

2009 Homecoming

Special friends, family, youth and staff gathered together on Saturday, October 10th, 2009, in celebration of our 70 years in ministry. Held at the Oaks Tabernacle, in traditional fashion, our Homecoming Celebration was a blessed event. Though the day was soggy, it didn't dampen the sweet spirit felt at the services. We were honored to have Rev. Tim York, pastor and moderator of the National Association of FWB, who brought an inspirational message of encouragement and spiritual motivation. The day's festivities also included a medley of songs from the Hart Creek Singing Group.

This extraordinary day would not have been possible without the participation of many. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our guest speaker, singers, volunteers, young people and staff. What a joyous time of celebration as we commemorated our 70th anniversary in service to children and families.



Pictured are some very special guests who joined us during our Homecoming Celebration.

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Upper Cumberland Fellowship Rally

In a joint effort with churches in the Upper Cumberland region, the annual UCF Rally raised a record \$56,124.93 for Family Ministries, traditionally spearheaded by Rev. Jack Taylor, FM field representative. With the economy in its current state, we are ever so mindful and extremely grateful for such sacrificial giving from the 57 participating churches and individuals.



Rev. & Mrs. Jack Taylor, presenting rally check to Dr. Kilgore and Rev. Frank Woods during our recent Homecoming Celebration.



Fall/Winter
2009-2010

Season of Change

To everything there is . . . a season and a time to every purpose under Heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Why Give?

During the next several months as I undergo chemotherapy, I will not be able to travel and meet with all our wonderful supporters or share about our various ministries with those who may not support us or know about all that we do for hurting young people and their families. This makes YOUR generosity this Christmas so much more important. With the ailing economy and many worthy causes needing help, you may ask, "Why give to Family Ministries?"

It is your ministry.

We are owned by the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists, and we are a vital part of our state work. In addition, we care for young people from all across the eastern half of Tennessee and southwest Virginia, children in Arkansas, young moms and babies and senior citizens. YOU are the only reason we can accomplish what the Lord has given us to do, and we want to make you proud of what we do.

It is a soul-saving station.

For each of the past ten years, we have seen over 100 young people saved. So far this year, more than 100 have given their lives to Jesus. Our young people come to us with needy hearts and souls, looking for answers to life's tough questions. Because of you, we are here to guide them to the One who has all the answers. I know of no other ministry with such an outreach.

It is worthy of your support.

both financially and with your prayers. We realize we have been entrusted with precious souls, and the entire staff of Family Ministries gives of their best each day in order to see souls born into the Kingdom. Make an investment in eternity by giving of your finances and of your time in prayer for us.

From the Desk of the Director

As I watched the mountains of the Cherokee Forest that surround our campus change from green to the beautiful shades of autumn, I was reminded of the change of seasons in our own lives. As many of you may know, I recently underwent a season of serious illness. A check-up at 50 revealed colon cancer, and I underwent routine surgery on September 8. Two days later, I developed a pinhole leak which allowed bacteria and infection to flood my body. On September 12, I underwent emergency surgery to repair the damage. I fought for my life, and God saw fit to spare me. Just as God intervened in my life by restoring my health, the children in our care need His spiritual intervention because without it, they are fighting a losing battle. I know many prayers have gone up for me, and I am grateful for each one. I want to thank everyone who prayed, sent cards, e-mails, blankets, sent food and called to check on me. I am doing well and getting stronger each day. Please continue to pray as I start another season in my life as I undergo a precautionary round of chemo for the next few months. Even though I have been through a tremendous ordeal, God's faith and sustaining power have been constant in my life. The staff at Family Ministries has stepped up in a marvelous way to ensure all the high standards of our programs are maintained, and I appreciate all of you who continue to believe in what we do and give to allow us to continue changing the lives of young people, families, young moms and senior citizens for eternity.

In these tough economic times, while some have been forced to cut back their giving, many others have been blessed to give more. We are thankful for every gift God sends our way, for it is a blessing, and we hope you will choose to be a blessing to a hurting young person this Christmas. This season, your help is critical to our financial well-being. Earmark checks "Christmas Appeal" or go on-line at www.fwbfm.com to make a Visa/MasterCard/Discover credit card donation. If you are interested in giving a year-end contribution, time is of the essence for making a tax-deductible contribution. **All gifts must be postmarked by December 31st.**

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70 Years Strong

Traditions and Expectations



The Hope Center

On Thursday, October 1, The Hope Center held its **traditional** Celebration fundraiser. Joan Cronan, Women's Athletic Director for the University of Tennessee, spoke about "Wishes, Hopes and Dreams," and Drucilla Miller, Dean of Walters State College in Greeneville served as Chairperson for the event. They both spoke of the important part education, mentoring and a solid, Biblical support mean and how much this can influence the lives of young people. Loren Harris of Valley Forge FWB Church in Elizabethton, TN, blessed us with a wonderful vocal performance, accompanied on a special song by his son, Cameron.



We are also gearing up for our Operation Christmas Hope to provide gifts for over 150 children of our clients. If you would like to participate, please contact Sharon Hodgens at (423) 638-5433. We are in need of new toys, clothes, Wal-Mart gift cards and sizes 3, 4 and 5 diapers.

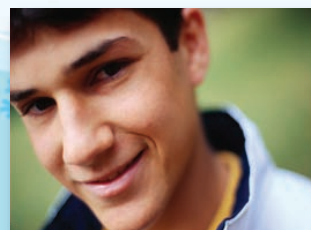
The Laurels

As we approach our third year since opening the doors of The Laurels Retirement & Assisted Living facility, we can report that it is currently full with a waiting list. Our residents continue to build friendships and start new **traditions** while enjoying a never-ending variety of activities in their safe home, where they can find peace of mind and receive assistance with daily activities.



Virginia Ministries

With renovations of the Victory Boys' Home **expected** to be complete very soon, we are looking forward to having children back at our Norton Virginia Home.



The **traditions** of Family Ministries continue to be ones of ministry, caring for hurting young people and their families and helping bring them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Our **expectations** for the future are to continue to serve wherever God leads.



The Oaks

We have an addition at The Oaks, our newest cabin named "The Seasons" a 2,100 sq. ft. log cabin, dedicated in memory of Allen Hodgens, son of Deryl and Sharon Hodgens, benefactors and longtime employees of Family Ministries. The cabin can accommodate 24 guests, with 2 large gathering areas, and a front porch built for sitting and enjoying God's beauty that surrounds our retreat center, a **tradition** our guests have come to love about the Oaks. Special thanks to the tremendous volunteer labor from the Toe River Association of Free Will Baptists, along with numerous volunteers and additional financial contributors.



Dedication ceremony for "The Season" cabin. Pictured are The Hodgens' family and members of the Toe River Association of Free Will Baptists.



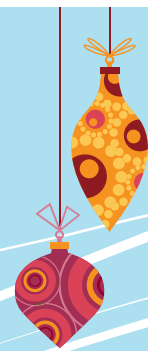
P.A.T.H. Academy

Through the generosity of Scott and Nikki Niswonger and The Niswonger Foundation, our students at P.A.T.H. Academy have the opportunity to greatly improve the course of their educational future through the NovaNet Educational Recovery System. Students can now regain high school credits in order to receive their diplomas, and achieve educational goals that far exceed their greatest **expectations**.



Heart Stone Farm

Our young people have benefited greatly from the horse program, and we thank Beth & Dave Detroyer for the love they pour into our youth's lives and for their dedication in taking care of the farm. Trail riding is fast becoming a weekend **tradition** when the weather is good and the boys are out of school. Everyone is super helpful and eager to ride. Our new addition of registered Angus cows is also an added dimension to our farm.



Christmas is on its Way

No doubt you have begun searching for just the right Christmas gifts for your family and friends. Sadly, some of our young people will not be able to partake in any holiday **traditions** with their own families. This is often a very difficult time for our youth, but you can be a part of giving them a happy, memorable Christmas. Please help us share the joy of the season by sending a monetary gift designated for Christmas, or Wal-Mart gift cards that allow our house parents to purchase special gifts for the children in their cottage, while also ensuring fairness of distribution. For more information call 423-278-1564.



Now serving on the Board of Trustees for Family Ministries, Rev. Tim York, pastor of Cane Ridge FWB Church & Moderator for the National Association of FWB, shares his heart in asking you to help support this worthy ministry.

"As a board member of FWBFM, I have personally seen the need and benefit of helping hurting children. Will you join my wife Phyllis and myself in giving a special gift this Christmas season?"



Arkansas Ministries

Arkansas Master's Men introduced a project in 2008 with the **expectation** of replacing 131 windows at the Florence Crittenton Home in Little Rock, AR. It was made clear that reaching this goal would require the help of every Arkansas Free Will Baptist. Their response was terrific! Support came from individuals, WAC, Master's Men groups, churches, associations, youth groups and Sunday School classes. The amount raised was \$48,161.00!! The hope of the AR Master's Men is that others will have a vision, be encouraged to dream big and never underestimate what God can do when His people say **"WE CAN!"**



Plaque commemorating the project was presented to Arkansas Free Will Baptist Men, Women, Boys and Girls who supported this endeavor during the 2009 AR State Meeting. Pictured left to right: Dr. Kilgore, Wendell Leckbee, Arkansas FWB Masters Men President, Debbie Stripling, FWBFM Florence Crittenton Operations Manager.



Winter Jamboree

Start a new tradition by attending our first annual Winter Jamboree. Go on-line at www.fwbfm.com for your registration form to attend our upcoming event at the Oaks Retreat Center, combining Christian fellowship with extreme winter activities and sports.

Two dates available: Junior High, Dec. 27-28, 2009 and Senior High, Jan. 1- 2, 2010. For more information call 423-470-2226.

Honoring Our Loved Ones

Expect great things to happen in a child's troubled life when you give of yourself. Contribute a special gift in honor or memory of your loved one. Your gifts allow us to continue in our commitment of offering the level of services and quality of ministry that God has called us to provide for hurting children.

Below are the honor/memorial contributions that we received from July 2009 - October 2009. We thank all those who pay tribute to their loved ones in such a special way. (If your gift was omitted, please contact 423-278-1564.)

In Memory

Terry Adkins
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Moleta Stamps

Bud Starnes

In Honor

Phyllis Lammon
Bob & Karen Gay

Donor

Rev. Dennis Heath
Narda Taber

Make a contribution in honor or memory of a special loved one. Complete and return form below with your gift. Acknowledgements will appear in an upcoming newsletter.

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