

Your Gifts

There has never been a time that Family Ministries needs you to believe in us more than right now and believe the time and cost is worth it for—those won to Christ, the unborn babies being saved, our seniors being cared for, the children's lives and families that are being changed. Make an investment to help secure eternal life for the precious ones He places in our care through a memorial gift or contribution in honor of a special loved one.

Below are honor/memorials given from July 2011 – October 2011. If your gift has been omitted, please call 423.278.1564.

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Dear Partners in Christ,

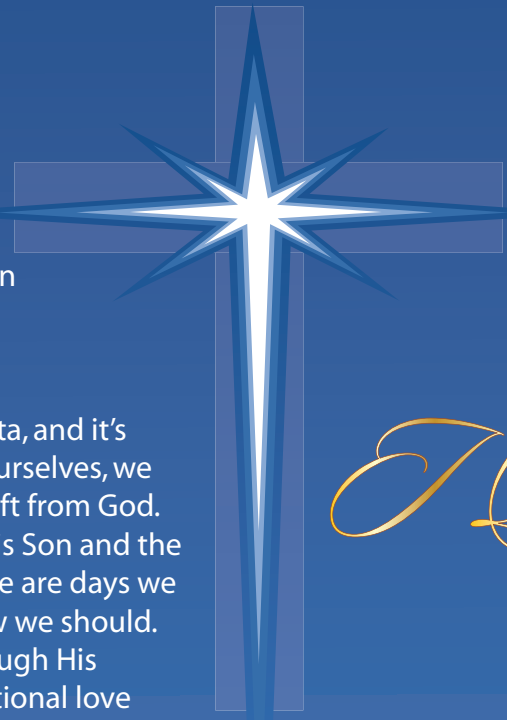
Most of us, at some time during our childhood, believed in the magic of Santa and how he would bring us presents if we were good. We believed he was a big, jolly man in a red suit who would grant our wishes if we behaved and got our names on his "list."

As adults, we understand Christmas is not Santa, and it's really not about presents. We realize that, in ourselves, we could never be good enough to receive any gift from God. Yet, in His great love, God gave us the gift of His Son and the "presence" of His Holy Spirit, even though there are days we aren't very good and don't behave as we know we should. He put our names in His Book of Life. It is through His mercy – without judgment – and His unconditional love that we are blessed and given the gifts of His unfailing faithfulness every day.

I pray that you will feel God's presence during this blessed season and that you will help us show God's love for our young people with your generosity. Christmas is a special time for all of us, and we need you to insure those God has entrusted to our care know the special joy of Christmas.

I believe God showed His unconditional love for us at Christmas. I believe we must show that same love to hurting young people. Will you believe in us to bring the life-changing reality of Christmas to our young people?

Dr. James H. Kilgore



I Believe . . .



*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."
John 3:16*

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I Believe...

... in S.A.N.T.A.

S - SALVATION

It is with joy we tell you that this is our 12th consecutive year of witnessing over 100 children receive *salvation* in a year. Our dedicated staff ensures our youth realize the commitment they are making and encourage them in their new walk with the Lord. We praise God for each eternal decision made for His Kingdom. During this year alone, 136 have received Christ as their personal Savior – 12 on one Sunday! We were also overjoyed when 6 of our youth were baptized in August, with an additional 14 expressing their desire to follow Him in baptism.



Pictured with Rev. Tim Roach and house parent Billy Clark, young man professing his faith by following Christ in baptism.

The Oaks Retreat Center has been busting at the seams with activity this year. We have received numerous letters, e-mails and calls with high praise for the service provided. One such letter reads: "Wow! What a mighty God we serve! The glory of the Lord was so present with us! There were three women who received *salvation* for the first time in their lives. Many more were totally transformed from darkness to more light during our marvelous weekend at The Oaks! We are so grateful to each one who had a hand in the set-up, the preparation of the camp, the ordering of the food, the homemade desserts, and every step of planning that took place. The camp was spotless when we arrived and ready to go! Your staff went way beyond the call of duty. Your hands, your feet, your staff, your place of worship gave us full opportunity to provide a place for God to move in the lives of all the ones present. Blessings to each one!"

Make plans now to visit The Oaks. We are already booking for next year. Call Diane today at 423.278.1562 to schedule your next event.

A - ABUNDANT LIFE

The young people from the Beta Club of Wise County Christian School recently assisted the residents of The Laurels Retirement & Assisted Living Facility in bringing apples to the cannery in Castlewood to make apple sauce. After cooking 40 gallons of apples all day, the residents and staff then took turns stirring, while enjoying coffee, hot apple cider and pumpkin cappuccino. The Laurels now has 96 quarts and 36 pints of apple butter to enjoy and to sell to help finance other fun activities! Several families joined with The Laurels family for an old-fashioned supper of beans, fried potatoes, greens, corn bread and all kinds of desserts. What a fun day! We are thankful for all who gave of their time to make it possible.



We consider it a privilege to serve those who make their home at The Laurels, and we look forward to the spring 2012 opening of Governor's Bend, our retirement and assisted living facility situated in a beautiful part of Erwin, TN. More than 20 apartments have been leased already. We are committed to bringing quality of life services and peace of mind to all our saintly seniors that they might *live abundantly* during their golden years.

Recently, Debbie Stripling, Director of Operations at Florence Crittenton in Little Rock, received the following handwritten note. Emmalee believes . . . in helping secure *abundant life* for others.

*My name is Emmalee. I am 8 years old. I am in 3rd grade. I go to NLR Catholic Academy. Our class is learning how to use it wisely. I've decided that giving it to you was the best way to invest my money, so here is my dollar.
May God Bless you always
Emmalee Bills*

N - NURTURING

The Hope Center continues *nurturing* young mothers and their children, as well as young women who come to us in crisis. Our annual Hope Center Celebration was held on Tuesday, October 18. We were honored to have 200 in attendance. Many new faces were present and shared their enthusiasm about being active in the ministry of The Hope Center. From Jan. through Oct. of this year, we are currently serving 535 families, have had 1,094 office visits, distributed 1,039 packs of diapers, added 131 new clients and 79 babies have been born.

Our annual "Operation Christmas Hope" is December 3, where we will be providing gifts to 128 children, as well as sharing the Christmas story and a hot meal with them and their families. If you would like to be a part of this special event, please contact Sharon at 423-638-5433.

We are so proud of our foster families and the wonderful work they do. We have been blessed to be able to expand our services and open foster homes in the Knoxville, TN area. Our "Got Love?" foster care program is still in need of caring, *nurturing* individuals willing to open their heart and home to a young person whose family is not able to properly care for them. If you are in our service area and are interested in this opportunity, please call 423.470.2300.

We appreciate all the churches and individuals who embraced Mother's Day by celebrating the wonderful, *nurturing* women who mean so much in our lives. Your sacrificial gifts to our 2011 Mother's Day Offering exceeded \$70,200 this year. Listed below are the Top Ten Churches who participated in this very special appeal.

- First FWB Church, Elizabethton, TN
- Zion Baptist Church, Elizabethton, TN
- Big Creek FWB Church, Green Mountain, TN
- First FWB Church, Mountain City, TN
- South Charleston FWB Church, S Charleston, OH
- Macedonia FWB Church, Purdy, MO
- Millrock FWB Church, Collinwood, TN
- Burns Chapel FWB Church, Iron City, TN
- Victory FWB Church, McMinnville, TN
- Douglas Chapel FWB Church, Cookeville, TN

T - TRUSTING GOD

The young people we serve come from many different backgrounds – single-parent homes, divorced parents, runaways, and even church families. They may be your neighbor, family member or part of your church's youth group. But, in many ways, they are all the same. Some of them have made mistakes, some have tried alcohol and drugs, but they are all God's creation, and He has a special plan and purpose for their lives.

Will you reach out to these young people this Christmas? In this blessed season, be a blessing to others by giving a special gift to Family Ministries. We encourage you to send a monetary donation designated for Christmas or gift cards (Wal-Mart, JCPenney, Belk) as they allow us to purchase needed individual gifts and assure they are distributed equally. We also accept credit card donations through our secure website at www.fwbfm.com. We are *trusting God* to meet our needs financially this Christmas through your generosity. For more information, please call 423-278-1564.



We are trusting God to continue to sustain our ministry, and that only happens as God lays it on the hearts of His people to give, and they respond. The precious children of Felker FWB Church in Valliant, OK, had a fun time participating in our 2011 VBS Campaign, "Children Helping Children." We are grateful for all the churches who chose our ministry as their VBS mission project.



In a joint effort with churches and individuals in the Upper Cumberland Region, and coordinated by our Cookeville area field representative, Rev. Jack Taylor, the annual UCF Rally raised a record \$56,720.58. Asked about the outpouring considering the economy, he stated that he *trusts God* to lay it on the hearts of His people to give, and if people believe in the cause, they still desire to sacrificially contribute to something so worthy that is making an eternal difference.

A - ACCEPTANCE

Heart Stone Farm recently received a gentle giant – Big Ben, who weighs in at 2,200 lbs. He is an Amish-trained horse from Pennsylvania and a great addition to our equine therapy program, as some of our larger riders can't ride the older quarter horses. His arrival has helped teach our young men the lesson that, no matter how big you are, it is still a little scary being somewhere new. Like Big Ben, they, too, are faced with the challenge of change and *acceptance* of their new surroundings, but with love and caring, they can come to realize it was God's way of giving them what was best for this time in their lives.



Family Ministries was a recipient of the 2011 **Faith in the Future** Awards, sponsored by Century Link, at a ceremony on November 3, 2011. According to members of the Johnson City Chamber of Commerce, "FWBFM was a winner 'hands down' by all our judges!! Hope this brings many smiles and hours of happiness to the staff and clients of FWBFM." *Acceptance* of this award was an honor, particularly because it was the 2nd consecutive year that Family Ministries was voted by its peers to receive this recognition.



Executive Director, Dr. James Kilgore, and Suzy Cloyd, FWBFM Director of Human Resources, surrounded by Century Link representatives at the awards ceremony.