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Words from Home...

Perry Hancock, Ph.D.
President & CEO

We begin 2020 by saying, Thank You! Thank you so much for making 2019 a great year of ministry at your Children's Home.

I wish that I could share with you all the incredible stories of changed lives. I would tell you stories of children who are growing into all that God has for them because you gave them a Christian home at LBCH. I could tell you stories of couples whose marriages were saved, individuals who now have hope, and even ministers' families that have been restored because you provided them with a Granberry counselor.

I would tell you about our HomePlace women and their children who found shelter from the storm of homelessness because of your great love and care. I would tell you about women who now have their high school diploma and are able to secure a job and provide for their families because you supported Christian Women's Job Corps.

I would tell you about foster children in Louisiana who now live in Christian homes and go to church every Sunday, hearing the story of Jesus. I would tell you about foster children who have found forever families all because of your support of our Connect 1:27 Foster and Adoption Ministries.

I would tell you about little children in Haiti who now have a Christian home because you support our international ministry, Ophans Embrace. Finally, I would tell you the best stories of all – almost 100 stories of those whose lives were changed forever because they accepted Christ as their personal Savior and Lord. Thank you so much!

Even though I can't tell you all those stories, I can tell you that together we served over 4,000 children, families, and individuals through our various ministries last year. What a testimony you provided for our Lord!

As we move ahead in 2020, we look forward to even more stories of changed lives. We know that with God's help and your support, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of those who come our way. So, thank you again for providing love, care and hope in Christ for children and families in need through your Louisiana Baptist Children's Home. God bless.

PRAYER CALENDAR...

Brian . . . . . .February 1
Karma . . . . . .February 2
Noah . . . . . .February 3
Journey . . . . . .February 4
Shalaunda . . . . . .February 5
Derwin . . . . . .February 6
Darwin . . . . . .February 7
Christina . . . . . .February 8
Jace . . . . . .February 9
Callie . . . . . .February 10
Shquivian . . . . . .February 11
India . . . . . .February 12
Heaven . . . . . .February 13
Marci . . . . . .February 14
Avalyn . . . . . .February 15
Waukeesha . . . . . .February 16
Jacob . . . . . .February 17
Lauren . . . . . .February 18
Dusty . . . . . .February 19
Tamika . . . . . .February 20
Jeriyah . . . . . .Feberuary 21
Cameron . . . . . .February 22
Fay . . . . . .February 23
Kaitlyn . . . . . .February 24
Christina . . . . . .February 25
Jackson . . . . . .February 26
Sarah . . . . . .February 27
Cruz . . . . . .February 28
Stephanie . . . . . .February 29

Happy Birthday...

Brian .....February 1
Jace .....February 4
Fay.....February 25
Amelia.....March 5
Kaitlyn.....March 18
Christina.....March 30

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The mission of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries is to provide love, care, and hope in Christ for children and families in need.

• OUR VALUES •

We value the Bible as the foundation and guide for our ministry *(2 Timothy 3:16).*
We value the worth of the Children and Families to whom we minister *(Genesis 1:27).*
We value Servant Leadership as our model for ministry *(Mark 9:35).*
We value Excellence as our standard for ministry performance *(Colossians 3:17).*
We value Personal Integrity as our ministry standard for living *(Romans 12:1-2).*

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Campus Spotlight:

Meet Christina, Jace and Callie

By Debbie Robertson, HomeNews Writer

It was after entering a local recovery program that Christina first heard about HomePlace. She shared what she'd learned with her mom, and her mom made the calls for more information. Within about two weeks, Christina, Jace and Callie made their move to Faith Cottage. "This place has had such an impact on me and my children," says Christina about her six months in the HomePlace Ministry. "I am so thankful to be here."

The initial days were tough with just the normal adjustments that come with moving to a new home. Then, five days after entering HomePlace, Christina's stepfather passed away, and a few weeks later, she lost her brother. Kelli Crumley, Faith Cottage Manager, and other new Campus friends and staff were a great support to Christina and her family during this time. When Christina's mom called to let her know about her brother's passing, "Ms. Susan talked with my mom and prayed with her on the phone," Christina shares. "That just meant so much to both of us."

2 Timothy 1:7 is one of Christina's favorite verses: "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love and sound judgment." "The Bible is about life, and life brings change. We worry about that, because even good change can create fear," she says. "It was a good change to come here, but I had always been on my own. I even had my own house, so this was a humbling experience." The move meant rules, accountability and more structure for her and her family. Christina acknowledges that these changes were good for her and for her children, and she and her family are thriving in this environment.

Christina has a full-time job in a local restaurant, and she's also a full-time student in The Assembly's SUM West Monroe Bible College & Theological Seminary. She is very passionate about this program that emphasizes hands-on training in evangelism, worship, children and students and other ministry areas. Christina's heart is outreach and evangelism. She would love to move back to Shreveport to Celebration Church, "my home church," to serve there. Through all of the events and life changes her family has gone through this past year, Christina is excited that she and her mom have had the opportunity to grow even closer. With her mother and extended family members living in that area, Christina and her children would welcome the opportunity to live closer to them. As she works toward her goal of a 2022 graduation date, she adds, "I would love to go back home to serve, but I will leave that to God to show me where I need to go when the time comes."

Kelli loves watching Christina with her children. "She is a good mom and she's so good with her children—spending time with them and participating in the things they enjoy. She knows how much her kids like riding their bikes, so Christina got a bike so she can ride with them. She's always doing things like that with Jace and Callie. And she has a great sense of humor. She loves to laugh, and that carries over to her kids."

A proud mom, Christina shares a little about her children. Jace is a third grader at Cypress Point. "He'll be 10 in February, and he is the sweetest kid—a good soul who loves his sister. He takes care of her and is very protective of her. I love watching them together. His laugh is one of the sweetest sounds on the face of the planet. Jace loves watching football and loves sports in general, although he doesn't play. He's also very musically inclined." Jace changes his mind frequently about what he wants to be when he grows up, but he has three careers he focuses on—policeman, firefighter or an EMT.

Christina smiles and shakes her head as she describes her daughter. "I call Callie my 'Sour Patch Kid.' She's sour and then she's sweet." Callie, who is 5, is in Pre-K at Cypress Point. "She is very funny and so full of energy. Her hopes and dreams for the future change every day, but she would probably say she wants to be a unicorn princess."

The kids enjoy the children's activities at The Assembly. Christina serves in the Children's Ministry, so her family enjoys this special time of learning and growing together in their faith. Christina is also looking forward to a mission trip to New Orleans during Mardi Gras. When they're at home, Christina, Jace and Callie have fun riding bikes together on the Campus grounds. They can often be found snuggling up together with their tablets and phones, playing games. "And," Christina says, "we have a lot of fun talking about our trip to Disney World at the end of March. We are so excited!" This trip is a gift from a generous donor to the Campus families.

With family, work and school, Christina doesn't have a lot of time on her own. When she does, she enjoys watching crime shows. She also likes football, which is a new thing for her. "I was never really into sports until I lost my stepdad and my brother. Both of them were huge football fans." Christina says watching the games brings back happy memories and helps her feel close to the two of them. "And, yes, I'm very happy about LSU!"

Kelli shares, "Christina is so excited about what God is doing in her life, and she is such a testimony to others. She is very dependent on her relationship with the Lord. It hasn't always been easy for her, but she's always willing to share her story to help someone else. She always goes the extra mile in reaching out to help others."

"This ministry and LBCH are so much of what I prayed for my family and for me. All the women and everyone we've come in contact with speaks life to me and my children," Christina says. "Since moving here, I am humbled every time I drive through the gates. It has been the biggest blessing ever in my life."

Foster Family Making an Impact...

Marissa Fuller, LMSW
Foster & Adoption Specialist

One of the greatest joys of working with the Children's Home is seeing the amazing work that God is doing around our state through people involved in our ministries. Ellen and Nathan Burford are a perfect example of this. The Burfords stepped out in obedience to God's call and began the process of becoming certified foster parents in 2016 through the Children's Home and our partnership with the Department of Children and Family Services. A short time later, the Lord again called Ellen and Nathan to step out in faith and obedience, but this time to provide support for other foster families in Tangipahoa and Washington parishes.

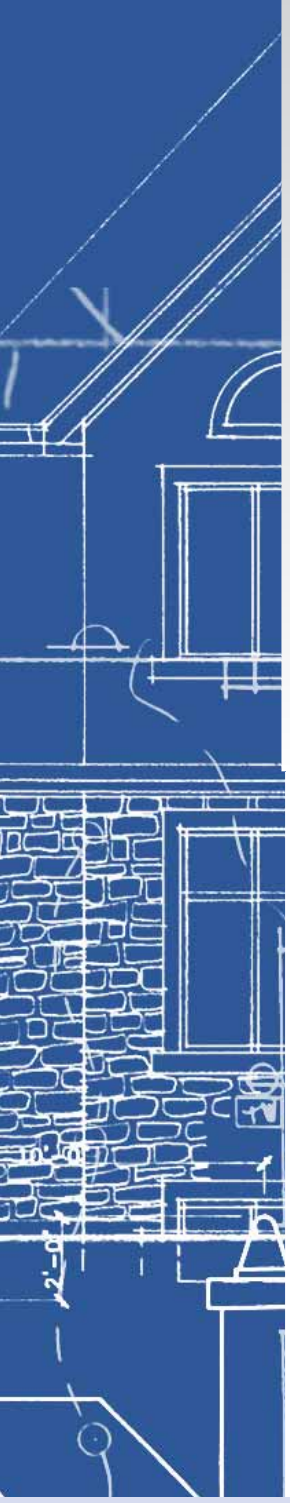
Ellen became aware of some staggering statistics about these parishes. In November 2018, there were 179 certified homes in those two parishes; 83 of those were child specific, meaning only 96 were open homes; 66 of those 96 homes were at or over capacity. There were far too few foster homes available for the number of children in need. Ellen shares, "These numbers made my heart break and I knew that this was a need that I could not ignore."

This stark realization caused Ellen to pause and consider that someone needed to step out in faith and help provide awareness and support for these families. Ellen left her job as a teacher to focus on developing a ministry to provide additional support to foster families in the area and to create a greater awareness of the need. The Burfords have already seen countless affirmations that the work they are doing is making a difference, both as foster parents, and as support to those in their foster care community.

This is just one example of the many ways our Connect 1:27 Foster & Adoption ministry is making an impact, connecting children in need with families and churches who care. There are many, many children in Louisiana foster care due to neglect, abuse, and abandonment. These children need a safe, stable, Christian home and a church family where they can heal, grow, and find hope in Christ.

Our Connect 1:27 Foster & Adoption Specialists are ready to assist families and churches to answer God's call in James 1:27 to care for these modern-day orphans in the following ways: Provide orientation, training, home studies, and ongoing support for families to become foster parents, and partner with churches to host foster parent information, training, and support meetings.

See page 6 for a complete list of our Foster & Adoption Specialists or visit www.connect1:27.org



Homebuilders...

Estate Planning Basics

Marc Eichelberger
VP of Development &
Public Relations

What are some biblical principles to keep in mind as you begin writing your will? You certainly want to know that when you're gone, your financial assets will be used in the best and wisest way possible to benefit your family and advance the work of God's kingdom.

You're wise to be establishing your plans now – before it's too late. Many people procrastinate when it comes to making provisions for the transfer of their wealth. We all gravitate towards easy and routine actions rather than the difficult and important ones. We're also intimidated by the emotions that might be brought to the surface by a frank and open discussion of a subject like death. In spite of this, here are at least five reasons why it's vital to overcome your fears and hesitations in this area:

1. We will all die.
2. We will take nothing with us.
3. We will probably die at a time other than when we would prefer.
4. Someone else will get our stuff.
5. We can decide only before we die who gets our stuff after we are gone.

Before you get into the specifics of estate planning, here are three principles to consider. The first is what author Randy Alcorn calls the treasure principle, which can be summarized as: "You can't take it with you – but you can send it on ahead." Second is the unity principle, which says, "Your spouse completes you and doesn't compete with you." Third is the wisdom principle, which asserts that it's more important to transfer wisdom than wealth, since wisdom may create wealth, but wealth can never create wisdom. With these principles in mind, you can move on to the process of actually setting up your will and planning your estate.

A proper estate plan should accomplish the following: (1) express God's plan for stewardship, (2) transfer the assets which God has entrusted to you to the individuals and charitable beneficiaries of your choosing, (3) and transfer your estate in a tax-efficient manner with as little heartache, cost, and delay as possible for your family members left behind.

Here's a great service available to you. If you include the Children's Home in your estate plans, the Louisiana Baptist Foundation, as our ministry partner and an agency of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, offers professional estate planning assistance at no cost. Contact Jerry Love at the Foundation at 318.445.4495 or toll-free at 877.523.4636 or www.LBFinfo.org.

Your Louisiana Baptist Children's Home can provide you with a Personal Planning Guide at no cost, designed to help you collect and compile information necessary to complete a Last Will and Testament. It will also assist you in providing vital information to the executor of that Will and to your family members. Please call 318.343.2244 or email marc@lbch.org and we will be happy to send you a free copy of our Personal Planning Guide.

Let me encourage you to get the wise, godly counsel available through our friends at the Louisiana Baptist Foundation and take care of getting your estate plans in order today. It will be the single largest act of Christian stewardship that you will ever perform.

Spine Institute Raises Money With Annual Chili Cook-Off...

We are grateful to the Spine Institute of Louisiana for selecting LBCH to be the recipient of funds raised through their annual Chili Cook-off! In addition to a generous donation, the Spine Institute team collected needed items for our children and families. Thank you to the entire Spine Institute team and to cook-off judges, Tara McGinty, KSLA Meteorologist Jessica Moore, Pam Glorioso and Kassi Robinson.

Kappa Delta to Host Color Run...

On March 14, ULM's Kappa Delta sorority will host it's annual Color Me KD 5K Color Run to benefit the children and families of Louisiana Baptist Children's Home. This "colorful" event will be held in Forsythe Park in Monroe with registration at 7:30 a.m. and the run at 9:00 a.m. We are so grateful to Kappa Delta for all their hard work with this event and for supporting LBCH! We hope you will grab a friend and join us for a fun morning. For sponsorship, donation or other information, contact Sydney Curtis at kddzshamrock2020@gmail.com.

LBCH Alumni Reunion 2020...

The next LBCH alumni Reunion is scheduled for Friday-Saturday, July 17-18, 2020! We're scheduling this year's reunion a little late to allow adequate time for the completion of our new recreation center. Plans are underway for a wonderful weekend of fun, food and fellowship. Registration information will be going out soon. Please help us share the news! If you know of a fellow alumnus who has moved, please encourage them to send us their updated address and contact information!

2020 ALUMNI REUNION

LBCH Is Now Offering Text to Give...

Text the word GIVE to 318-269-7440. You will be directed to a one-time registration page.

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Heroes protect the vulnerable, restore the broken, and bring hope in desperate situations. We believe every child who has been neglected, abused, or abandoned needs a hero. Our cottage parents, social workers, counselors, and other staff are everyday heroes who point children in our care to the Ultimate Hero—Jesus Christ.

Our HopeBuilder Monthly Sponsor Program gives YOU the opportunity to be a hero to children at LBCH too! When you become a "HopeBuilder," you join a special group of people making monthly investments in the lives of precious children in need, providing them with love, care, and hope in Christ.

God uses HopeBuilders to rebuild the foundation of trust and hope in the lives of children who come to us from really hard places in life. "Lord, you know the hopes of the helpless. Surely you will hear their cries and comfort them. You will bring justice to the orphans and the oppressed…" (Psalm 10:17-18).

As a HopeBuilder, you have the satisfaction of knowing that 100% of your monthly gifts are going to meet the essential needs that directly impact the children we serve. You are providing a safe place to live, food, clothing, medical care, education, and Christian counseling.

How It Works: Click on the GIVE NOW button at www.lbch.org. Set up recurring monthly gifts ($10 minimum) using Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card, American Express, Debit Card, or E-Check. Simply put HopeBuilder in the comment section. It's that easy!

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Become a HopeBuilder Monthly Sponsor Today!

**"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11.**

Perry Hancock, Ph.D.
President and CEO

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Setting Goals, Looking Forward...

Christian Women's Job Corps Kicks Off Spring Semester

Dr. Hancock helped kick off the 16-week spring semester of Christian Women's Job Corps of Monroe (CWJC) with a devotion and words of encouragement for students. CWJC leaders will work with each of the eighteen women to set and achieve their individual goals. Four of the women only need to complete one more section of the HiSET to receive their high school diploma.

Professionals from local colleges and businesses will also work with students this semester to help them with career choices and training. We are excited to get this session started and watch these ladies believe and achieve!

CWJC, a ministry of LBCH, is a program which offers women who qualify the opportunity to prepare for the HiSET exam and obtain career training at no cost. It is a place where women will receive encouragement, love, Bible study, and other tools for a better life. CWJC classes are held on the Children's Home Campus in Monroe. For more information, call 318.307.1041 or 318.343.2244.

FOSTER *the connection!*

CONFERENCE • February 22, 2020

Learn the why, what and how of getting involved in Foster Care and Adoption ministry

TALL TIMBERS CONFERENCE CENTER, Forest Hill, La.

Registration 8:30 – Conference 9:00 - 4:30

COST: Early Registration thru Jan. 31 – $15 • Registration after Jan. 31 – $25
Registration Deadline is Feb.14 – Cost includes lunch and snacks

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Foster Care and Adoption professionals will present expert information on the need for church and community involvement, available resources and easy to apply ideas on how to get started. Learn the WHY, WHAT AND HOW of getting involved in Foster Care and Adoption ministry.

WHY – churches need to be involved in foster care/adoption ministry

WHAT – the current need is in our state and how the church's existing resources can be utilized to meet needs and changes lives

HOW – to develop a game plan with practical ideas for starting foster care/adoption ministries and connect with others who are making a difference in the foster care community

LBCH/Connect 1:27 has specialists across the state ready to assist you in starting and maintaining your foster care and adoption ministry! See a list of our available specialists below.

For more information visit connect127.org/events or contact Kerri Byrd at kerri@lbch.org.

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LBCH/Connect 1:27 Foster Care & Adoption Specialists in Your Area!

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We believe God is calling families and churches to help meet this tremendous need.**

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Highlights from HomePlace...

Susan Clark
Director of HomePlace

2020, who or what are you? This may be a silly question but I ask this question at the beginning of each year as if the New Year is something or someone that will define, control or shape me. It's interesting to see how people begin a new year. I happened to google "How to Kick Off a New Year" and was taken aback with all the suggestions.

I found articles ranging from 44 good ways to 20 exceptional ideas to 10 best suggestions to 5 must dos to 3 strategies for 2020. After reviewing my options, I settled in on one that read "10 Easy Things You Can Do To Give You A Feeling Of Instant Success." My human side went straight to the words, "Ten, Easy, Feeling, Instant and Success." How can a person fail at this? FYI, I completed nine out of ten of these before I even read the article. It stands to reason that I am already ahead of the game in 2020 and I could possibly just coast through the remainder of the year. "Inquiring Minds Want to Know," what ten things?

- Add a little spirituality to your daily life.
- Take a look at your physical environment.
- Tell one person each week that you love them.
- Buy a plant.
- Find out how much money you need to retire.
- Spend time with your best friend.
- Buy a new bed pillow.
- Take a television break.
- Find out what your blood pressure is.
- Take the *Clean Sweep Program* self-test. (100 questions for example: Do you have anything around the house or in storage that you do not need and is my home vacuumed, closets cleaned, desks and tables cleared, furniture in good repair and windows cleaned, inside and out? YIKES! Needless to say, I did not go any further with this assessment.

It would be great if this list was a comprehensive one that was fail proof and led to success every time. Here at HomePlace, we have begun a year with new staff, new families and new obstacles and buying a new plant is not going to meet the challenges. HomePlace is up for the challenges that 2020 brings. We are also ready to be transformed in the process as His mercies are new every morning in every area of life. His joy comes to us each and every day. He makes all things new and gives us new ways of doing things to continue to be fruitful. We stand ready by His Spirit to receive His truth and wisdom as we embark on a year of great promise.

Here are our ten strategies for 2020:

1. We will devote ourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Col 4:18
2. We will encourage one another daily as we see the day approaching. Heb 10:25
3. We will give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for us in Christ Jesus. 1 Thess 5:18
4. We will esteem others better than ourselves. Phil 2:3
5. We will be doers of the Word and Work of the Lord. James 1:22
6. We will walk in the Spirit. Gal 5:16
7. We will do all things for the glory of God. 1 Cor. 10:31
8. We will rejoice in the Lord always. Phil 4:4
9. We will trust in the Lord always, leaning on His understanding and not our own. We will acknowledge Him in all our ways. Prov. 3:5-6
10. We will buy a plant.

Once again, I am in awe of God's provision and plan for HomePlace. I thank Him for using you in the process.

HomePlace is a transitional living ministry that offers compassionate care to women and their children who are homeless due to difficult life circumstances.

The goal of HomePlace is to help families obtain the skills needed to move from dependence and despair to a future of self-sufficiency and hope through Christ.

For more information on the HomePlace ministry, call 318.343.2244 or email peggy@lbch.org

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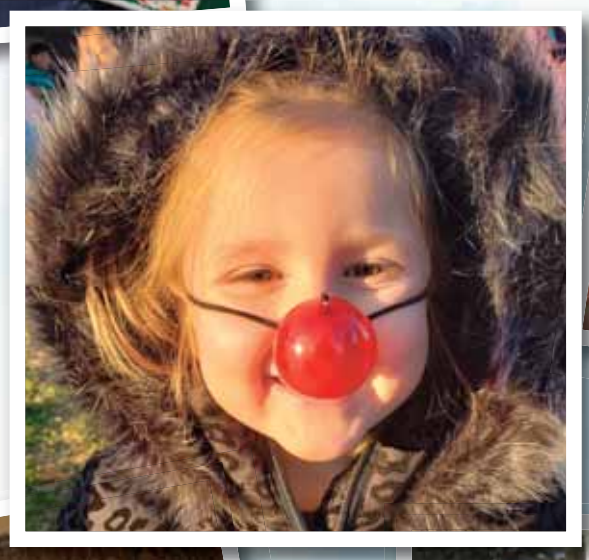

Granberry Counseling Centers...

Maintaining Joy in Challenging Circumstances

Kathy Eichelberger
Director of Granberry Counseling Centers

B. J. Carroll developed the "Carroll Rating Scale for Depression" back in 1981. It was introduced by the fact that most people experience a certain amount of depression (so don't be surprised if you should take the test). There are 52 questions like: Do you hate to get up in the morning? Is life boring? Do you ever think about killing yourself? Are you unhappy? Do you have trouble eating? All kinds of questions. And they are designed to determine whether a person is depressed. A score of 10 or higher indicates you are depressed. The higher the score, the greater the depression.

Can you imagine the apostle Paul taking this depression test while writing his letter to the Philippians? I believe his score would be close to zero. If you could quantify joy, I'm pretty sure Paul had it. I don't think he was depressed. Unhappy, maybe. After all, he was experiencing his first imprisonment at Rome. But it's important to understand that happiness is a response to circumstances; joy is a confidence built on relationship.

Consider this definition of joy: "Joy is a gift from God, to those who believe the gospel of Christ, being produced in them by the Holy Spirit, because they receive and obey the Word of God, while experiencing trials and keeping their hope fixed on the glory which is to come."

Paul, no doubt, would have had a near zero on the depression test, and yet, his situation was far worse than anything most of us would ever experience. In fact, Paul's irrepressible and constant joy, while suffering imprisonment in Rome, is the heartbeat of the Philippian letter.

The joy that Paul or any other Christian experiences is not some transient, emotional feeling that lifts you up one moment and drops you the next, depending on circumstances. True biblical joy is the fruit of a Spirit-filled life. It is produced by the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life, even if you're sitting in a prison cell waiting for the possible news about your execution, as Paul was. He had joy. He had joy in the midst of very difficult circumstances, the result of his eternal relationship with a living God through Jesus Christ and the ministry of the Holy Spirit within him. And because he was so near to God, he was full of joy. Circumstances were not a factor. It's your nearness to God that determines the level of your joy.

The one thing that steals our joy more than anything else is trying circumstances. We often crumble and lose our sense of contentment and peace when we allow our circumstances to overwhelm us. No doubt Paul was human and suffered that way too, but then he learned a different way to approach life: remaining content and joyful no matter what his circumstances were. "I have learned to be content," he said, "in whatever circumstances I am" (Philippians 4:11). And he really meant whatever circumstances.

It's possible for us as Christians to learn to be content and remain joyful in facing any situation in life. How? Paul said it this way: "Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth" (Colossians 3:2). "Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:17–18).

Paul endured many challenging life circumstances, but through them he learned to be content and to remain joyful by maintaining an eternal perspective.

Memorials...

Memorial gifts are received in thoughtful tribute to honor a relative, friend or loved one.
Names of honored persons are printed in all caps followed by the names of those making the memorial gifts.

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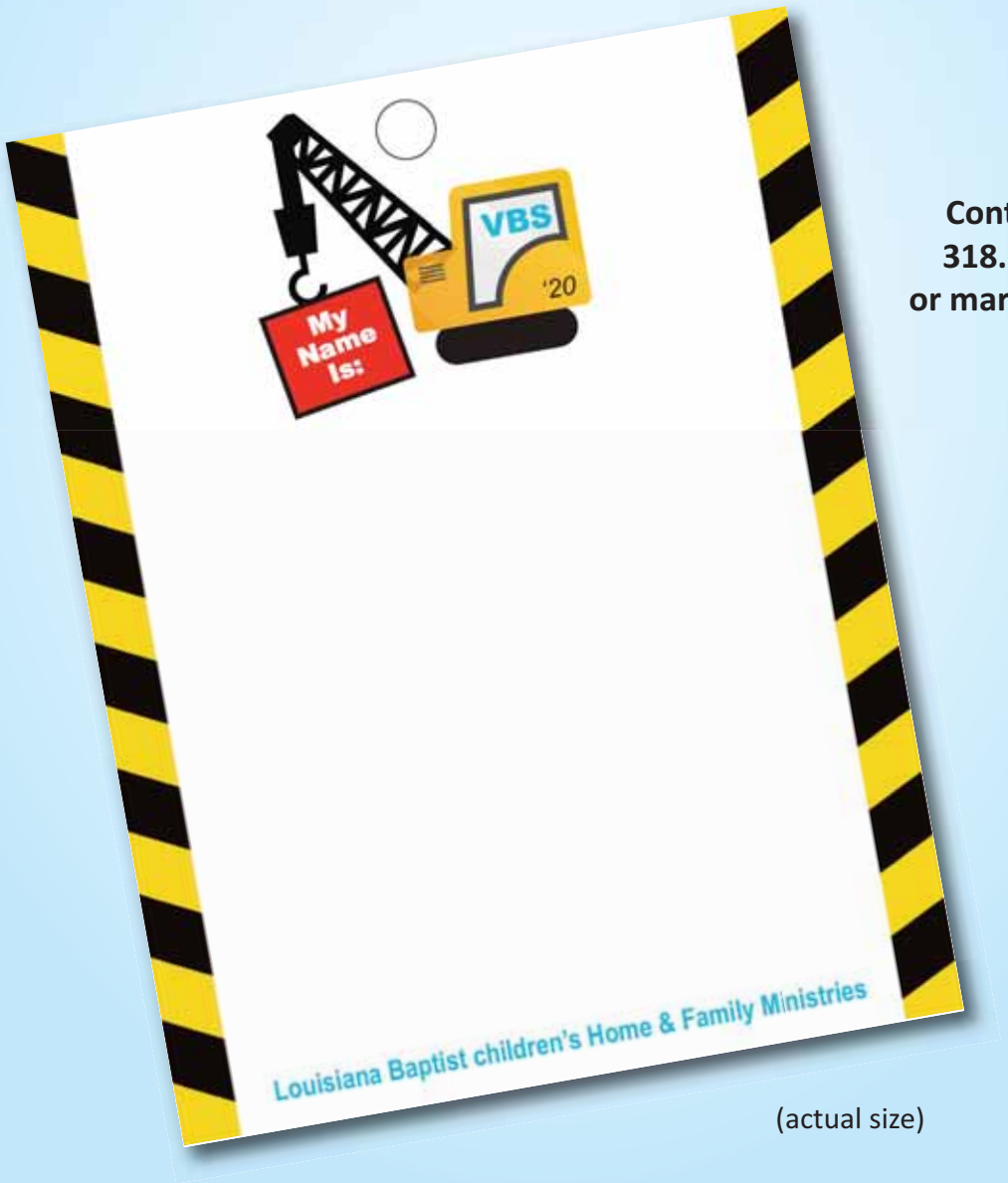

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