

A Ministry of the
Free Will Baptist Children's Home

Home HAPPENINGS

"Providing a Loving Home for Hurting Children"

Where Evenings Feel Like Family

What does an evening at the Children's Home look like? I bet many of you have wondered that. Perhaps it's much like yours just multiplied by 4 households of children. Here is a snapshot...



With the longer days, a little more light, and warmer weather, as soon as the children get home, they are headed outside. You can hear peals of laughter through the air; some are playing ball in the gym or out on the field. Others might be walking or speeding by on their bikes or roller blades going around the circle, others are playing on the outside swings and equipment.

Before you know it, it's time for dinner at the "Big House" otherwise known as the main building. All of us sit down to eat a delicious meal prepared by our kitchen staff. This is usually the only time we are all together (except for the children involved in after-school activities who will get their plates when they get home), so that makes it a special time! Once dinner is over, the children can play games there or outside. Some go to their houses to do homework, watch TV or whatever they like to do.

Another special time is our nightly devotions. We usually spend about 15 minutes on a short devotional and prayer time after that. Of course we must eat again, so the snacks come out and are consumed, chores are done and laundry is put away (hopefully), and then they are off to bed. All our children are told goodnight and assured they are loved before retiring for the night.

Part of keeping a pleasant home environment for all of us in our houses and in the home in general includes stability, maintaining expectations and learning to adjust because sometimes our schedules are upended by games or other activities, but life is like that – it doesn't always follow a schedule, and things happen and we all need to learn to be flexible.

That is just a glimpse of life at the Home – it is just like yours, but with a few more!

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 four 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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DIRECTOR'S DESK

One of the biggest issues I believe we have in the church today is the idea of ministry. Full-time ministry is what pastors and missionaries do. And if our church does not minister to us the way we feel they should, we find another church who might do it better.

What we are missing is that the Lord intends for every Christian to be actively involved in ministering others - we are not all to sit back and wait to be ministered to. We tell ourselves we are too busy, that we are not qualified, or that's someone else's responsibility. Jesus is the example we have to emulate. In John Chapter 13 Jesus says that we should "do as I have done for you" as He was serving the disciples by washing their feet.

Full-time ministry is for every Christian. Most are not blessed for this to be a paid position, but in our everyday comings and goings, the people we connect with in the community, and certainly in our homes and churches, there are opportunities to show God's love to them through how we treat and speak to others.

Do you know what your ministry is? Are you a prayer warrior? Do you have a way of starting spiritual conversations with others? Are you thoughtful and send cards and little gifts to others to encourage them? Do you have a way with explaining and teaching scripture in a class? Are you a servant willing to try to help meet the needs of others?

Here at the Children's Home, we are blessed to be able to serve in a ministry, that is our job. Our houseparents especially are blessed to have the opportunity to minister to our residents on a daily basis and have an active role in their lives. They have the opportunity to create a home that a child can feel comfortable and safe in, with adults they can trust, all while demonstrating Christ's love to them.

As I am writing this, we still have a position available for our teen girl's houseparent. What a wonderful opportunity for paid full-time ministry just waiting for someone to consider this opportunity and say yes.



Hope you have a special day.

Mandy (STAFF)	4/1	Lynn (STAFF)	5/16
Kenny	5/03/12	Layla	5/19/12
Curits (STAFF)	5/04	Maggie	5/26/11
Kellie (STAFF)	5/15	Adileigh	5/31/07
Kenley	5/15/10		

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Memorial Gifts

Below are memorial contributions from January/March 2026.
We thank all those who honor their loved ones in this special way.

IN MEMORY

Carey Pickett

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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.




Thanks to all who participated and sponsored the Donut Dash on Saturday, March 7th. Approximately 40 people participated in the 5K and Fun Run. Join us next year for this event. It is an enjoyable time while benefiting the Home.

SUMMER CAMP



Summer camp will be here before you know it. Our supporters help make camp possible for our children by donating the \$125 to sponsor a child for camp. 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".





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SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School will start back in early August for our children. We wanted to let you know again about some of the items we will need for them when they go back.

Listed below are some of the items:

- ✓ Mechanical Pencils
- ✓ Sharpies
- ✓ Computer Paper
- ✓ Earbuds/Headphones
- ✓ Scotch Tape
- ✓ Highlighters
- ✓ Expo Markers
- ✓ Kleenex
- ✓ 1 & 2 Inch Binders

If you prefer, you can make a financial donation, and we will purchase the items. There are several school fees we must pay, too. These fees include computers, lockers, sports, etc. Also, another need would be a financial donation to purchase some of their back-to-school clothes and shoes. They always enjoy having a new outfit for the first day of school. Any assistance you can provide is greatly appreciated.

ITEMS NEEDED

- Cereal
- Instant Oatmeal
- Brown Sugar
- Confection Sugar
- Sugar
- Corn Meal/Flour
- Breadcrumbs
- Cake Frosting
- Cookie mixes
- Spaghetti Sauce/Noodles
- Baked beans
- Carrots-can
- Can fruits
- Diced Tomatoes
- Tomato Sauce
- Rotel
- Squash-can
- Green Lima Beans
- Cream of Mushroom/Celery Soup
- Chicken/Beef Broth
- Cooking Oil/Spray
- Snacks/Chips
- BBQ Sauce
- Manwich Sauce
- Mayo
- AI Sauce
- Cheese sauce
- Salsa
- Kraut
- Olives/Pickles
- Salad Dressings
- Onion/garlic salt
- Rosemary/Thyme
- White pepper
- Red pepper flakes
- Taco seasoning
- Ranch dressing mix
- White/Brown gravy mix
- Coffee
- Lemonade mix
- Toilet Tissue
- Paper Towels
- Styro Plates
- 16/20 oz Styro Cups
- Laundry Detergent
- Fabric Softner/Sheets
- Clorox Clean Up
- Windex
- Cleaning Supplies
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Spot Remover
- Furniture Polish