

MAY/JUNE 2023

A Ministry of the  
Free Will Baptist  
Children's Home



# Home HAPPENINGS

"Providing a *Loving* Home for *Hurting* Children."

## FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS

A good father brings so much into a child's life. Traits such as strength, protection, love, encouragement, and example are some of the characteristics a dad can bring into a home. A godly father also prays for his children. Many do not have a good father and even fewer have a godly one.

For several years now, we have had a spring emphasis named "Father to the Fatherless." It gives people an opportunity to be a partner in our effort to be a good and godly father as we daily provide physical necessities, educational opportunities, emotional support, and spiritual direction to our children.

With Father's Day on June 18th, the month of June is an excellent time to focus on the ministry of the Home.

We ask you to do two significant things before Father's Day.

First, would you have a time of prayer specifically for our children and staff? Second, would you please send a special financial gift to help us provide for these children?

You may mail your gift to P.O. Box 8, Eldridge, AL 35554

or go to our FaceBook page and give online.

Either way, please mark your gift as "Father" so we will know how to use it.

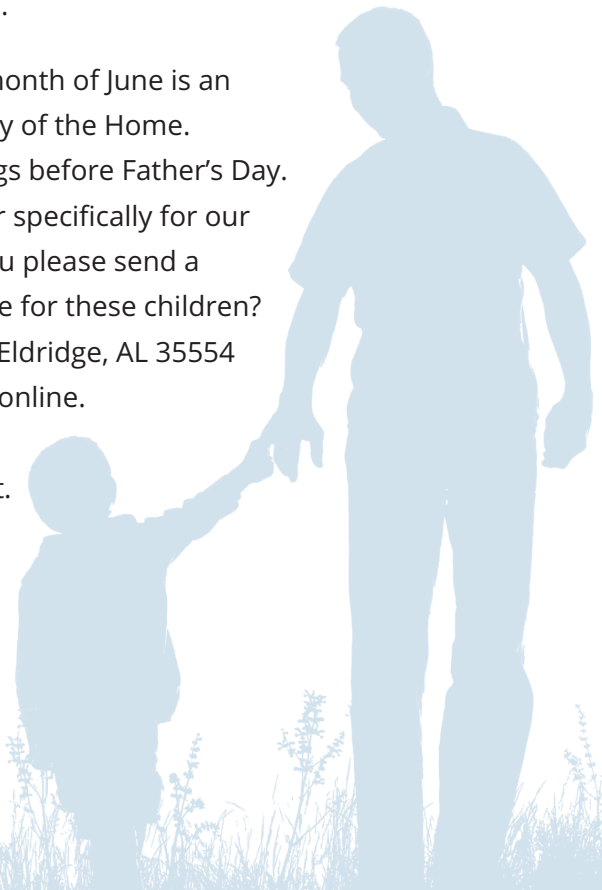
*Your gift is appreciated!*

Alabama FWB Children's Home

**FATHER** to  
the  
**FATHERLESS**

"... I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

2 CORINTHIANS 6:18





MANDY MITCHELL

*Pray with us that they will find peace in knowing that God loves them.*

## DIRECTOR'S DESK

If you have been reading my articles over the last 5 of 6 years you have heard me mention before that holidays can be hard for our children. Two of the hardest ones are coming up in back-to-back months - Mother's Day and Father's Day. These holidays celebrate all the things that children love about their parents - the sacrifices they made for them, the love they gave, and support offered when they needed it most. Have you thought about what it is like when you can't celebrate your parents in that way? When you can't live with them? When you haven't heard from them or seen them in years?

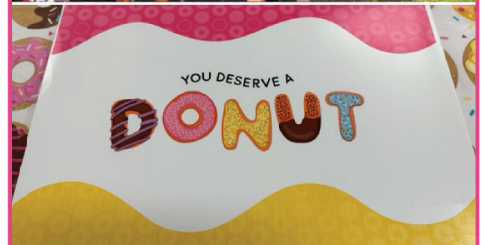
Sometimes it's not the actual parent that they miss - many of our residents haven't seen their parents in years, and in some cases, they don't remember them. It's the idea of having a loving mom and dad, looking at their friends who have their parents, and mourning the idea that you will never have that relationship and all that comes with it - family holidays, having someone to walk you down the aisle at your wedding, or even someone you know you can call when you are in trouble.

Our houseparents do so much to try to fill in the gaps for our children but it's still not the same - nothing can replace the family system that God designed. Our children are definitely faced with challenges but none of their circumstances are a surprise to Him. Pray with us that they will find peace in knowing that God loves them, that He has given them everything they need to accomplish His Will, and that He is their perfect heavenly Father who has good things in store for them if they seek Him.



## Donut Dash

Our annual 5K and Fun Run was held on April 15th. The weather was perfect for running. We appreciate all the participants who ran and the attendees who cheered them on. Thanks to all the sponsors, too. We want this event to grow and hope you will join in the fun next year. Remember there are donuts waiting at the finish!



## 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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FWBCH does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Rodney Yerby, Chairman
- Shelia Bynum | Donnie Blackmon
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- Wayne Parker | Joey Pettis
- Waymon Fields

# SUMMER CAMP

Interested in sending a child to camp? You can do that by sponsoring a child for \$125.00. It is a great investment in a child's life. Just send your donation to the Home designated for "Camp" by May 30th. This gift might change a child's life!

## CLASS OF 2023



Congratulations to Gracious Webb and Jameson Webb who are graduating from Marion County High School. Their parents, James and Brittany, serve in our ministry as house parents.

Gracious is graduating with honors and will be attending Wallace State in Hanceville, AL to study graphic design. Her plans include transferring to the University of Alabama at Huntsville and becoming part of the animation program.



Jameson is also graduating with honors and is preparing to attend Welch College in Gallatin, TN. He will be majoring in secondary education and history. He hopes his future includes coaching high school football and basketball.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Help us prepare for school by providing the following supplies. Thanks for all you do!



- Mechanical Pencils
- Sharpies
- Computer Paper
- Index Cards
- Scissors
- Earbuds/Headphones
- Glue Sticks
- Pens
- Scotch Tape
- Highlighters
- Expo Markers
- Washable Markers
- Notebook Paper
- Pocket File Folders
- Clear Page Protectors
- Clorox wipes
- Kleenex
- Composition Notebooks
- 1 and 2 Inch Clear Front Cover Binders

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

*Below are memorial contributions from March/April 2023. We thank all those who honor their loved ones in this special way.*

### IN MEMORY

Carey Pickett  
  
Bebie Harris  
Jason Houston  
Kathy Houston  
Gary Stamper  
Minnie Crowder Harper  
Jeffrey Lynn Taylor  
Betty Sadberry Johnson  
Ross & Sharon Peters  
Effie & Talmer Skinner  
Foy & Lera Peters  
Charles B McGahey, Jr.  
Will Besant  
Randall Mayo  
Jerry Armstrong  
Harold Jay Lindsay  
Mike Earrey  
Vince Cheatham  
Hursteen Rollins  
Jeanne Randolph  
Paul Ashley Johnson

### DONOR

Leonella Pickett  
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Her Family  
  
Sheilah Herron  
Amanda Gilbreath  
  
Sandra Stapp Williams  
  
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Mr. & Mrs. Jewell Deer  
Richard & Susan Besant  
Jacklyn Jeanes  
Browning & Deborah Riggs  
David & Liz Hester  
James Depoyster  
Marianne Bryan  
Miriam Rollins  
Cheryl Webb and Family  
Sammy & Patricia Johnson

### IN HONOR OF

Rick Liddell  
Mark Roberts

### DONOR

Billy Gober

*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.*

## HONOR ROLL

*Well done! We are proud of you.*

SOPHIA | MAKAYLA | SKYLAR  
BRAIDEN | CAMERON



*Hope you have a special day.*

CURTIS (STAFF)  
MAY 4  
KELLIE (STAFF)  
MAY 15  
LYNN (STAFF)  
MAY 16  
ADILEIGH  
MAY 31, 2007






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## PLEASE VISIT US:

-  Please visit us at our website: [www.fwbhome.org](http://www.fwbhome.org)
-  Join us on Facebook: **Alabama FWB Children's Home**
-  E-mail us at: [admin@fwbhome.org](mailto:admin@fwbhome.org)



## FACEBOOK



**Alabama FWB Children's Home**

Follow us on our Facebook page and take note of the **"DONATE"** button. You can give to our ministry this method and we will receive your entire donation – no percentages are deducted!

## Items Needed:

- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Cream of Chicken Soup
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Cream of celery Soup
- Tomato Soup
- Vegetable Beef Soup
- Chicken Broth
- Chili
- Lima Beans
- Can Carrots
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pop tarts
- Tomato Sauce
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Rotel
- Diced Tomatoes
- Crackers/ Breadcrumbs
- Cookie Mix
- Brownie Mix
- Muffin Mix
- Gravy Mix
- Cooking Oil
- Tea/Coffee
- Hot Chocolate
- Sugar
- Oatmeal
- Cereal
- Kleenex
- Ziplock Bags
- Foil
- Wax Paper
- Plastic Wrap
- Toilet Tissue
- Paper Towels
- Sytro Cups/ Plates

