A Mandate of Care

As Christians we have a Biblical mandate to care for the most vulnerable in our society: The widowed, orphaned, poor, abused, neglected and abandoned.

† James 1:27 “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress...”

† Proverbs 31:8-9 “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute, speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

† Isaiah 1:17 “Learn to do right, seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow. Rescue from the hand of oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the alien, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood.”

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Full ‘Circle of Love’ in Adoption

By Carla Donoho, Director of Angels’ Cove

Not long ago, I witnessed the full circle of love in adoption – the reuniting of years of love for one precious little girl—all grown up.

Almost 18 years ago I received a call from what was then called the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Marion, Illinois. A young lady had just left with the plans to have an abortion. Knowing God has no limitations on the “2 or 3 gather in my name,” we prayed together on the phone. We prayed specifically that God would take care of this young mom and her unborn child.

We asked that someone would come into her life to help her through this difficult time.

A few short months later I received a call from a hospital that a very young mother had given birth to a very tiny baby girl and she did not feel she was at the point in her life to raise her child. This was the mother and the child we had prayed for!

Through our ministry, we were able to support this precious young mom. In talking about her situation, she said, “I didn’t know what to do. I felt so alone and scared. I didn’t want to choose abortion and I also thought about ending my life because I had no one. All my life I have struggled.”

She made an adoption plan for her beautiful baby girl. Although a heart-wrenching decision, she knew it was best for her baby. The baby’s birthfather was very supportive and together they put the needs of their child ahead of their own emotional ones and placed her in the love of an adoptive family who had prayed for years for a little girl they had already named – Amber.

Through the next 17 years pictures and letters of Amber’s life were shared with her birth family. Her adoptive mom and adoptive dad kept an open line of communication with Amber, being sensitive to what she needed to be a healthy and happy girl and young woman. As she approached her teen years they were aware of her desire to know more of her birth family, so together Amber and her mom made plans to have a reunion.

What an amazing time! Love, laughter and tears of joy filled the room for 5 hours. Stories and photos were shared from throughout the years. Everyone was touched by Amber’s birthfather who had saved every thing he had ever received, recording Amber’s journey.

Amber was introduced to her younger “sister” whom she had never met. Everyone searched to know each other better, to fill in the 18 year gap of their lives.

This reunion was a perfect display of unselfish love. Amber’s mom said, “They loved their daughter enough to place her in our arms 18 years ago...and we love her enough to help them reunite today. It’s like the final (continued on page 2)
Amber posted on her Facebook, “Today was everything I have ever dreamed of!!!!! (: words can’t describe how amazing it was!!”

Amber’s birthmother wrote: “Wow! What an amazing day to meet our daughter! Words can’t even describe how amazing this was. She is so beautiful. She is an amazing lady. Thank you for letting us share this special moment. I love you all so much. So much love tonight! I have struggled all my life, and to see Amber not to have to struggle makes me proud I gave her life and such a wonderful family.”

Most likely all of us would say we had experienced and witnessed unconditional love in some form, e.g. parents sacrificing for their children to have more, to allow them to go to college, to have a better Christmas. But I don’t believe I have ever witnessed a greater display of unconditional love than what I have seen from these families – each one making Amber’s life and her well being more important than anything else.

How many of us would sacrifice a beautiful daughter into the arms of strangers? How many adoptive parents put aside the fears our culture creates of the “other family” to see their adopted child find the “final piece of the puzzle.” This, my friend, is unselfish love! Through everyone’s desire to put Amber first, she has become the beautiful, healthy young woman she is today!
BCHFS MEMORIAL GIFTS: April – June 2011 (continued)

Donald Brown and Michael Krause
Pontoon Baptist Church, Granite City
Alva Landrum and Deborah Sharon Landrum
Alice Landrum
Thelma Lawrence
Doris Shawer
Mary Elizabeth Lawson
Mason Akers
Todd Legg
Charles R. (Butch) and Donna Legg
James “Trigger” Lindsey
Bob and Jacqueline Goepfert
Mary English and LaVerne Lindberg
Rex and Jeanie Jerald
Elizabeth Long
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Delphine Maloney
Mrs. Lean Queen
Ora Lasley Mahan
Lenora Jackson
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Lenora Mahan Jackson
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Bob Marquardt
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Charles Forbes
Mr. Ken Kessler and David McAnally
Doris McAnally
Vince McClure
First Baptist Church, Alton
Victor McDonald
Mildred McDonald
John McGee
Dwain and Linda Bridges
Rev. C.W. McHaney
Mrs. Elizabeth McHaney
Brenda Mendelson
Homemakers Class of Calvary Baptist Church, Granite City
Mina Menne
Carole and Charles Seeley
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John and Betty Stalings
Charles Edw. Miller
Ava L. Miller
Milburn Miller
Ruby Geraldine Miller
Paul Miller
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Faye Bowman
Bernice Minton and Martha Northland
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Joelen Newkerry
Merrie Dean Nett
Lea Nett
Marquette Kohrig and Thomas A. Newport
First Baptist Church, Salem
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Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent
Rick O’Dell
Jim and Debbie Lay
Joyce Olroyd
Peggy and Stephen Olroyd
Brent and Lois Stayton
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George and Norma Hudelson
Bert and Judy Wascher
Lynn and Gary Thorns
Sheryl Chadron
Pati and Bill Schulze
Sylvia Ninnis
Jeffrey and Suzanne Thomas
Marlene and Dennis Detring
Darrell and Betty Molen
William and Deborah Opel
Dan and Toby Lorton
Tony and Grace Woods
Faculty and Staff of Red Bud Elementary School
Rhonda Black
Carl Starr
Anthony and Mary Ringer
Rev. James and Judy Allen
William and Myra Maxwell
Linda Vana and Mike
Burdele and Nellie O’Neil
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Anita Martin and Ruth Payne
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Pearl Pierson
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Bill Preis
Alice Preis
Aaron Price
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Price
Earl Queen
Leah Queen
Marie Perry and Celia A. “CeCe” Rainwater
First Baptist Church, Salem
Hazel Reed
Roland Lacy
Fred Reid
First Baptist Church, Grayville
Tim Richardson
Savana Richardson
Emma M. Riecken
Barbara Schreiber
Rev. Charles W. Riley
Lola Riley
Lloyd Robinson and Lloyd Ray Robinson
Mrs. Fayette Robinson
Betty Rothe
Frank Rothe
Helen Stevens Albrecht and Ruby Rushing
Charles and Joyce Stevens
Rev. Dean Ruyle
Wanda Ruyle
Eleanor Janes and Mabel Ruyle
Mary Jean Reno
Casey and Noah Saffelder
Mr. and Mrs. Saffelder
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Louise Sampson
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Cleopha Ship
Clifford Shreve
Norma Shreve
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Harold and Ella Mae Bellingier
Gus and Ethel Carroll and Moss and Tillie Stedig
Ray and Margie Carroll
Doris Hurley and Beverly Smith
Adult 1 Seniors Sunday School Class, First Baptist Church, Springfield
Cecile M. Smith
Mr. Kenneth Smith
Olive Snead
Delightful Baptist Church, McLeansboro
Ruby Spann
Men’s Sunday School Class of Sesser
First Baptist Church
Pearl and Homer Stephenson
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kemper
Flora (Pepper) Talley
Michael and Carla Talley
Addie Tate
Andrew B. Tate
David and Nina Sage
Shawn Sechrest
Dennis and Mary File
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Matt Frizzell
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Robert and Amelia Bruce
Helen Mausey and Mary Webb
Dean and Bev Webb
Mildred Egley and Roe and Mary Webb
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Annabelle Wells
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Mrs. Lulita Monroe
Frorna Sue White
Charles K. Simpson
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Sam and Anna Estvez
Freida Monroe and Lena Whipple
LuAnn Monroe
Imogene Showalter and Earline White
Gene White
Earl White
Pontoon Baptist Church, Granite City
Mary Lou Whitten
Chris Whitten
Edward and Betsy Mills
Rita Bodem
Elnora Williamson
Marilyn McGehee
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson
Donald H. Wilson
Lura F. Wilson
Emroy Wilson
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Esther Winesburg
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Nancy Williams
Robert Williams
Helen Womick
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Charles and Alice Word
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Pearl Crowell & Anna Wyrostek
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Catherine Yarnell

Note: Memorized Names are in BOLD.

We are so close to reaching our 2011 Mother’s Day Offering budget goal. The funds we receive through MDO are essential to our yearly operating budget. If you have not yet sent a MDO gift, we ask that you prayerfully consider helping us meet our budget. Who knows, you might be the one to put us over the top!

Students’ TEST SCORES IMPROVE While in BCHFS Care!

There is little doubt that a quality education is a key component to a child’s ability to thrive and lead a successful, productive life. That is why one of our goals at BCHFS is to help the students who come into our care improve their academic performance. The recent findings of a Title I Summary conducted on our students show that they are doing just that.

BCHFS had a total of 48 students enrolled in school during the 2010-2011 school year. Of these 48 students, 45 received the pre- and post-testing necessary to measure their academic progress. Pretests revealed that 15 of our students scored below grade level in the subject of reading. However, by the halfway point 14 (93.33%) students had improved their reading score. The pretest also showed that 16 students scored below grade level in math. Of those 16 students, 12 (75%) showed a marked improvement by the halfway point in the school year.

BCHFS would like to applaud all of our students for the effort they put into improving themselves academically. We ask that you please pray for our students as they strive for continued success during this new school year.
Over 1,800 Turn Out for BCHFS FALL FESTIVAL!

Baptist Children’s Home and Family Services hosted its 12th Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 17, 2011. This year’s event, which was held on the grounds of the organization’s residential care campus in Carmi, shattered the attendance record of 1,200 set by last year’s Fall Festival. Altogether, over 1,800 patrons turned out to enjoy the beautiful fall afternoon and a host of free activities including horseback rides, games, inflatables, volleyball tournament, chili cook-off, free food and live entertainment.

The success of this year’s Fall Festival, which raised over $28,000 for the ministry of Baptist Children’s Home and Family Services, is due in large part to the numerous volunteers who made the event possible. Sixty activity booths were provided by area churches and organizations. The festivities also featured a free concert from touring Southern Gospel group, Sons of the Father. The afternoon culminated with a live auction in which 90 quilts, donated by individuals and groups from all over the state, were sold to the highest bidder. Patrons also enjoyed shopping through the hundreds of donated items available in the silent auction.

BCHFS would like to congratulate First Bank of Carmi for taking first place in the business category of the chili cook-off and Brendon Donoho who took home the top prize in the individual category. Steve Richard won the people’s choice category. Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon won first place in the volleyball tournament for the third straight year.

BCHFS would also like to sincerely thank all of the numerous hard working volunteers who came together to make the 2011 Fall Festival an overwhelming success!

Kids of all sizes loved the traditional ‘barrel train’ rides, (and right) Brendon Donoho won the individual category ‘chili cook-off’ competition.

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The Halls also promote participation in the Schnucks Supermarkets Community Card program where ever they go. The Schnucks Community Card is an easy way for shoppers to contribute to BCHFS by simply shopping for their groceries. Community Cards can be picked up free of charge from most Schnucks Supermarket stores. Participants must activate their card and designate BCHFS as the recipient charity. Then they simply have the cashier swipe the card each time they make a purchase and Schnucks will donate up to 3% of their monthly purchases to BCHFS.

Regardless of whether they are bringing supplies to Carmi, promoting the use of the Schnucks Card or encouraging church involvement, Terry and Barb have enriched the lives of countless BCH kids throughout the years. They are a great example of how everyday people can make an eternal impact in the lives of others by sharing the love of Jesus Christ. BCHFS deeply appreciates the Halls as well as the countless other individuals that give of their time and treasures to make our ministry possible. -

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Jay Boyd joins the Baptist Children’s Home and Family Services team as the new Northern Illinois Development Officer. Jay and his wife Lauren recently moved to Sycamore, IL from Louisville, KY where Jay has been earning his Master of Arts in Leadership from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Jay will be the first full-time development officer located in the northern region of the state. “I am very excited to be a member of the BCHFS team and its ministry,” said Jay. “It is truly an honor to work for such an organization that cares for children and families in need.”

Jay has always had a passion for displaced children. As a native of Florida, he previously worked for the Florida Baptist Children’s Home as an assistant enrichment coordinator and later served as the communications intern for the FBCH state office.

There are more than 147 million orphans worldwide. American divorce rates hover around 50 percent. Satan is attacking our children and families before our very eyes,” states Jay. “I am confident that God is using and will continue to use ministries like BCHFS to fulfill His redemptive purpose and bring peace to this earth. I am humbled to serve such an organization.”

Jay and his wife Lauren are expecting their first child in December. They look forward to welcoming their son Brayden Tyler Boyd into their family. Jay is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys bow-hunting for deer and turkey. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends and already misses the taste of southern sweet-tea. When his Saturdays are not spent hunting, he likes watching college football.

This is the date of our Thank You Reception.

Congratulations to the first place team!

(pictured from left to right) Clyde Dempsay, Jim Phillips, Gary Hutchcraft and Mark Rohlfink.

**BCHFS Welcomes Jay Boyd**

**14th Annual Southern Golf Scramble a HUGE Success!**

For some time now, the Southern Illinois Golf Scramble has been one of the biggest fundraising events of the year for BCHFS. Thanks to the hard work of a dedicated group of volunteers and a number of generous contributions from local business and organizations, this year’s outing turned out to be the best yet!

Over 170 golfers turned out to compete in the tournament which was held on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at Green Hills Golf Course in Mt. Vernon, IL. The tournament raised over $67,000 for the ministry of BCHFS, which is over $20,000 more than was raised by last year’s event!

BCHFS would like to congratulate Clyde Dempsay, Gary Hutchcraft, Mark Rohlfink and Jim Phillips for taking home first place honors in the tournament. The second place team consists of Oliver Butler, Curt Tennison, Art Gibbons and Kenny Roberts.

BCHFS would like to extend our most sincere thanks to the members of our 2011 Southern Illinois Golf Scramble planning committee: John Beam, Joe Booth, Steve Chamness, Benita Coffel, Craig Demaret, Doug Devore, Carla Donoho, Jason Eubanks, Tom Hammill, Tom Hester, Randy Jenkins, Bob Jesop, Mike Lamb, Jay Luse, Darrel Mays, Mike McClure, Richard Montgomery, Paul Sadler, Ken Steward, Mike Stewart, Rhinnon Mitchell, Ron Summers, Debi Trotter and Robert White.

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**Christmas Gifts for BCHFS Kids**

If you or your church would like to share the joy of the holiday season by providing a Christmas gift for one of our infants, young mothers or children in our care, you may do so by requesting a ‘Wish List’ letter by one of the following methods:

- **BCH Kids**: contact Tina Musgrove at (618) 382-4165, ext. 200 – or email her at tina.musgrove@bchfs.com.
- **Angels’ Cove Young Mothers or Babies**: contact Pam Adams at (618) 242-4944 or by emailing us at angelscove@bchfs.com.

Mail gifts are due by December 9, or you may deliver them person until Dec. 11, which is the date of our Thank You Reception. Visit our website to learn more!
ISSUES FACING THE AGENCY:

Recently our Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve a new strategic plan that will guide the agency. In partnership with Southern Baptist churches across IL, our mission is to provide Christ centered services counseling centers in 8 cities. In partnership with Bukaleba Babies’ Home. It is meeting the needs of families across IL. We provide 1918 is now a multi-faceted child welfare agency that is meeting the needs of families across IL. We provide care through Baptist Children’s Home in Carmi, Angels’ Cove in Mt. Vernon, adoptive and foster homes throughout the state and through Pathways counseling centers in 8 cities.

In partnership with Southern Baptist churches across IL, our mission is to provide Christ centered services for children and families that protect, heal and restore. Recently our Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve a new strategic plan that will guide the agency for the next 5 years in accomplishing this mission.

THE PLAN IDENTIFIED SEVERAL STRATEGIC ISSUES FACING THE AGENCY:

• The need to continually improve the quality of existing programs while expanding services to reach an even greater number of children and families.

• The need to develop better marketing strategies to raise the resources to sustain current work and support planned growth.

• The need to protect the agency’s assets in an age of litigation.

• The need to provide the infrastructure necessary to support the growth of the agency.

• The need to manage the transition of leadership staff in the next 5 years.

IN LIGHT OF THESE STRATEGIC ISSUES, THE FOLLOWING GOALS WERE ESTABLISHED:

To expand our outpatient counseling ministry by opening a Pathways counseling office in northern IL and an additional office in central IL.

To explore and develop ways to meet the educational needs of children in residential care who are unable to attend public school.

To expand cottage living space in our residential care cottages, which are now over 60 years old.

To better meet the needs of families in crisis and keep children out of the child welfare system by instituting a Safe Families for Children program. Safe Families is a national movement of compassion that is working to prevent child abuse by encouraging the church to resume its historical and Biblical responsibility for vulnerable children by becoming part of the support network for families in crisis. It is a movement of hundreds of Christian families who have opened their homes to care for children whose parents are struggling. By demonstrating Biblical hospitality, Safe Families returns the church to the forefront of caring for “orphans and widows.”

To begin an orphan ministry by developing a partnership with an orphanage in Uganda to help care for children in need. It is reported that there are over 147 million orphaned children throughout the world who suffer from severe poverty, malnutrition, disease and physical and emotional abuse. We can’t help all of them but we can begin by helping one child at a time. With that in mind, a small team recently went to Bukaleba, Uganda to develop a partnership with Arise Africa International and the Bukaleba Babies’ Home.

OUR GOALS IN THIS ORPHAN MINISTRY ARE 3 FOLD:

1. To provide financial support to improve the quality of life for the 50+ orphans, age birth-6, who live in the Babies’ Home in Bukaleba. This orphanage is a relatively new facility that was begun by a non-profit organization called Arise Africa International.

2. To provide hands-on ministry opportunities for IL Baptists through bi-annual mission trips to the orphanage. We will learn more about the nature of these trips as the campaign develops. It is anticipated that there should be opportunities for construction, teaching, mentoring and caring.

3. To develop a relationship with the orphanage and the government of Uganda that would allow us to be a placement agency for families wanting to adopt from Uganda. We are licensed in IL as an adoption agency and we hope to expand to international placements.

I am excited about the future of Baptist Children’s Home and Family Services. God is blessing the work in amazing ways and opening doors for new ministry. Please be in prayer as we continue to improve our current work and begin these exciting new endeavors. Maybe in 2012 you will become one of our new Safe Families or travel with me to Uganda to work in the Bukaleba Babies’ Home. I look forward to seeing what God is going to do.

Doug Devore
BCHFS Executive Director

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HONOR GIFTS FROM APRIL – JUNE ’11

Angels’ Cove
Dan and Joann Davis
Linda Brown
Baptist Children’s Home and Family Services
David Hubbard
Linda Brown
Wanda Rippy
Father-WW 11
Barbara Franklin
Vivian Bain
Bruce and Sharon Soulsby
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baxter
Mrs. Sadie Jane Huffman
Faye Bowman
Dale and Helen Faulkner
Joyce Brockett
Rick and LaDonna Brockett
Eva Bryan
John and Paula Wilson
Leann Burnett
Roy and Georgia Greet
Roy Casey
Ms. Dorthy Adams
Jo Ann Cassidy
Mr. and Mrs. James Cassidy
Cheryl Cobin
First Baptist Church, Elkhville
Mikayla Crider
Cheryl Bumpner
Katheryn Day
Mike and Marilyn Coughill
Minnie Dinwiddie
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dinwiddie
Debbie Gholson
Eleanor and Nealy Glenn
Bruce and Paula Flanigan
Luani Wang
Bob and Phaedra Gentry
Steve and Sharon Yearwood
Nicholas and Vera Whiteside
Robert and Norma Aldridge
David and Karen Aldridge
Vernon Nelson
Carey and Lisa Lippis
Nona Wilson
Brett and Nancy Gibbs
Rick and Nikki Hawkins
Gary and Mary Tucker
Mary L. Griffin and Marilyn J. Griffin
Billy G. Griffin
Irene Hoff
Bob and Mary Ellis
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hollioman
Jo Anne Temple
Norma Hubbard
Jim and Cheryl Schrock
Lowell Huffstutler
Cindy Winters
Yvonne Jones
JoAnne Temple
Jouett Children
James Jouett
James Kerley
Jeannine and Robert McCull
Earline Kohrig
Karl (Tony) Kohrig
Evelyn B. Lamb
Christine Foster
Charla Fisher and Sharon Long
Jo Anne Temple
Helen and R.L. Love
Larry Fisher
Vera L. Martin
Bill Martin
Tom and Sue McDonald
Floyd and Mary Willbrut
Leila Donelson and Judy Mitchell
Leslie and Krystal Donelson
Lukas James Moore
Betty Moore
Rose Marie Moore
Marty Walker
Caleb and Luke Owen
Ms. Peggy Duril
Krystal Paige
Barb Herrmann
Delbert and Barbara Penrod
Sandridge New Hope Baptist Church, Petersburg
Petah Tikvah Messianic Synagogue
Mr. Douglas Turner
Imogene Phelps
Rita and Roger Williams
Justine Plummer
James and Velda Plummer
Rev. and Mrs. Don Price
Mrs. Katherine Bowman
Alice Pulliam
Brenda Kloess
Butch Rawls
Lea Neff
Kris Rhodes
Kathy Beach
Kate Currell & Ethel Rushing
Don and Gladys Currell
Ray Storey
Old Friends Sunday School
Class of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Decatur
Mary Ann Thacker
Mason Akers

Note: Honor Names are in BOLD.
MEMORIAL GIFTS FROM JULY – SEPTEMBER ’11

Mrs. Kathryn Allen
Bill and Susan Rehm
Alley
Dixie Piskos
Eileen Badgett
Terry and Barb Hall
Darwin and Linda Bridges
Homemakers Class of Calvary Baptist Church, Granite City
Porter Barker
First Baptist Church, Cartherville
Fredric and Wilma Beasley
Janet White
Vera Belcher
Lois Belcher
Claude and Amy Bowker
Brad and Patty Ruyler
Dottie Boyler
Homemakers Class of Calvary Baptist Church, Granite City
Carolyn Brower
Charles Brower
David and Beth Brown
Beulah Brown
Beverly Burde
Don and Patricia Goodwin
Bermuda Campbell
Concord Baptist Church, Pinckneyville
Patty Cameron
Mr. and Mrs. Duane Loy
Ed Canan
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bowman
Joyce Carey and Steve Carey
Connie Wornack
Elton and Jeanette Carlile
Jack and Lois Knepper
Ernest and Dorothy Cates
Carl and Ruth Davidson
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bryant
and Edith Chancey
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris
Frieda Jones Chilton
Morris and Nola Jones
John Clark
Barbara Clark
Mary Kindred
Bill Clifton
First Baptist Church, Salem
Aurley Cockrum
George and Wanda Spotanski
Scott Alan Collins
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Collins
Gary Conover
Roberta Post
Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson
Milly Crouch
Betty G. Hunt
Bob Davaut
Norma Davault
Jennifer Ditterline
County Line Baptist Church, Springfield
Eloise Dothager
Mike and Lucetta Dubbin
Marlyn Dothager
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry File
Carl Douthit and Steve Douthit
Geneva Douthit

BCHFS HONOR GIFTS: July – September 2011

HONOR GIFTS FROM JULY – SEPTEMBER ’11

ACTEENS of Springfield
Southern Baptist Church
Corvelia Jennings
All BCHFS Staff
David Hubbard
Great Grandchildren
Don and Edith Allen
Roy and Donald
Naomi Goddard
Nizzy and Tom
Carolyn and Royce Hawkins
Judy Aronson
Jerry Aronson
Art, Mark, Barkley and Denise Barnard
Hazel Lea Neff
LeAnn Burnett
Georgia Greer
Mikayla Crider
Cheryl Bungamrer
Betty Doelling
Leah Queen

Kacey Elam
Ronnie and Milie Elam
Helen Foster
Janet and John Foster
Jace Hance
Joana Bryson
Earl Hanskin
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dinwiddie
Cindy Harding
Beulah Brown
Louie and Mable Hiemen
Kathryn J. Harris
Alice Hobbs
Clyde Hobbs
Willis and Vera Keyster
Ellen C. Waters
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Knepper
Mr. and Mrs. R. Keith Knepper
Joshua Krummel
Jay and Sandy Woody
Lukas James Moore
Betty J. Moore
Hazel Lea Neff
Rhonda Hayes
Butch and Judy Rawls

Rachel Hoback O’Shea
John and Ruby Hoback
John Milton Page
Edna Lovelace
Patricia Phelps
Jo Anne Temple
Senior Women’s Sunday School Class
Ramsay First Baptist Church
Jim and Debbie Lay
Shiloh Baptist Church
First Baptist Church, O’biong
Noah and Caleb Soulsby
Bruce and Sharon Soulsby
Ray Storey
Mr. and Mrs. William Hensley
Carla Wilson
Kip Wilson
Catherine Yarnell
Kevin Yarnell
Youth of Dixon Springs
Baptist Church
Dale and Helen Faulkner

Note: Memorized Names are in BOLD.
BCHFS Boys & Girls Softball Teams Win Big at State!

BCHFS would like to congratulate the members of our boys and girls IIAA softball teams for their success at the 2011 state tournament! This year’s tournament was held at Lincoln Park in Springfield, IL on Saturday, July 16. The BCH girl’s team won first place after beating Kemmerer Village, of Assumption, IL 11-10 on a walk-off, inside the park home run. The boys took home second place after dropping the championship game to Salem Children’s Home in Flanagan, IL.

Our boys’ team took second place overall.

Each year our BCHFS kids design a custom Christmas card to celebrate the season and offer yet another way you can honor your loved ones, while helping BCHFS.

To participate, simply make a donation of your choice, along with the name of the person (or business) you wish to honor and their contact information. BCHFS will then send one of these beautifully designed cards to your chosen person(s) or business, along with an inscription that a ‘gift’ has been given in their honor.

Our Christmas Card Program is a great way to honor those most important to you while helping BCHFS share the joy of Christmas with those we serve.

You may learn more about this program through our website, and even download a remittance form that can be filled out and sent in to get started. Thank you for all you do to help our ministries as you enjoy this holiday season!

BCHFS: IN-THE-NEWS UPCOMING EVENTS

BCHFS Upcoming Events

- **November 19 – Celebrate Life Concert.** Come celebrate National Adoption Month and help raise funds for Angels’ Cove Maternity Center by joining us at West Salem Trinity Methodist Church, Mt. Vernon, IL for a night of music and fun!

- **December 9 – Mailed Christmas Gifts for BCHFS Kids Deadline.** Those who choose to sponsor a child for Christmas are welcome to send the gifts by USPS, UPS or you can deliver them to our campus in person. We ask that all mailed gifts be received by December 9. Contact Tina at (618) 382-4165 to request a list.

- **December 11 – Thank You Reception for Christmas Sponsors.** All Christmas donors or sponsors are invited to attend a thank you reception from 2-4 p.m. at the gym on our Carmi Campus. Those who plan to attend may bring their gifts to the reception. Please RSVP by December 5.

- **December 11 – Snow Angel Pageant.** Join BCHFS at Shawnee Community College and root for your favorite Snow Angel contestant! Proceeds from the event go to Angels’ Cove.

- **Christmas Card Program –** Honor a loved one or friend by participating in our custom card program (see above article) that benefits our many services!

- **Annual Winter Sportsman Hunts (3 dates) –** Grab your guns and head out to one (or more) of our hunting fundraisers aimed at helping our kids! For more information on our Sportsman Hunts, please contact Ron Summers at (618) 923-3006.

- **December 12 – Waterfowl Hunt –** Grassy Lake Hunting Club in Ware, IL

- **February 11 – Pheasant Hunt –** Macedonia Game Preserve, Macedonia, IL

- **February 18 – Pheasant Hunt –** TNT Hunting Preserve, Mt. Erie, IL

Learn more at (618) 382-4164 or visit our website at www.BCHFS.com.