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a mission trip — in their own home.*

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In Memory of Shirley Lindsay

Shirley Tillman Lindsay, 77, wife of the late Homer G. Lindsay Jr., longtime co-pastor of First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, died May 1, 2008. She had been a member of First Baptist Church for 39 years.

Shirley Lindsay was a native of Lake Wales and attended Stetson University in Deland, where she met her husband. Ms. Lindsay was known for her kindness and her desire to tell everyone she met about Jesus.

Ms. Lindsay was an alumnus of the Florida Baptist Children's Homes and was eventually adopted from the Children's Homes when she was a young girl. She was also a generous supporter and upon her death she left a very significant gift of life insurance to the Children's Homes.

Her gift came at a very important time as we are working to establish new ministry sites in New Smyrna Beach, Orlando, Bradenton, and Panama City. She is survived by her three daughters, daughter-in-law, and five grandchildren.

Consider Giving a Gift of Life Insurance . . .

Gifts of life insurance to the Children's Homes can provide significant resources to the ministry. If your family's needs have changed and your policy is no longer needed to care for your dependents, you may want to consider naming the Children's Homes as one of the beneficiaries of your life insurance policy.

If you still need your life insurance for dependents and other loved ones, you can still remember the Children's Homes while still ensuring that loved ones are taken care of. This can be done by:

1. Naming the Children's Homes as a contingent beneficiary. This would direct the proceeds of our life insurance to the Children's Homes if your primary beneficiary should precede you in death.
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On
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Cover



Richard & Christine Jacobs get a playground workout with their latest foster child. The couple's first foster child was an infant named Mariah. The Jacobses were able to lead Mariah's father to the Lord and help the man get custody of his daughter. See story on page 4.

Our Calling

Providing Hope to Abused, Neglected and Orphaned Children



Dr. Jerry Haag — President

Edward rushed up with his arms outstretched for me to hold him. When I picked him up, I knew it would be heart-wrenching to leave him. Edward had been left by his mother at a malnutrition center. He was only supposed to be there for six months to allow his malnourished body to be made whole. Three years later, Edward is still waiting for his mother to return.

Edward happens to live at a malnutrition center in Guatemala that the Florida Baptist Children's Homes is helping. The Children's Homes' calling for more than 100 years has been to offer hope physically and spiritually to abused, neglected and orphaned children.

I have held children broken from their past in Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Miami, throughout our State and around our world. My reaction is the same regardless of the child's background, race, or nationality. We have to be the hands of Christ offering a blessing to these children so special to our Heavenly Father and to us.

There is a great amount of talk these days

about the economy. Each time you hear these conversations, remember that each day the needs of children are dramatically increasing. In one year, 240,000 children were reported neglected and abused in the State of Florida. Around the world there are 143 million orphans. These statistics are tragic, but each and every number represents an incredible child.

What can we do? Right now the Florida Baptist Children's Homes is adding four new ministry sites to help additional children here in Florida. These new ministry centers will be located in Bradenton, Orlando, New Smyrna Beach, and Panama City. While we are expanding our impact to children in Florida, we are also reaching out with the love of Jesus to children around the world.

We need your help. The health, safety and even the lives of children are at stake. As you read the stories of this issue of "Sharing", you will see so many ways you can be a part of helping children. Just a few ways you can help are by volunteering your time, organizing drives for much needed items, becoming a foster parent, and providing financial support. It will take all of us. Together we can change the lives and eternities of each of these precious lives.



Dr. Jerry Haag, president of the Florida Baptist Children's Homes and his wife Christi with children at a Christian orphanage in Guatemala.

Who We Are

The Florida Baptist Children's Homes is an agency of the Florida Baptist Convention and has been providing Christ-centered services for abused, neglected, or orphaned children since 1904. Campus ministries include residential care, emergency shelter care, and adult developmental services. Community ministries include foster care, maternity care, and adoption services.

The Florida Baptist Children's Homes is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children. For more information or to make a contribution contact the Children's Homes at 863-687-8811 or online at www.FBCHomes.org.

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The Ministry of

They're on a mission to help 'the least of these'

Richard Jacobs says he and his wife, Christine, feel like they're on a mission trip "but we didn't have to leave our home. The mission trip has come to us."

The Fort Myers couple are Florida Baptist Children's Homes foster parents who focus on caring for infants and toddlers up to 3 years of age. The couple's mission: to provide a temporary, safe and stable home for youngsters who are in crisis situations, and to show them Christian love.

Rick is pastor for Worship and Administration at Riverside (Baptist) Church in Fort Myers. His wife of 15 years is a full-time homemaker and mother to the couple's three children plus any foster children who come their way.

The Jacobses set out on their mission trip in May 2007. The first foster child placed in their home was a girl who was born just five months earlier. Rick & Christine immediately went to work, not only caring for the child's basic needs, but ministering to her father and even leading him to the Lord and baptism.

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Rick Jacobs & Christine Arroyo

started dating in the 11th grade at Cooper City High School near Fort Lauderdale. Around this time, the whole idea of "visiting orphans and widows in their distress" started to take root in their lives. Rick had a close aunt who adopted two children. Rick and Christine grew close to his new cousins. And the high-school sweethearts became plugged into a church that was linked to a local ministry which provides residential care for troubled boys and girls.

The couple went on to earn bachelor's degrees at Palm Beach Atlantic University; then, with Christine's help, Rick earned a master's in Music from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

As they set out on life's journey together, God blessed the Jacobses with three biological children: the first was Richard, whom they call R.J.; he's now 13. Mikayla came along about two years later. And

the family was complete six years ago with the birth of Julia. Along the way, they came to know Riverside Church members who were serving as foster parents.

In January 2007, the couple applied to Florida Baptist Children's Homes to become foster parents, and enrolled in the required 30 hours of intensive training known as MAPP (Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting). Four months later, the Jacobses learned they had received their foster-care license. That same day, Children's Homes' Social Worker Terry Gebeau called

to ask if they could immediately accept a 5-month-old girl named Mariah; they said yes.

Mariah's father, Percy, had never married or lived with the girl's mother. He was what social workers and courts term a "non-offending parent," so he had visitation rights. At first, the Jacobses met with Percy at public locations. But it wasn't long before they developed a trust for this man, and took the somewhat unconventional step of inviting him to their home.

Next, they invited Percy to church. It wasn't long before Percy embraced River-

side's teachings and involved himself in its ministries. Soon, he was embraced by the congregation and by the Jacobses' children.

Though things were looking up for Percy spiritually and socially, he wasn't doing so well financially. An electrician, he was struggling in Southwest Florida's depressed construction industry, driving an old and unreliable car, and living in a rental house he couldn't afford. His financial picture grew dimmer when he was laid off from work twice: the first time lasted three months; the second time, two months.

When Percy's car gave out, fellow Riverside members stepped forward to give Percy a nice 5-year-old Mazda which he still drives. A Riverside family also provided Percy with affordable housing.

A miracle happened one Sunday morning in early July 2007: during an alter call, Percy walked down one



The Jacobses, with R.J., Mikayla and Julia.

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Foster Parents

Following God's Call to Be a Foster Parent...and an Adoptive Parent

Valerie Beasley has been a loving and caring parent to a number of children throughout her life. She first became a parent to her biological children, a daughter Vicky, age 31 and a son Jeff, age 26. She provides that same loving care to children as a foster parent and as an adoptive parent.

Valerie has remained single since she was divorced from her husband a number of years ago. She chuckles when asked why she considered becoming a single foster parent and after she had already raised two children to adulthood.

“Well, the only way I can really explain it is that God called me to this ministry. When God lays something on your heart for you to do you just have to do it.”

Valerie's decision to become a foster parent allowed some very special children to come into her life that she eventually adopted, Rebecca 7 who is in the first grade and Joseph Anthony (goes by Anthony) age 10 who is in the fourth grade. Anthony and Rebecca came into her life amidst very different circumstances.



Valerie Beasley catches a brief moment with her two active adopted children Rebecca (left) age 7 and Anthony (right) age 10. She served as a foster parent to both children before adopting them.

“The first time I saw Rebecca I was working in the NICU (neonatal intensive care unit) at Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville. She had been born addicted to opiates. As I helped care for Rebecca I felt myself being drawn closer and closer to her. I just knew that she was supposed to be with me.”

“I was able to become assigned as Rebecca's foster parent and when she was ready to leave the hospital she came home with me. And she has been with me ever since. I was able to officially adopt her a year after she came home with me.”

“Anthony came to me when he was three years old. He had been in two other foster homes prior to coming to me. His adoption was final two years later.”

Valerie is very proud of her children as they both do well in school and in many other areas of life. However she is proudest of the fact that they both have a heart for the Lord. Anthony wants to become a preacher and Rebecca recently decided that she wants to be baptized. Valerie and her two children attend First Baptist Church in Jacksonville.

Valerie encourages others to consider becoming a foster parent. “I would encourage people to consider becoming a foster parent. You'll always have the support of the Florida Baptist Children's Homes and you'll become a critically important part of a child that needs you more than anything else in the world.”

Is God calling you or someone you know to become a foster parent?

- Foster parents are trained, licensed, caring adults who open up their home to a child who desperately needs a stable, safe living environment because of adverse circumstances in their family.
- Foster parents serve as a substitute family either temporarily or for an extended period of time.
- For a more detailed list of requirements and more information on how to become a foster parent contact the Children's Homes at 863-687-8811 or visit our website at www.FBCHomes.org.

International Childcare Missions

Florida Baptist Children's Homes launches International Childcare Missions

The Florida Baptist Children's Homes is moving forward with its new initiative of working to reach abused, abandoned and neglected children in the developing world.

The board of trustees of the Children's Homes determined that it should direct some of its resources and expertise in childcare toward serving some of the neediest and most impoverished parts of the world.

"We are starting first with some select targeted locations such as Guatemala, Honduras, Haiti, and St. Petersburg, Russia," said Jerry Haag, PhD, president of the Children's Homes.

David and Tanya Wilkins who attend Bradfordville First Baptist Church in Tallahassee participated in one of the Children's Homes mission trips to Guatemala earlier this year. "We were quite astonished to see the conditions that some children and families are forced to live in," David Wilkins said.

"We were shocked at the site of children and adults working on large piles of trash at the city dump outside Guatemala City. They were attempting to find food and things that they may be able to sell to get money. We watched as children and adults worked alongside vultures to find food amidst the large piles of trash," Wilkins said.



Tanya Wilkins from Tallahassee spends time with some children at a Christian day care center in Guatemala City as part of one of the Children's Homes' international childcare mission trips.

The Children's Homes will be partnering with local churches to conduct regular mission trips in hopes that over time childcare services in the developing world will be significantly improved and God's kingdom will be further glorified.



Children and adults work alongside vultures on this large pile of trash at the dump outside of Guatemala City in order to find food and things that they can sell.

The Children's Homes will be working to help children in these and other areas of the developing world.

To learn more about the Children's Homes international childcare missions or to participate in an upcoming mission trip contact Ron Gunter at 863-687-8811 or Ron.Gunter@FBCHomes.org.

Children's Homes Dedicates New Cottage in Tallahassee

Volunteers, children, staff, and members of the community gathered on a warm summer evening on Monday, July 28 on the Tallahassee campus of the Florida Baptist Children's Homes to dedicate a new children's cottage. The new residence has been named the York Cottage in honor of Tallahassee residents Roy and Mary York who contributed the funds for the cottage.

The new 6,700 square foot structure will be able to house up to eight children as well as two sets of house parent families. The children that live at the Florida Baptist Children's Homes are there because they were either abused, neglected, or orphaned.

Roy and Mary York attend First Baptist Church in Tallahassee and have three grown married children: Gary, Debbie, and Marilynn. The Yorks believe that the Children's Homes needs to be able to continue to help boys and girls in need.

"When we see our grandchildren, we are reminded of how important it is for boys and girls to be loved. We read stories about children who are abused and it just breaks our hearts to know that there are so many kids who need a place where they are loved and properly cared for," Mary York said.

One of the York's daughters Marilynn Evert said that she is very proud of her parent's gift to the Children's Homes, but stressed that the most important thing is what takes place inside the cottage.

"Of course I am very proud of my parents, but our family realizes that it takes many people to make the ministry of the Florida Baptist Children's Homes possible. For example, the house parents interact with these kids every day and will have tremendous influence on these

Roy and Mary York hold a signed photo of some of the children in residence at the Tallahassee campus of the Florida Baptist Children's Homes. The Yorks were recognized for their generous gift which made the construction of the new York Cottage possible.



kids' lives," Evert said.

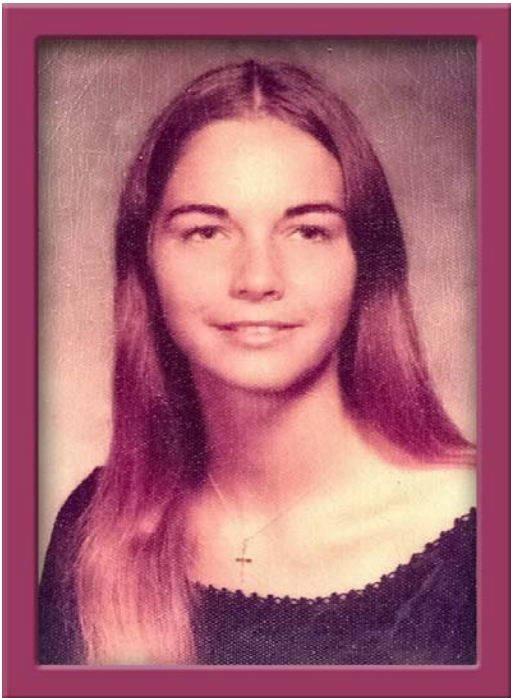
The York Cottage replaced the old Wood Cottage, which was built in the 1950's and was in much need of major repairs. The kids who were in the old Wood Cottage were absolutely elated to be able to move into the new York Cottage.

The new York Cottage on the Tallahassee campus of the Florida Baptist Children's Homes will help meet some of the growing needs of the Children's Homes ministry. The new York Cottage can house up to eight children.



Saved Lives, Changed Lives

The daughter of a former Children's Homes resident tells her mother's story of being displaced after the death of her father and finding peace and stability at the Children's Homes. The story of grace that started more than forty years ago continues today.



Cathy Tidwell's senior high school picture. She lived at the Children's Homes for seven years where she learned and was shown the love of Jesus Christ.

After the death of her father, Cathy Tidwell and her five younger siblings went to live with their Grandmother in Crawfordville, Florida. With six children under the age of ten, this proved to be more than her grandmother could handle. Her grandmother's pastor eventually suggested that she place the children in the care of the Florida Baptist Children's Homes.

Cathy arrived at the Lakeland campus of the Children's Homes in 1965 along with three of her five siblings. Her two youngest siblings remained with her grandmother. She spent seven years in the Children's Homes where she flourished in an atmosphere that didn't require her to take care of her five younger siblings.

The love and support of the Children's Homes helped Cathy to grow both physically, emotionally, and spiritually and gain a firm foundation in Christ. "It was the first time I ever heard of a Father that would love me and never leave." Cathy said, "I was rescued."

Her story doesn't end at the Lakeland campus though. Cathy's daughter, Amber, explains in a recent letter, how reaching her mother at a young age helped change the lives of her and her family.

Dear Staff of the Florida Baptist Children's Homes,

My mother was married 34 years ago at age 20 and gave birth to me when she was 24. My younger brother was born five years later. I have watched over the years as my mother has done everything in her power to raise my brother and me in a way that would honor the Lord. She put us in church when we were children so that we would know the same Jesus that changed her life at your Children's Homes, even though my father was not a Believer at the time.

My mother worked hard to provide for us so that we could experience what she missed out on in her youth. Sports, band, church mission trips, and more were a very consistent part of our lives.



My parents did not make a lot of money, but my mother was always thankful and always gave back in every way she knew how. She helped others in need, whether it was a ride home, a card of encouragement, or just a hug. By the time I was 18 my father was a Christian and my mother was working at First Baptist Church of Opelika, Alabama as the assistant to the music minister.

Today, our family lives apart, but remains very close. This year I will finish my fifth year as a children's minister in Fresno, California and start my Master of Fine Arts Degree in Creative Writing at Fresno State University. My brother, Austin, is finishing his Bachelor of Science degree in History at Auburn University and will go on to complete his Masters in Education at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

My father, Toby, is now a Sunday school teacher at the First Baptist Church of Opelika, Alabama where he and my mother attend. His salvation is a direct result of my mother's diligence in setting an example to him through the years as well as praying for him constantly.

I could give you a list of her service, her friends, her accomplishments, and more, but none of that would fully demonstrate the absolute heart

that is in my mother for the Lord, for her family and for other people that she meets. She is a fun loving woman, steady and tender, loving and firm.

My mother encompasses all of the diligence, hard work, perseverance, and joy a woman of God should. Through her relationship with Christ, my mother turned her story around in just one generation, and that was greatly because of the involvement of the Children's Homes' ministry.

Sincerely,
Amber Tidwell



The Tidwell Family starting at top; Toby (left, Cathy's husband) and Cathy. At the bottom are Toby and Cathy's children Austin and Amber.



If you have a story of a life that was changed by Florida Baptist Children's Homes, we would like to hear it. Please send your story to brian.gilpin@fbchomes.org



Kids Helping Kids

Kids Strive to Build a Quarter Mile of Nickels for Florida Baptist Children's Homes

The children of First Baptist Church (FBC) Naples are learning the importance of giving at an early age. Last spring the preschool and children's ministries at FBC Naples took part in a project called Quarter Mile of Nickels to help raise funds for the Florida Baptist Children's Homes.

Beverly Day, director of preschool ministry for FBC Naples headed up the project. She explained that the Quarter Mile of Nickels project was designed to raise funds for the Children's Homes annual Mother's Day Offering and to help children understand the importance of giving.

The Children brought in 9,180 nickels, totaling 459 dollars. They brought in their coins on weekends and on Wednesday nights for the entire month of May. The goal was to bring in 16,000 nickels and raise 800 dollars.

"We didn't reach our quarter mile goal, but the kids really got into the project, and I think it really had a positive influence on our church's overall Mother's Day Offering. We increased our Mother's Day Offering by \$6,000. Last year our members gave about \$11,000 and this year they gave \$17,581," Day said.



Saidi Sanchez (left) and Alden Kaufmann both four years old show off some of the nickels they helped collect for the Quarter Mile of Nickels project to benefit the Florida Baptist Children's Homes. The Quarter Mile of Nickels project was part of the Mother's Day Offering activities conducted by First Baptist Church Naples.

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of Riverside's aisles and committed his life to Christ. The following month, Pastor Jacobs had the honor of baptizing him in front of the congregation.

And in September, Percy brought his 10-month-old daughter to that same altar to be dedicated; his



Percy and Mariah at the child's church dedication. They are joined by Percy's sister (left) and mother.

mother and sister were at his side. Before that month ended, a judge ruled that Percy could take permanent custody of Mariah; to mark the joyous occasion, Riverside's choir gave Percy and his daughter a baby shower.

What was it like "letting go" of Mariah? "I knew she was going to a dad who loved her and that she was going to be in a safe place," said Christine. "And, you know, we (foster parents) do this and we know the goal is to get them back home to their parents. I think God just gets you through it because it's hard. But with Mariah it was easier because I knew that's where she belonged, with her dad."

Easier than what? "Easier than it would be if I had to give *him* back," Christine said quickly, referring to her latest foster child who was playing nearby. He turned 1 year old in August. He appears to be happy, healthy and normal. But when he came into the Jacobses' care at about six weeks of age, he was a very different child. Christine said "he was skin and bones," weighing only 7 pounds at the time. The boy's skin was covered in rash, and his personality was listless, Christine said.

Rick and Christine cared for four other foster children before Mariah and their latest family addition; those were relatively short-term placements. The three Jacobs children have accepted these strangers into their home seamlessly: "They immediately say, 'they're my sister' or 'they're my brother,'" Christine says, beaming. "This is teaching my children not to be selfish, and to be grateful for everything they have. It makes me proud."

Pointing Kids to the Cross

Learn to Share Christ During Christmas

*By Dr. Ted Traylor, Senior Pastor, Olive Baptist Church, Pensacola
Special to the Sharing Magazine*

It seems we hardly get the presents opened before the retailers are advertising pre-Christmas sales for the next year. One of the greatest challenges facing Christians today is how to keep Christ, the main thing, the main thing.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to stay focused on Christ during this season of the year. But just as any of us who are willing to battle the commercialism of the season know, if we commit to the challenge, we can help others to focus on the greatest gift of all and develop a spirit of evangelism.

Though the list could be endless, I want to share with you some simple things that adults can do with the involvement of kids to emphasize the deeper spiritual meaning of Christmas.

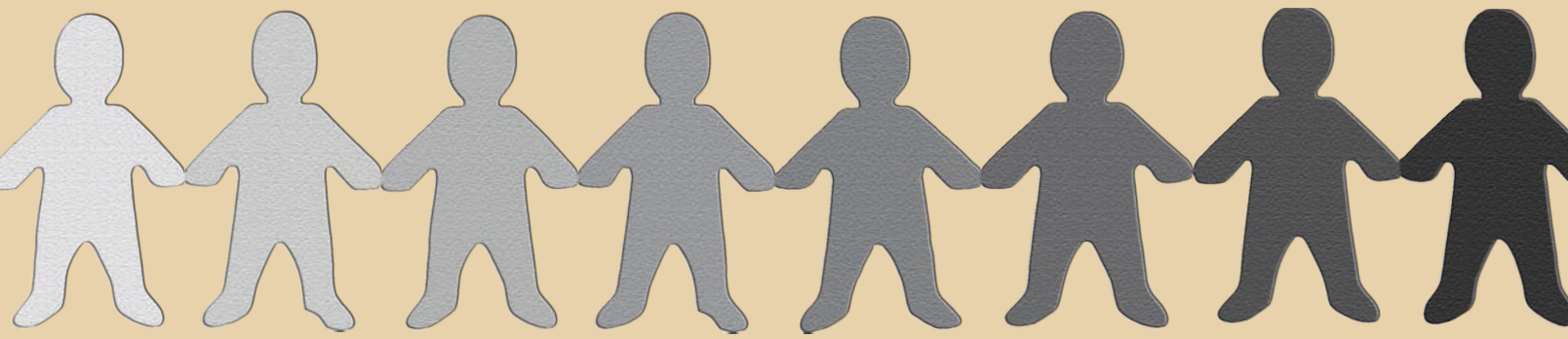
- Invite unchurched friends and family to a Christmas Eve service that you will be attending.
- Give gifts to those who serve you personally, such as the mail carrier and newspaper delivery person and include an invitation to attend your church during the Christmas season.
- Read the story of Christ's crucifixion using an age-appropriate storybook or Bible to emphasize the reason why Christ was born.
- Be sure to use the nativity and Christmas specific decorations over secular decorations. When others visit or drive by your home they will see your faith on display.
- Send Christmas cards to missionaries and ask them to write back to you and share with you how you can pray specifically for the people groups where they are ministering.
- Collect all your spare change for the month of December and make a Christmas missions offering.
- Say "Merry Christmas" to those you meet. It is still legal.
- Cut a branch from your Christmas tree and shape it into a cross to use at Easter as a reminder of the reason for Christ's coming.
- If you hang Christmas stockings, hang one for Jesus and fill it with food items, small clothing items like socks and gloves, and personal hygiene items that could be used by a charitable organization.
- Give crosses as gifts to your friends. Remind them that the cross is the reason we can celebrate Christmas.
- Bake goodies and deliver them to your neighbors and include a Christian tract that shares the story of salvation.

Whatever we do we should remember not only Christ's birth but His life, death and resurrection. He was born to die so that we could live forever. The Christmas season is a spiritual season. It is about God dwelling among us. It is what He did for us and what He wants to do in us.

It is essential for us to daily live out a love toward others empowered by the love of the One who gave His life for us. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

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If you can help us by providing any of the below-listed needs, please contact the campus.

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Cereal
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Coco butter Lotion

Shampoo
Conditioner
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Men's Deodorant
White Vinegar
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Box juices
Bottle Water
Sunscreen (SPF 30 and above)
Flashlights with extra batteries

PENSACOLA CAMPUS (850) 968-1114

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Trash bags
Yard Tools (garden rakes, garden hoe)
Dump truck of cypress mulch
Paper Shredder
Gift Cards/certificates for discount stores

JACKSONVILLE CAMPUS (904) 721-2711

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Vacuum Cleaners
Bicycle rack
USB Memory sticks
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Living Room furniture
Volunteers needed to help with the following:
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Cleanup of debris and overgrown

plants and vines
Construction of shelving
Sheet rock on ceiling
Paint pool building
Paint pavilion
Paint Mitchell Building

MIAMI CAMPUS (305) 271-4121

Golf carts
Towels
Single sheets
Heavy duty vacuum cleaners
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Heavy duty stapler

TALLAHASSEE CAMPUS (850) 878-1458

Meat (Beef, Poultry, Pork)
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Shingle Two Small Outbuildings at the Pool
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Oct. 23 — Sound the Call Conference at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center. Training for Pregnancy Care Center directors, staff and volunteers. Contact Mary Lou Hendry (863) 687-8811

Nov. 1 — Miami Campus 50th Anniversary Celebration. Contact Randy Rankin (305) 271-4121

Nov. 1 — Jacksonville Fishing Rodeo. Contact Randy Harrison (904) 721-2711

Nov. 8 - Food Drive, Tallahassee campus. Contact Jeff Maners (850) 878-1458

Nov. 13 — Miami Baptist Association Adult Thanksgiving Luncheon. Contact Randy Rankin (305) 271-4121

Nov. 14 — National Adoption Day (for finalizing adoptions at the courthouse). Contact Jeff Maners (850) 878-1458

Nov. 18 — Estate Planning and Wills Workshop, 2-3 p.m. Lakeland campus. Contact Andrea Shirey (863) 688-4981

Dec. thru March — Upward Basketball. Contact Randy Harrison (904) 721-2711

Dec. 7 - Christmas open house from 2-4 on the Tallahassee and Pensacola campuses. Contact Jeff Maners (850) 878-1458

Dec. 18 — Lakeland campus Open House. Contact Eron Green (863) 688-4981

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