mitch & Gwen Fournet
LYNDELL "DOLL" BEZET
Verl Blankenship
GREGORY S. BIVIN, II
Rosalie Bivin
J. M. & JOYCE BLANEY
J. M. & Estelle Blaney
KAREN PAGE BOLYER
New Ebenezer BC
DICK BONIN
Carolyn Russell
MARIA BORDELON
Stephen & Marcy Moreland
RONNIE & MELBA BOUNDS
Ronnie & Rebecca Bounds
Steve Walker
Dorothy S. Walker
STEVEN BOWMAN
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