

March/April 2024

A MINISTRY OF THE
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME



Home HAPPENINGS

"Providing a Loving Home for Hurting Children"



CAMPUS CHANGE

We are very thankful for the campus God has provided us. We certainly do not take it for granted. Some of the structures are new or recently updated and some of the campus buildings date back to the late 1800's. New or old, it serves its purpose and makes up what we call "The Home."

The campus is more than buildings. It is also natural beauty like ponds and trees. A few weeks ago, after days of heavy rain and strong winds, a couple of our trees fell. Based upon their size and rings, the two trees were over 100 years old. They came down striking the corner of the "laundry building" and crashing onto the "barn" where we store mowers and lawn equipment, leaving it beyond repair.

Work to clear the debris is underway. Decisions about rebuilding and the future of the other large trees in the area are to be determined.



BOARD CHANGE

One of our longest tenured board members will complete his service when the Alabama State Association meets in April.

Bro. Waymon Fields has been on the Board of Directors for over 41 years. Many of the earlier years, he led the board as Chairman. Bro. Fields has served with integrity, faithfulness, and compassion. His presence has provided a confident calmness even in times of difficulty.

Thank you, Bro. Fields for your ministry and your impact on the Home!



MANDY MITCHELL

DIRECTOR'S DESK

As Christians, we should be striving to be the light to others. God commands it throughout the Bible. Not just our close family and friends but anyone who comes in our paths. We should be the most encouraging people out there and so often we fail.

Our failure comes from trials that we so easily let steal our joy and peace; our sensitivity to daily inconveniences that ruin our attitudes; by not truly trusting God with our circumstances-and the list could go on. All this dims our "lights" and affects the influence we have over others.

Our houseparents have a huge responsibility in being the light to our children. For most of our children, our houseparents are the only Christians they have seen up close - by them will they come to know what a Christian is. Our staff is trying to minister while dealing with their own lives' challenges and trials. They are often dealing with children who have behavioral and/or mental health issues that can be frustrating and taxing. Working at the Home is rewarding in many ways and very difficult. We are so thankful for our supporters who understand this and stand in the gap for us through prayer.

Recently one of our former residents reached out to his houseparents. To summarize his words, he said "You were angels in my life. I would not have been able to achieve what I have or be where I am today without your influence." Words like that make what we do worth the ups and downs of this ministry.

One thing that has recently been encouraging to me is that even though we may feel we have nothing to offer anyone, God still uses broken people. I rather think He prefers that sometimes. You do not have to work at a Children's Home to reach people or be the light to anyone in your path today.

Matthew 5:16

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven."



4TH ANNUAL 5K & FUN RUN

APRIL 20, 2024

Looking for a way to help the children in our care?

May we suggest an event which will provide publicity and income for the Home while providing exercise and fun. The third annual FWB Children's Home Donut Dash 5K and Fun Run will be held April 20, 2024. It will take place at the Home's campus with registration beginning at 7:00 am. The 5K begins at 8:00 am, followed by the 1-mile Fun Run which starts at 9:00 am. We need participants and sponsors to make this event successful.

People who enjoy running and those who want to enjoy the spring outdoors are encouraged to visit our website www.fwbhome.org for registration information or you may call (205) 924-9751. Your organization can help by being a sponsor. Sign sponsorship is \$100 and includes the name of the sponsor on a sign along the route and on the website. **We hope you join in the fun.**

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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ESTATE GIVING

Over the last few years our ministry has been blessed by receiving several estate gifts. These gifts have enabled us to do projects that without the gifts, we simply would not have attempted. It is such a humbling thing for us when people think of us through a planned gift. If such a gift is interesting to you, please contact our Director, Mandy Mitchell and she will be happy to assist you.



Hope you have a special day.

VANESSA 3/09/07 • LUIS 3/16/10
JIMMY 3/24/14 • MANDY (STAFF) 4/1

HONOR ROLL

*Great work!
We are proud of your efforts.*



KENNY • MAIAZA
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Summer camp will be here before you know it. Our supporters help make camp possible for our children by sponsoring a child for camp. The cost is \$125 and it is a wonderful way to invest in a child's life. Thanks for helping them experience a Christian camp. If you would like to help, make a gift and be sure to earmark it for "camp".

Memorial Gifts

*Below are memorial contributions from January/February 2024.
We thank all those who honor their loved ones in this special way.*

IN MEMORY

Carey Pickett
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Elizabeth Higgins
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*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.*






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-  Join us on Facebook: [Alabama FWB Children's Home](#)
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- Carrots Can
- Green Lima Beans
- Pinto Beans
- Baked Beans
- Coffee/Tea Bags
- Salad Dressings
- Tomato Sauce/Rotel
- Lemonade Mix
- Salsa
- Bread Crumbs
- Manwich Sauce
- Chicken/Beef Broth
- BBQ Sauce
- Cake Frosting

- Gravy Mixes
- Snacks/Chips
- Oatmeal
- Cereal
- Crackers
- Brown Sugar
- Confection Sugar
- Sugar
- Pancake Mix
- Cooking Oil/Spray
- Can fruits
- Laundry Detergent
- Clorox Clean Up
- Fabric Softner/Sheets

- Windex
- Cleaning Supplies
- Dish detergent
- Spot Remover
- Furniture Polish
- Toilet Tissue
- Paper Towels
- Styro Plates
- Cheese sauce
- Can Vegetables
- Spaghetti Sauce/
Noodles
- Bisquick
- Tuna/Chicken

- Mayo
- Diced Tomatoes
- Cookie Mix
- Spices
- Onion/Garlic Salt
- White Pepper
- Sage
- Red Pepper Flakes
- Olives/Pickles
- Taco Seasoning
- Light Bulbs
- Mops/Brooms
- 16 oz Styro Cups

HOW YOU CAN HELP!
MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE LISTED ABOVE.