



.....Honor YouPraise YouThank You



♥ **From the Desk
of the Director**

Honor...Praise...Thanks... These words are sometimes tossed about without any real meaning behind them. But I, for one, want to truly honor my parents, as well as those who have fought and are fighting for our country. I especially want to praise my God for His marvelous provision and protection. I continually want to give thanks to you who choose to partner with us in prayer and in your finances. I am thankful for the staff of Family Ministries who give of themselves to help hurting young people and families.

There are not many ministries that are making more of a difference in eternity. Heaven's future population is growing because dedicated men and women are bringing the gospel to our young people. The only things you will take to Heaven are the people you have won to the Lord, and your spiritual investments can reap no greater returns than when you have a part in souls being saved.

Will you be a part of making an eternal difference? Please consider a gift as an individual and as a church to help us continue to bring the reality of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ to those we serve. Thank you for everything you do for Family Ministries. The only thing you will take to Heaven is the difference you have made in the lives of people.

In His Service,

Dr. James Kilgore

*Mother
May I?*

For many of us, reminiscing about endless summer days in the backyard playing games like "Mother May I?" or "Hide 'n Seek" bring back fond memories of our childhood. For most of us, Mother's Day is also a special time to remember our dear moms who have loved and nurtured us throughout our lives.

But . . . the harsh reality is that this is not a game for some of the young people in our care. There are no special memories of their childhood, and Mother's Day evokes feelings of broken promises, anger, abuse, disappointment and fear of a home broken apart.

This Mother's Day, May 8, 2011, will you give a gift in honor and praise of your mother, in thanks to what she has meant in your life? Your partnership with Family Ministries will ensure that the physical, spiritual and emotional help our deserving children are seeking will be available.

Join us this MOTHER'S DAY with a gift as an expression of love. Be generous. Mail your tax deductible contributions to: FWB Family Ministries, 90 Stanley Lane, Greeneville, TN 37743 or go online at www.fwbfm.com to make your credit card donation.

WITH *Praise*

In **2010**, Family Ministries was blessed to serve **1,342** young people and families through our various ministries. **126** young people made first-time decisions for salvation, and **10** rededicated their lives to Christ. What a blessing! We praise God for using Family Ministries to win souls for Him. We also praise Him for the **116** babies born to clients of The Hope Center and the **100** young men who graduated from our Enhanced Drug and Alcohol treatment program.

We praise God for sending great people to be a part of our family, and we are pleased to announce Joshua and Sarah Richardson have been appointed camp directors for **The Oaks Retreat Center**. They bring a wide range of experience and are excited about this year's camp season which began April 1. The Richardsons have two sons, Caden and Codie, and have a passion for this ministry. The Oaks currently operates on a seasonal basis with limited activity during the winter months.



Caden & Codie Richardson, along with friend Preston, look forward to our upcoming camp season.

April 6 was a wonderful day for **The Hope Center** as we dedicated our new facility. Due to the generosity of Mr. Scott Niswonger, long-time benefactor of Family Ministries, we were able to obtain a 5,000 sq. ft. facility. We are thrilled that we will be able to better serve the community and our clients. We are asking you, as our partners in Christ, to consider a donation towards the renovation costs. Our levels of sponsorship are:

Amethyst	\$ 100 - \$ 299
Sapphire	300 - 749
Emerald	750 - 1,499
Ruby	1,500 - 2,499
Diamond	2,500 +

For more information, please contact Sharon Hodgens, Director, at (423) 638-5433 (LIFE).

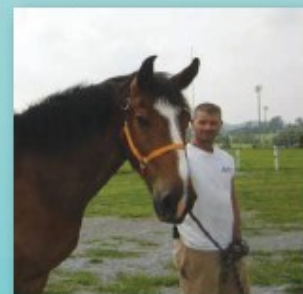


Ribbon cutting at The Hope Center's new location. Cutting the ribbon: Dr. James Kilgore, Scott Niswonger & Sharon Hodgens - joined by family, friends and community supporters.

We praise the Lord for what He is doing at the **Florence Crittenton Home** in Little Rock, Arkansas. In the first two months of this year, two children were saved, two rededicated their lives to the Lord and two were baptized. During the Christmas holiday, two little sisters were saved. What a glorious blessing, and we appreciate Debbie Stripling's hard work in overseeing the Florence Crittenton Home.

Recently, Michael Johnson, Environmental Services Director, spoke with a lady at a business whose aunt was a resident at **The Laurels Retirement & Assisted Living Facility**. She had nothing but praise for the staff and facility. She said if her aunt had not been able to move into The Laurels, she felt her aunt would not have survived and was very thankful The Laurels was now her home.

Dave Detroyer, the husband of one of our **Heart Stone Farm** employees, was recently recognized by Wal-Mart for the many volunteer hours - 940! - that he gave to Family Ministries in 2010. Dave and his wife, Beth, love working with the horses and cattle and teaching our young men responsibility and life skills as they learn to care for the animals. Since 2008, the Wal-Mart Foundation's volunteerism program, Volunteerism Always pays (VAP), has honored Dave's servant's heart with \$5,000 in monetary contributions to Family Ministries. Thank you, Dave!



Dave DeTroyer and "Ben"

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We are so thankful for all the churches and individuals who reached out to our young people this past Christmas and brought so much joy to our campus. One house parent told of a church (Troy FWB Church, Troy, OH), who came and had a pizza party for our youth. The visiting pastor (Rev. Mark Snyder) shared his heart about making a commitment to Christ, and, later that night in the cottage, this house parent was able to lead one of the young men to Christ. That same night, a young man in another cottage got out of bed and asked the staff to explain the gospel to him. The house parent helped him pray the sinner's prayer to receive Jesus as His Savior. The young man stated he felt like a burden had been lifted. So we say "Thank You" to all who sacrificed their time and finances to bring the true meaning of Christmas to those in our care.

We thank God for His protection through the extreme weather we have experienced the past several months. Winds in excess of 75 mph have been recorded at our campus. A large tree was uprooted, falling on top of one of our 15-passenger vans. This happened just a few weeks after earlier winds ripped a large portion of roofing from The Jack's Creek Lodge at The Oaks Retreat Center. Those damages were estimated at \$15,000. Thankfully, no one was hurt in either incident. If you would like to make a donation to help recover a portion of our insurance deductible, please earmark your gift, "Wind Damage."

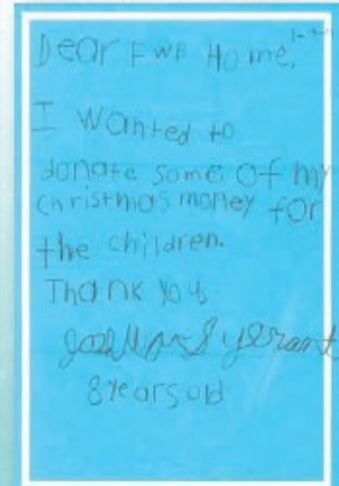


A cottage van destroyed during wind storm.

Thank you to all the churches who participated in our "Children Helping Children" VBS Campaign last year, and we hope you will adopt Family Ministries as your VBS project this summer, also. For more information, contact 423.278.1564.



CalvaryFWB Church, Glendale Springs, NC, participants in our 2010 VBS Campaign.



We received many blessings during the Christmas holiday, including a sacrificial gift from a special friend, Joshua.

We are thankful to Rev. Tim Roach who conducts Sunday services for our young men. Recently, in a two-week time period, he was able to lead 15 souls to the Lord. Praise God! We are also grateful to Rev. Jeff and Cathy Sams who minister faithfully to the residents of The Laurels. Services are conducted each Sunday morning and evening for those who are not able to attend outside services. They also have a Wednesday evening Bible study and are very faithful to visit hospitals and nursing homes where our residents might be for a time. Jeff has felt honored when asked to conduct several funerals when one of The Laurels' family has passed away. These faithful servants deserve our thanks.



We are thankful for warm, dry weather to enable construction to proceed on **Governor's Bend Assisted Living** in Erwin, TN. It is exciting to see progress being made, and we look forward to its completion.

Laying the foundation at Governor's Bend.

We welcome Rev. Venny VanHoose, from Louisa, KY, as our newest field representative, covering churches and associations in Kentucky, and areas of Ohio and West Virginia. Brother VanHoose accepted Christ and was baptized at the age of seventeen. During his 36 years of service to God, he has served the Lord in many capacities, and has seen many souls won for the Lord. A strong burden for Free Will Baptist Family Ministries led Venny to accept his new position, and we are thankful that he has joined our team in spreading the word about this great ministry to children and families.

WITH *Honor*

This is a season of special days. May brings *Mother's Day*, and it is also "*Foster Parents Month*." We honor these special moms and dads who have opened their hearts to give loving, Christian homes to young people in need of a stable home environment. *Father's Day* comes in June, and we celebrate *Independence Day* in July and honor all the servicemen who have served or are now serving in our armed forces to protect and maintain our freedoms. Please consider giving a gift in honor or memory of mothers, fathers and veterans. Honor faithful foster parents with a gift. Recognitions will appear in an upcoming newsletter.

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