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WORDS FROM HOME

Celebrating The Miracle of Christmas

I don’t know about you and your family, but Christmas is a very special time for our Children’s Home family. Each year we are reminded that in the fullness of time, God sent His Son to be our Savior.

Recently, I came across a Christmas story that illustrates how we strive to accomplish our mission of providing love, care, and hope in Christ for children and families in need.

In 2015, a young family had fallen into homelessness after months of hardship. They eventually secured a tiny four-room apartment with no furniture—just blankets, a few pots and pans, and their clothes.

As Christmas approached, it became painfully clear that there was no money for gifts, a tree, or even a special meal. The mother wrestled with how to tell her children there would be no Christmas that year.

One day, the mom noticed a fire station and remembered toy drives she had once heard about. She wrote a note explaining their situation and slipped it through the door, praying it would reach someone who could help. What she didn’t know was that the fire station had closed years earlier. But God had already placed her in the path of someone who would see that note.

A woman living across the street noticed the mother leave the note. Feeling compelled to act, she retrieved the note and passed it along to a friend, who passed

it to another friend—until it finally reached two compassionate Christian women named Effie and Betty.

On Christmas Eve, when the mother had nearly given up hope, there was a knock at the door. Effie and Betty explained how the note had traveled through several hands until it reached them. They told the family they would return in a few hours.

That evening they brought a small Christmas tree, food for a holiday meal, and gifts for the children. Together they decorated the tree, shared hot chocolate and sang Christmas carols. The mother later said the greatest gift was not the presents, but the overwhelming sense of God’s love expressed through two women who didn’t even know them. That night restored their hope and showed them that Christ’s love still moves through His people.

Here at the Children’s Home, we see this same miracle every day—God working through faithful staff with the support of friends like you. Yes, your generosity helps meet physical needs and provides emotional support, educational support, and more. But the greatest gift you give is the message that God sent His Son to bring salvation, healing, and a future filled with hope.

As we celebrate Christmas, please know how grateful we are for your partnership in this ministry. From our family to yours, we wish you a Blessed and Merry Christmas filled with the peace and joy of our Savior.



PRAYER CALENDAR...

- Anzlei.....December 1
- KynsleeDecember 2
- Tristan.....December 3
- Carter.....December 4
- CypressDecember 5
- Macy.....December 6
- ChelseaDecember 7
- KeleyaDecember 8
- LillianDecember 9
- AsherDecember 10
- Axl.....December 11
- Tiffany.....December 12
- ChatterrikaDecember 13
- AmeniaDecember 14
- Camoni.....December 15
- Hannah.....December 16
- Sana.....December 17
- Selena.....December 18
- FloreneDecember 19

- Elysia.....December 20
- Edrick.....December 21
- EyanDecember 22
- CariettaDecember 23
- Camillia.....December 24
- Bryson.....December 25
- Allison.....December 26
- AliciaDecember 27
- Jennifer.....December 28
- My’Angel.....December 29
- Paris.....December 30
- Makinlee.....December 31

BIRTHDAYS...

- Tiffany..... December 12
- Kynslee.....January 14

• 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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CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT:

LBCH Cottage Parents



Larry and Lisa Vaughn — Peace Cottage

Larry and Lisa Vaughn have faithfully served as Cottage Parents at Peace Cottage for nearly a decade, answering a clear and compelling call from God. Despite deep roots in their church, family, and farming life, they felt led to step away from the familiar and enter into the life-changing ministry of caring for children in need. Their journey began in Arkansas, where they first served at the Arkansas Baptist Children’s Home, and in 2019, they followed God’s call to the Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home.

Before coming to LBCH, Larry and Lisa spent 38 years farming in southeast Arkansas, representing the fifth generation of farmers in their family. Their strong work ethic, deep faith, and commitment to family have become cornerstones of the care they now provide to the children in their cottage.

Over the years, the Vaughns have been a steady and loving presence in the lives of many children, but one story that continues to stand out is that of a sibling group of five. Keeping these siblings together and witnessing their adoption into a strong Christian family brought the Vaughns great joy. Today, those children are thriving, living in hope where once there was only hurt.

What brings Larry and Lisa the greatest sense of pride is the opportunity to provide their children with a home rooted in Christian love, structure, and stability. Many of the children who come into their care have experienced unimaginable hardship, and the Vaughns consider it a blessing to help them experience what it means to be part of a loving, God-centered family.

If they could say one thing to every child they’ve cared for, it would be: “God loves you and He has a perfect plan for your life. Trust Him, and He will reveal that plan in His time.”

They hope that every child leaves Peace Cottage with a clearer sense of God’s unconditional love—seen and felt through their time together. And many of those bonds remain strong. The Vaughns are still in touch with several former residents, often being invited to family celebrations or receiving a phone call that, more often than not, ends with a heartfelt (and slightly humorous) request for one of Mrs. Lisa’s recipes.

Larry and Lisa Vaughn’s faithfulness, warmth, and unwavering commitment continue to be a reflection of Christ’s love at the Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home—where peace truly lives in their cottage.

Christmas reminds us that God came to us—Immanuel

*He rescued us as Savior. He loves us and cares for us as Provider and Protector.
He has plans and a purpose for each of us- All Mighty God.*

This is the easiest HomeNews article I’ve ever written because I’m celebrating one of the best gifts I’ve received: the privilege of sharing my friend’s story and how Jesus continues to be her Immanuel, Savior, and Provider.

I met Courtney nearly two years ago at the church where my husband pastors. We were new, and her warm smile immediately put a nervous pastor’s wife at ease. Hospitality is her gift—she makes everyone feel welcome.

Courtney works at our local veterinary clinic. When I first visited with our pets, I saw her professionalism and kindness firsthand. Amid the chaos of barking dogs, meowing cats, and ringing phones, she gave each customer her full attention. I knew then I wanted her to speak at the Women’s Learning Center about professionalism and job skills. She agreed, but the night before, she called worried. She confessed she hadn’t finished high school and doubted she was the right person to speak. Despite her fears, she came and shared not only her work experience but her testimony—how God saved her from childhood abuse, family addiction, and past mistakes. Her life reflects Jesus as Savior.

A few weeks later, Courtney called again: “I want to earn my high school diploma through the Women’s Learning Center.” She enrolled in our new online track and worked tirelessly. With support from her husband, family, and teachers, she passed test after test. By fall, only math remained. She studied hard and came for extra help. On exam day, she was sick (literally) and discouraged but refused to reschedule. We prayed together, asking for God’s favor. Two hours later, she emerged smiling—she passed! Courtney had earned her high school diploma. Jesus was her Provider and Protector in that testing room.

Now, weeks later, we still celebrate her accomplishment. I love her gratitude and her trust in God’s plan. Today she told me, “I’m waiting patiently on Him to direct my feet.” He is faithful. “I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” Jeremiah 29:11. This Christmas, let’s rejoice that God came to us, dwells with us, saves us, loves us, and has a future for us. Trust Him with your life. Merry Christmas!

Alisha Clark
Executive Director,
Women’s Learning Center

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HOMEBUILDERS

Matt Coker
Director of Development
& Public Relations



Merry Christmas From All Your Friends At LBCHFM!

This is always a special and joy-filled season on our campus. Lights glow along the walkways, decorations sparkle in every cottage, and the children eagerly await Christmas morning—and, of course, the excitement of being out of school for two whole weeks. Laughter fills the halls, our staff and cottage parents stay busy with activities and events, and the aroma of holiday meals seems to fill every building. It is a wonderful time to be part of the LBCHFM family.

Yet as festive as this season is, the true joy we celebrate is not found in presents, lights, traditions, or even the great food. Our joy is anchored in the Child born in Bethlehem, the long-awaited Messiah promised by the prophet Isaiah:

*For a child will be born for us...
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace...*

Every year, we return to the familiar story of Joseph and Mary, two faithful servants answering God’s call. Their journey to Bethlehem was not one of comfort or ease, as required by the government. Still, more importantly, they traveled to fulfill the prophecy recorded in Micah 5:2. Even in the face of uncertainty, they held fast to the words spoken to them by the angel: “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” Their peace did not come from their surroundings but from the steady assurance of God’s presence.

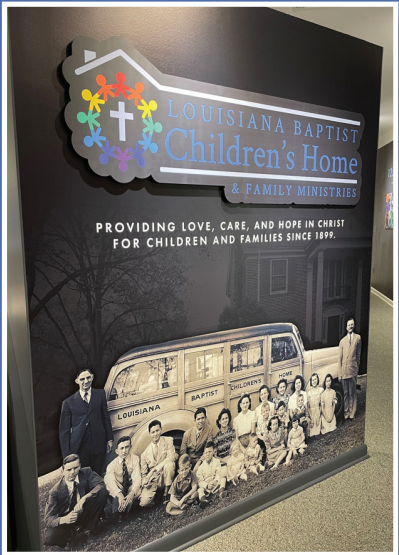
The children and families we serve come to us searching for that same peace. Many arrive carrying burdens no child or parent should have to bear. They long for safety, stability, and a place where they can call home. Some have never heard the simple but important words “I love you” or “Jesus loves you.” Others have lived without a sense of belonging for far too long.

Because of your prayers and support, they find a home here. They discover caring people who walk with them, encourage them, and remind them daily that they are valued by God. They experience community and family. Most importantly, they encounter the hope that began in a manger—the hope that continues to transform lives today, hope in Christ. This Christmas, as you gather with your own family and celebrate the birth of Christ, please know how deeply grateful we are for your partnership. Your generosity allows us to extend the love of Jesus to children and families who desperately need to be reminded that God is with them, too.

Thank you for supporting your Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home and Family Ministry. From my family to yours, Merry Christmas!

Schedule A Children’s Home Tour!

We’re always excited to invite friends to tour our campus! Tours are available for groups or individuals by appointment. We would love to show you around and let you see first-hand what God is doing at your Children’s Home!



To schedule a tour contact Matt at mcoker@lbch.org or 318.343.2244

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Can Change
a Life**



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As the year comes to a close and we prepare for a new beginning, your monthly tax-deductible gift can help ensure that the essential needs impacting the daily lives of the children and families we serve are consistently met. Start the new year with purpose—by starting a recurring gift that makes a lasting difference.

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December 2025

Dear Friend of Children,

When I was growing up, I thought Christmas was the best day of the year. The anticipation alone was almost more than I could bear. I can still remember the excitement and pure joy I felt as a young boy waking up on Christmas morning—much earlier than my parents would have preferred!

As a child, I had every reason to be joyful on Christmas Day and throughout the year. My life was simple, not extravagant, but I had what mattered most: a safe home, food on the table, clothes to wear, and loving Christian parents who taught me to believe. They taught me to believe in others, to believe in myself, and most importantly, to believe in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Most of the boys and girls at your Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home have not known much joy in their young lives. But through your generosity, that is beginning to change. Children like Carter—who was recently baptized—are discovering the lasting joy that comes from God’s unfailing love.

This Christmas, I ask you to help us bring that same joy to more children who desperately need it. Your gift, of any size, will make a difference not only today but for years to come. Your kindness will help them learn to believe—in themselves, in their future, and in the God who loves them.

I sincerely thank you for your support and wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas.

For the children,

Perry Hancock

Perry Hancock, Ph.D.
President & CEO

YES, I want to help children in need with my Christmas gift!

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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 Monthly HopeBuilder program gives YOU the opportunity to be a hero to children in need. When you become a “Monthly 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 Monthly 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 Monthly HopeBuilder on the memo line and mail to LBCH, PO Box 4196, Monroe, LA 71211.

Susan Nolan
Director of
Family Services



'Tis The SEASON

LBCH joyfully celebrates its 126th Christmas—more than a century of sharing hope, stability, and the love of Christ with children and families. This holy season is always filled with joyful busyness across our campus, as our children, cottage parents, and staff embrace the traditions that make Christmas so special. From trimming the tree and baking festive treats to thoughtfully selecting gifts, the sights, sounds, and spirit of Christmas bring a wonderful sense of excitement to our Home.

Each year, our children eagerly look forward to the simple joys—opening presents, spending time with their families, and attending Christmas programs at church and school. Yet even in the middle of the laughter and celebration, many still carry the tender weight of being separated from their loved ones. We kindly ask that you continue to pray for each child's healing, restoration, and renewed hope.

This season also gives us a chance to reflect with gratitude on the blessings of the past year. Because of your unwavering generosity, our children received school uniforms and supplies, tutoring support, and specialized programs tailored to their needs. Many were able to join activities like football, gymnastics, and summer camps—and enjoyed meaningful family vacations with their cottage parents. Your kindness has touched their lives in more ways than you may ever know.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we are reminded of the true meaning of Christmas—the precious gift of God's Son, who came to dwell among us, bringing hope, redemption, and everlasting love.

All of us in Family Services, wish you a very Merry Christmas. May the peace of Christ fill your heart and home this season and remain with you throughout the coming year.

Help Us Welcome Our New Foster Care & Adoption Specialist for Lafayette Region

Connect1Child has recently added a new Foster Care & Adoption Specialist in Lafayette Region! Cassidy Armstrong joined our team in September, and she is ready to partner with families and churches to serve children and families impacted by foster care. We sat down with Cassidy to get to know her a little better, and we are excited to introduce her to you! Keep reading to learn more.



Cassidy Armstrong

• When did you realize you wanted to pursue social work as a career?

I chose the social work field because in the midst of brokenness and pain, I know that it does not have to be the end of the story. Growing in my relationship with Christ over the years has strengthened my perspective in this field and deepened my love for people in all walks of life, as we all have inherent worth since we are made in the image of God. Having a career that allows me to walk alongside individuals to empower them to confidently walk in their story and be reminded of their worth is the reason I continue to choose this field on the hard days. Even in a broken world, I believe redemption is possible and there is hope. It is an honor that I hope I never take for granted that someone would invite me into their story and allow me the privilege to walk alongside them in their journey.

• Why are you passionate about foster care and adoption?

My passion for foster care and adoption has greatly developed over the past two years. You know the phrase, "You can't unsee what you have seen" – well, that's how my passion for foster care and adoption sparked! I believe every child and youth deserves to have a loving stable home and never should have to question whether they are worthy, lovable, or chosen. Through various volunteer opportunities in school, I was able to build relationships with youth in foster group homes, as well as young adults who had aged out of foster care and were at risk of homelessness. I had the opportunity to become trained in facilitating faith-based parenting classes to biological parents whose children were in foster care, and I supported workers who were tirelessly providing services to at-risk children and youth. I have seen the lasting impact foster care can have on a child and youth, but I believe together we can go upstream and ensure that every child has a home and thrives in belonging.

• How have your experiences prepared you to be a Foster Care and Adoption Specialist in Lafayette Region?

As I reflect on all the ways my experiences have prepared me for this role, I cannot help but be grateful for all the pieces that I am now beginning to see put together. I do not think it is by mistake that I had personal experiences with children and youth in foster care, biological families through Families Count parenting classes, and young adults who aged out of foster care. I believe this has helped me approach foster care more holistically and ultimately advocate for children and families more effectively. In addition, my education and internship experience have all played a vital role in preparing me. Through my internships, I learned so much about grief, trauma, clinical skills, advocating, and resourcing as I worked with families in medical crisis at the Ronald McDonald House of Charities and veterans impacted by trauma and/or serious mental illness at the VA.

• How would you encourage churches wanting to get involved in foster care ministry but unsure where to start?

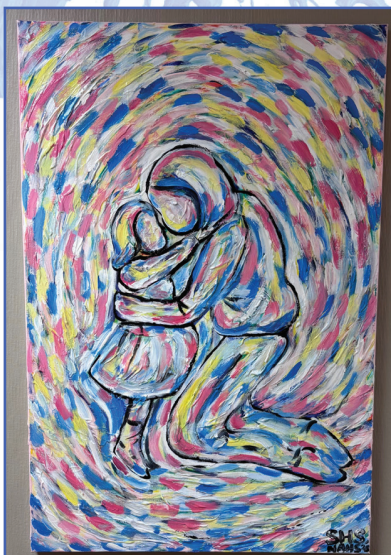
I know this may sound simple, but my advice would be to just start. Start where the Lord has planted you and with what you have. It may seem simple, but I have learned to never minimize what you have been given because the Lord can use your "yes" for His good and His glory in great ways. Bringing a meal to a family may seem insignificant, but this is huge for a foster family juggling a heavy schedule. Other ideas include wrap-around teams, foster closets, prayer teams, and hosting events such as foster parent orientations, DCFS staff appreciation luncheons, and foster parents' night out. We can all do something, but we have to start somewhere. You can reach out to DCFS, reach out to a Connect1Child Specialist, or ask a foster family in your congregation how the church can best support them and others in the foster care journey. Become curious, ask questions, listen humbly, and step into where the Lord is calling you with open hands and open hearts.

If you have any questions about Foster Care and Adoption or would like to learn how you and your church can get involved, Cassidy may be reached at:

carmstrong@lbch.org | 337-580-4180



Sterlington Art Students Donate Painting



Members of the Sterlington High School Arts Honor Society have created and donated an original painting to the Children's Home. This beautiful piece is the fourth in a series the group has donated. The artwork is displayed in the Family Services area of the Children's Home for children and staff to enjoy. Thank you so much Sterlington friends for once again blessing us with your talents. We are grateful for your support!



Highlights from HomePlace

“It’s the most wonderful time of the year!” A famous line from a Christmas song doesn’t do the season justice. In HomePlace during this Advent season, our hearts overflow with thoughts of Christmas.

This season allows us to pause and reflect on our Savior’s birth and reminds us to look forward to His return. Both are easy to do because of the blessings bestowed upon HomePlace’s ministry to families and Louisiana Baptists’ commitment to HomePlace.

A spirit of excitement buzzes around the cottage managers, and the families. Greenery and lights fill the cottages. The children enjoy the Christmas trees, both big and small. A large Christmas tree stands in a place of honor in the gazebo on campus.

Some of the families shared with me, when asked “What are you most excited about this Christmas?”

Anzlei (13-year-old) – “The presents!”

Kayson (9-year-old) – “Going to see my older brother in South Louisiana and my Nana and PawPaw at Christmas!”

Amenia (8-year-old) – “Presents, the elf and the presents I give others.”

Mom – “I have a reason to be excited about Christmas. This will be my first Christmas with my daughter and starting our traditions...But by God!”

Kynslee (10-year-old) – “The presents and hanging out with my family.”

Mom – “I’m most excited about just being with both of my kids this Christmas. It will be our first Christmas together!”

Wonder and excitement best describe the families because the HomePlace staff have shared about churches and believers’ generosity to HomePlace. But I confess, I just keep saying thank you Lord for this wonderful time of the year!

The generosity and love you extend to the families never cease to amaze. These gifts remind our HomePlace families and staff of the love of Christ and the importance of sharing with others. The main concern for our moms at Christmas involves gifts for their children. The HomePlace staff always smile and assure them they will have gifts.

May this Advent Season be a memorable time of looking back on the birth of Christ and looking forward to His abiding with us and returning for us. May you enjoy and treasure this season. Thank you, Louisiana Baptist, for making this possible.

For more information on the HomePlace Ministry, please visit www.lbch.org or call us at 318.343.4445.



May your heart be filled
with the wonder
and joy of Jesus’s birth
this Christmas.

Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year!

*From the Children, Families and Staff of
Your Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home*

Monroe Moccasins Volunteer At The Compassion Center

We had some special volunteers at The Compassion Center just before Thanksgiving. The Monroe Moccasins hockey team and staff packed over 600 food boxes for families in need. The guys had a great time and really got the work done! It's great seeing this organization give back to the community in this way. A big THANK YOU to the Moccasins! We hope you come back soon!

Volunteers have been an integral part at The Compassion Center since it's opening in May. Individuals, church groups and civic organizations are among those who have volunteered. Thanks to their efforts along with the hard work of our dedicated staff, The Center has served more than 11,000 people and distributed over 60,000 pounds of food and at least 4,000 Gospel tracts so far. The facility located on our Monroe campus has been able to provide food for approximately 1,200 families each month.

We have long-term (ongoing) volunteers as well as short-term (one-time) volunteers. If you or your group are interested in volunteering, contact us to discuss how and when you or your group can serve. Please email michelle@lbch.org or call 318-387-2422.



Helping the Hurting Find Healing

Kevin Richard
Director
Granberry Counseling
Centers



As we approach the Christmas Season, hearts will be full of excitement, joy, and hope for many who will gather. Some have not seen their loved ones in several months, or even years. Anticipation will be high as people drive from state to state, or fly across the country to make it home for Christmas. For many, the Christmas season offers an opportunity to put everything else aside and focus on the love of Jesus and the love of family.

For others, it will be a time of sorrow, despair and even anger. Many will refuse to attend family, or friend get-togethers, because of past hurts that seem too painful to overcome. An unkind word was spoken, an insult was hurled, or a reminder of past mistakes was brought up. Whatever the case, there are those who will not celebrate Christmas this year with joy and excitement because of broken relationships. They only anticipate memories of pain and the thought of loneliness once again.

The good news is that Jesus wants to heal our relationships and restore the hope and excitement of being reunited with family and friends. You have probably been

at odds with a family member or friend during your lifetime and needed to forgive them and restore that relationship. I know I have! I also know that I have been the one longing to be forgiven for something I have said or done that hurt the very people I cared about the most. It is great to have resources available to help in our hour of need. At Granberry, our counselors partner with clients and walk with them through the journey of forgiveness and reconciliation. We also walk alongside the ones who need forgiveness, and coach them in understanding the other person's hurt and help them move towards reconciliation.

At Granberry we offer support to those who are hurting and hope for renewed relationships. The Prophet Isaiah claimed, in Isaiah 43:19, that the Lord God "will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." We endeavor to be a place of hope and safety; a refuge that will help others find the way to the Lord's healing of their own lives, and their relationships. This Christmas season may the Lord make a way where there seems to be no way for you, your family, and your friends.

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Snapshots



MEMORIALS

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