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Words from Home...

Perry Hancock, PhD
President & CEO

We begin 2023 by saying "Thank You!" Thank you for meeting needs and changing lives at the Children's Home.

Thank you first for the Christmas gifts you provided for our children. I wish you could have seen their faces on Christmas morning as they opened the presents you gave. Thank you also for the on-campus parties that brought so much joy to their hearts. Most of all, thank you for providing us with the opportunity to share the true meaning of Christmas with many who have never heard the story of Jesus.

In 2023, with your help, we will continue to provide life-changing, Christ-centered ministries for children and families in need. In March we will open our newest set of HomePlace apartments which will house families who are moving into the final phase of independent living. With this addition, our total number of apartments will be 28. We are so grateful for all who have given to make HomePlace possible.

We also have plans to expand our Compassion for Kids ministry to serve more economically challenged children in North Louisiana. We hope to partner with additional churches to increase the number of those children we serve with our weekend food program and our special events.

One of the greatest opportunities we have to reach the next generation of children in need is through our Connect 1 Child foster care and adoption ministry. Louisiana has between 3,500 and 4,000 children in its foster care system. The goal of

Connect 1 Child is to have every child in a loving, Christian home that is supported by a local church.

Our foster care and adoption specialists help churches and Baptist associations develop foster care and adoption ministries for families in their local area. Beginning in February we are touring the state providing the details of this new initiative. We have set aside two Sundays for each month so please call soon to secure your date.

These are exciting days at the Children's Home. God is opening so many doors to reach more people with His love and the good news of Christ. Thank you so much for your continued support. Together with God we are meeting needs and changing lives in Jesus' name at your Louisiana Baptist Children's Home. God bless.



PRAYER CALENDAR...

Ryver	February 1
Carrie	February 2
Bentley	February 3
Nicole	February 4
Jett	February 5
Reagan	February 6
Fisher	February 7
Finley	February 8
Patti	
Shanira	Febr <mark>ua</mark> ry 10
Jayla	February 11
Kayla	February 12
Gracie	February 13
Zoey	February 14
Kyler	4000
Clayton	February 16
Angela	February 17
Sophia	February 18
Brady	February 19
Adriana	February 20
Zay	Fe <mark>bruary 21</mark>
Ma'Rissa	February 22
Josi <mark>e</mark>	
Elijah	February 24
Emily	
Ta'Mojah	February 26
Reynaldo	February 27
Hayden	February 28
Jadyn	March 1
Za'lynn	
Michael	March 3
Jessica	March 4
Laekyn	March 5

Camila	March 6
Stacey	March 7
Ariana	March 8
Hailey	March 9
Zachary	March 10
Ashley	March 11
Ashton	March 12
Oliver	March 13
Nikki	March 14
Daxtyn	March 15
Lexi	March 16
Zander	March 17

BIRTHDAYS...

Camila	February 1
Lexi	February 11
Jett	February 24
Ta'Mojah	March 25
Josie	March 26
Kyler	March 29



OUR MISSION •

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

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Campus Spotlight...

The Nix Family

"HomePlace is a Blessing!"

By Debbie Robertson, HomeNews Writer

Patricia and her family were familiar with LBCH and HomePlace from a stay several years ago. When Patricia found herself in need last fall, a friend encouraged her to call HomePlace once again. She and her three girls—Shanira, 12, and twins Jayla and Kayla, who just turned 10—were accepted into HomePlace and returned to the Campus in early September. Patricia is thankful for Cottage Manager Yvonne for making her family's move into Mary's Place such an easy transition.

Patricia has welcomed the safe place for her family and says of their home, "I love it here, and the girls do, too." The girls are thriving in their new environment. Shanira is a 7th grader at East Ouachita; Kayla and Jayla are in the 4th grade at Lakeshore Elementary. The three girls are on the A–B honor roll, and Shanira is planning to try out for the dance team. Jayla and Kayla are not sure yet what extracurricular activities they'd like to participate in. "One likes science and one likes to read," says Patricia. "But those two haven't decided on sports or other special interests yet. They all want to go to LSU one day, so I've told them to start working now for scholarships!" She laughs as she adds, "With three of them, there's lots of homework, and the new math is not easy or fun."

Patricia shares that her girls like to stay close to her. "I try to get them to do things with their friends and learn how to be without me for a little bit of time, but they aren't interested. They need to learn how to have that time away from me and one another occasionally, but we will take it day by day."

Patricia works in a local daycare and just completed the course work needed to become a lead teacher. She is in the process of scheduling her exam for certification. With her experience, longevity in her current position, and the addition of her certification, Patricia is excited about her career and opportunities for advancement.

When they're not studying, the girls like robots, TikTok, and watching TV. "We enjoy watching movies together. We like coloring and doing our nails, but the girls do not like shopping!" The girls are involved in a local church where they enjoy their age-group Bible studies, and Patricia always enjoys the family activities that are offered there.

There are cottage Bible studies for Patricia, and she is enjoying both of the current studies. "I love 'The Chosen," she says. "We are trying to watch the series together, but it's really tempting to skip ahead. It's so good! The other study is on the mothers and daughters of the Bible, and it's really good, too." An admitted worrier, Patricia welcomes these opportunities, as well as her quiet time, to continue growing in her faith. Right now, she says that her go-to Scripture is Matthew 6:25-34, "Therefore I tell you: Don't worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothing? Consider the birds of the sky: They don't sow or reap or gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth more than they? Can any of you add one moment to his



life span by worrying?..." She shared that when she is worried, she reads this scripture and goes right to sleep.

Patti describes Miss Yvonne and all the LBCH staff as true blessings. In addition to the Bible studies and moral support, "Miss Yvonne has helped me with things like budgeting and a lot of other things. When I get depressed, she talks with me. There is someone here to talk to all the time, and that's really helped."

Patricia likes that HomePlace helps encourage and mentor in the areas of personal and spiritual growth, and the staff also helps provide the very practical support often needed to help moms get back on their feet. "My transportation became an issue, so Miss Yvonne has helped me get to and from work, and she gets Shanira to school and her activities. That means a lot."

Patricia enjoys her private time at the end of the day. "After the girls go to bed, I enjoy the peace and quiet. I read devotions, then turn on a TV show I like to watch. That's my 'peace' time." Patricia also thinks about the future and dreams of the day she is independent. "I want a home of my own," she says. She's also decided that her home will be in this area, close to family and her support systems. "My mama is in West Monroe, and I talk to her almost every day.... I told my kids I'm not moving. I want to stay here in the country. I love fishing. It's safe here, and it's so peaceful. I'll stay here."

The HomePlace Ministry has been such a blessing in so many ways, and Patricia recommends it to other moms in need. "It's a good place to be. I tell others that they will have to follow the rules, and you have to stick with it. The staff here motivates you a lot, and there's always someone here to help you, someone to talk to you." She's excited that one of her friends is participating in the ministry now, too, and is doing well.

Patricia is happy with the progress she's made thus far, and she's excited that her girls are doing so well. HomePlace has given her and her family new hope for the future.

LBCH Compassion For Kids Provides Shoes for Children...

"I've never owned new shoes before." "Do I really get to take these home?" Can I wear them home?" "I'm going to rewrap this and put it under my Christmas tree!" These are just a few of the quotes from local school children in need as they received the gift of new shoes and toys.

Thanks to our incredible supporters, Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries' Compassion for Kids Ministry distributed new shoes, socks, and cuddly stuffed bears to the children. Representatives from 88.7FM The Cross were at the same location giving out toys. The joy on the boys' and girls' faces was indescribable. It was an absolutely priceless morning with many happy tears shed by children and adults alike.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated and made this event and others like it possible. YOU made a difference in the lives of children this Christmas.









Homebuilders...

Money, Possessions, and Eternity

Yad Vashem is Israel's largest Holocaust memorial. It sits on the slopes of the Mount of Remembrance on the edge of Jerusalem. It details the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust for remembrance by future

My wife and I recently had the privilege of touring Israel with a group from New Orleans Baptist Seminary. Going through the Holocaust Museum was a very sobering experience. It reminded me of the movie, Schindler's List.

At the conclusion of the movie, there's a heart-wrenching scene in which Oskar Schindler—who literally bought the lives of many Jews from the Nazis—looks at his car and his gold pin and regrets that he didn't give more of his money and possessions to save more lives. Schindler had used his opportunity far better than most. But in the end, he longed for a chance to go back and make even better choices.

As Christians, we do not get a second chance to live life over, next time doing more to help the needy and invest in God's kingdom. Missionary C. T. Studd said, "Only one life, 'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last." We have one brief opportunity—our lifetime on earth—to use our resources to make a difference in people's lives and bring glory to God.

Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

Marc Eichelberger **VP of Development** & Public Relations

An important part of our Christian stewardship is estate planning. No matter how much we give away (or keep) before we die, all of us will leave behind some money and possessions. We have the responsibility to choose NOW where those assets will do the most eternal good for the kingdom of God. Our estate planning may be the single largest act of stewardship that we will ever perform. Doing estate planning (making a Will) is a decision on which we should not procrastinate. Here are two resources to help you.

We will be happy to provide you with a free copy of our Personal Estate Planner. It's a personal planning guide, developed by the Louisiana Baptist Foundation, and designed to help you collect and compile information necessary to complete a Last Will and Testament. It will assist you in providing vital information to the executor of that Will and to your family members. You may request our Personal Estate Planner at marc@lbch.org or 318.343.2244 or LBCH.org.

The Louisiana Baptist Foundation, our ministry partner, and an agency of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, offers professional estate planning assistance. If you include a Baptist ministry (like the Children's Home) in your estate plans, there is no fee for this service.

Let me encourage you to contact Jeff Steed or Jerry Love at the Foundation at 318.445.4495 or 877.523.4636 or LBFinfo.org. Estate planning is an excellent opportunity to honor our Lord and His kingdom by including a gift to your church or another Christian ministry that will continue to share the gospel of Jesus Christ until He returns!



Our beloved Jennie Jones has been a constant figure at the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home since 1979.

On December 8, 2022, family, friends, and staff gathered to celebrate Jennie as she retired after 43 years of service to children and families in need. Jennie spent her tenure at the home serving in the Food Services Department. Her duties over the years have been many, including work with our annual food drive, organizing and day-to-day operation of our commissary, catering campus events, and overseeing

Jennie has always had a heart for assisting those in need. She has spent her life selflessly helping others at work and throughout the community.

Jennie is an active member of Saint Joe Baptist Church in Alto, Louisiana, where she manages the kitchen. She is a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She has been married to her husband Charles for 53 years.

Thank you Jennie for your many years of dedication to LBCH. Enjoy your next chapter!

Immediate Job Openings

SOCIAL WORKERS Needed in Alexandria, Baton Rouge, and Shreveport:

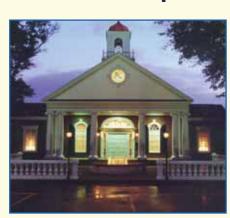
Full-time positions include salary, benefits, and paid vacation. LMSW licensure required, A minimum of two years' experience in child welfare or related field preferred. Must demonstrate proficient speaking and writing skills. Must be able to work independently. Some travel required. Please send resume to Susan Nolan at snolan@lbch.org or LBCH, PO Box 4196, Monroe, LA 71211.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELORS Needed in Baton Rouge, Leesville, and Monroe:

Granberry Counseling Centers is looking for part-time Christian counselors in our Monroe, Baton Rouge, and Leesville offices. Must be fully or provisionally licensed as LPC, LMFT or LCSW. Two years post licensure experience is preferred in private practice settings.

Please send resume to: kathy@lbch.org or Granberry Counseling Centers, PO Box 4196, Monroe, LA 71211. ...More Jobs on Back Page

Schedule A Campus Tour!



We're always excited to invite friends to tour our campus! Tours are available for groups or individuals by appointment. We would love to show you around and let you see firsthand what God is doing at your Children's Home!

To schedule a tour contact Matt at matt@lbch.org or 318.343.2244.



January 2023

Dear Friend of Children,

Every child who has been neglected, abused, or abandoned needs to have real hope rebuilt into their lives.

You can help rebuild the foundation of trust and hope in the lives of the children in our care through our monthly sponsor program called HopeBuilders. You can be a HopeBuilder!

When you become a HopeBuilder, you join a special group of people making monthly investments in the lives of precious children, providing them with love, care, and hope in Christ.

As a HopeBuilder, you can be sure that your monthly gifts are going directly to meet the essential needs of the children we serve like food, clothing, housing, medical care, education, and Christian counseling.

Jeremiah 29:11 is the foundational verse for our HopeBuilders ministry: "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." This is without a doubt the verse we most often share with our children. They not only need to experience God's unconditional love, but they also need to know He has plans to give them hope and a future through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Recurring monthly HopeBuilder gifts can be set up and made simply and securely with Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card, American Express, Debit Cards, and E-Checks directly from our GIVE NOW page at www.lbch.org. Or you may give by check and simply put HopeBuilder on the memo line and mail to PO Box 4196, Monroe, LA 71211.

Thank you for giving children real, lasting hope!

Perry Hancock, Ph.D. President & CEO

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plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

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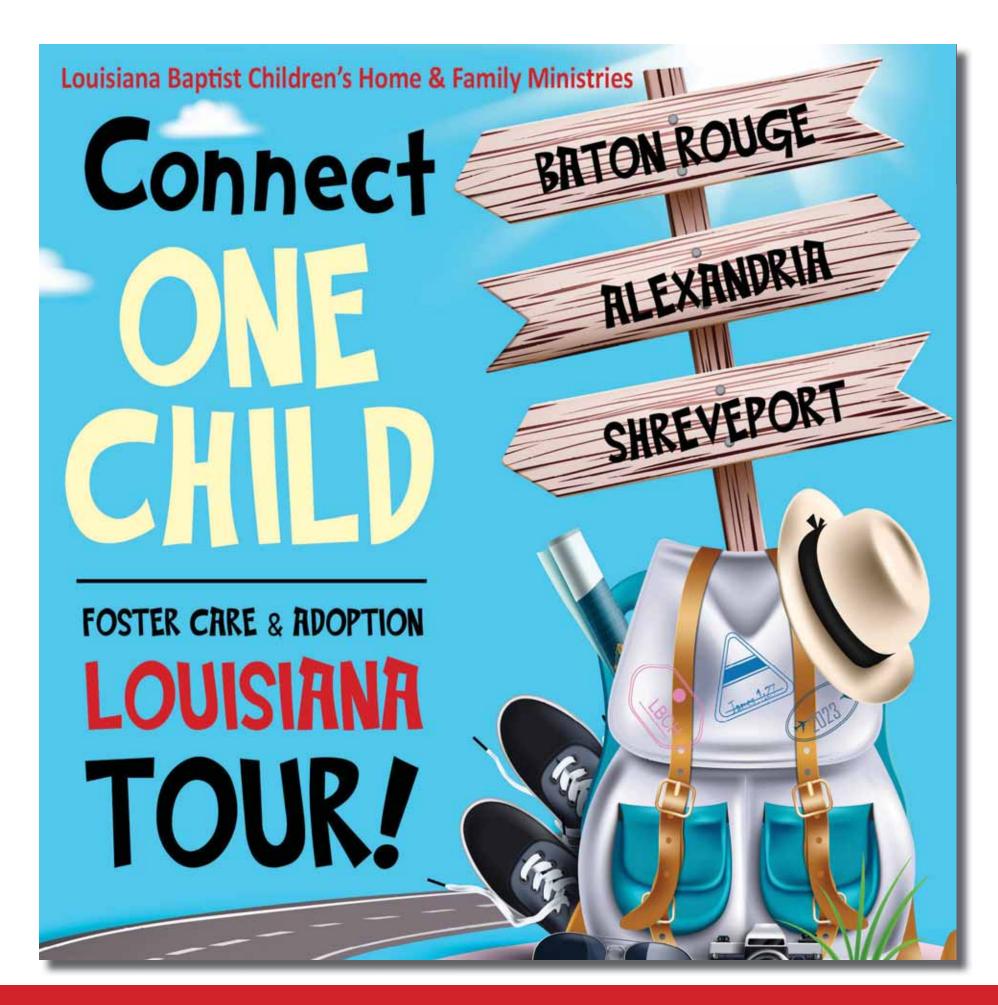
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HopeBuilders: A Special Group of Heroes to Children in Need

Heroes protect the vulnerable, restore the broken, and bring hope in desperate situations. Every child who has been neglected, abused, or abandoned needs a hero. Our HopeBuilder Monthly Sponsor Ministry gives YOU the opportunity to be a hero to children in need.

When you become a "HopeBuilder," you join a special group of people making monthly investments in the lives of precious children, providing them with love, care, and hope in Christ.

Here's how it works: Go to our website at LBCH.ORG and click on the GIVE NOW button. Set up recurring monthly gifts (\$10 minimum) using Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card, American Express, Debit Card, or E-Check. Simply put HopeBuilder in the notes section. You may cancel your monthly donations at any time. It's that easy! You may also give by check. Simply put HopeBuilder on the memo line and mail to LBCH, PO Box 4196, Monroe, LA 71211.



Let Us Help Your Church Develop Foster Care & Adoption Ministries that Reach the Next Generation for Christ!

We Help Your Church...

- Encourage families to answer God's call to Foster Care & Adoption
- Train and support families
- Establish Foster Care & Adoption ministries that support families in your church and community

Connect 1 Child

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Options for Presentations at Your Church...

- Display booth with Foster Care & Adoption info
- During Sunday School/Bible Study hour
- Worship Service with brief presentation
- Worship Service with brief presentation and a message entitled,
 So the Next Generation Will Know, by Dr. Perry Hancock,
 LBCH President & CEO

Reserve your Sunday at lbch.org or call 318.343.2244!

www.connect1child.org

Jonann ByargeonDirector of HomePlace



Highlights from HomePlace...

Welcome to the new year! I wanted to share about our HomePlace happenings. Christmas was an exciting time for our families and staff. All our children and their moms enjoyed a Christmas beyond anything they could have imagined.

A special thank you to the churches, Bible study groups (young and old), and a women's ministry team who made "Christmas in the Cottages 2022" an enormous success. These groups adopted a cottage for December. They provided gifts for our HomePlace families and a fun meal.

The first group delivered their "Christmas in the Cottage" on Saturday, December 10. I had the privilege of being present and all I can say is I cried happy tears. Christmas came early for me. It was an incredible time for the families in the cottage that day. This wonderful scene was repeated in each HomePlace cottage throughout December. Also, another Bible study class provided gift cards for all the HomePlace families. Thank you for your generosity and kindness!

As I continued to draft this article, I looked out my window for inspiration. The view was of a winter day and no sunshine. But then I noticed several people outside my door. There I discovered a young mom, and she was beaming. Inspiration was at my door!

She had just accepted a job. This job is in her field of training, pays well, and offers benefits. I smile as I recalled her accomplishments. This mom now has full custody of her child, an excellent job, and a beautiful smile. As we talked, she shared how she has a gained a new confidence and a new sense of direction. Excitement and smiles are part of HomePlace.

Her story is the story of many of our moms who enter HomePlace. The cottage managers and case workers welcome them with open arms and a hope of mapping out their new journey. This is not always a fast and painless process, but the rewards are unbelievable. Their courage and accomplishments are the fuel for our HomePlace staff's compassion and service.

As I look ahead and plan for HomePlace, here are some upcoming events. Spring Parenting 2.0 for new moms led by Terri Davis will begin soon. Our parenting classes run for six weeks. We supply a light meal for everyone and childcare. This allows the moms uninterrupted time to strengthen their parenting skills. When possible, I join the group. I love the one-on-one time with the moms.

We continue to guide our moms about the importance of saving money and ending debt. We also encourage the moms to continue with academic training or job skill training at the Women's Learning Center. As the year unfolds, some families move out to live independently for the first time in their lives. New families will enter with the hope of a better tomorrow. The HomePlace staff shed tears, give hugs, and continue to create a refuge for new families.

Thank you for your continued support of our HomePlace ministry. Your prayers and financial support are always appreciated. You are making a difference for the kingdom of God. Thank you!

For information on the HomePlace ministry call 318.343.2244









Women's Learning Center Update..

As we begin classes for a new semester at the Women's Learning Center, three words spring to mind: reflection, celebration, and anticipation. We've seen many answers to prayer and hard work as we reflect over 2022. God provided for women to come and complete their HiSET (High School Equivalency Test), to begin and complete career training, but most importantly, to grow in their faith. As we reflect, growth was not limited to academics, but women also learned to use their Bibles, share prayer requests, pray for one another, read verses aloud, and turn to Jesus in the good times and the bad in life. There was much to celebrate at the end of last year.

After reflection and celebration, we now anticipate all the Lord will do in 2023. The Women's Learning Center's theme verse is Jeremiah 29:11. The Lord has plans for every woman who enters our doors. His plans provide hope and a future. We are excited to work hard this semester in anticipation of graduation and all God will do in this new year! He is faithful!

- HiSET Training and Testing
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Digital Literacy Certification
- WorkPlace Certification
- Bank Teller's Certification
- Paraprofessional Certification



Alisha Clark
Executive Director,
Women's Learning Center

For more information call Alisha Clark at 318-307-7624 or email twlcmonroe@gmail.com





Being a Person of Hope in a World of Anxiety and Brokenness...

Kathy Eichelberger
Director
Granberry Counseling
Centers



I recently read of a carload of Christian missionaries who were coming into a small Middle Eastern town that sits on the northern edge of a "developing" country. Intermittent terrorist attacks and a struggling economy make "disintegrating" seem a more realistic description. When the locals met the missionaries at the gate leading into their town, they asked, "Why are you here?" "This country will never be fixed."

"You don't have to live in a broken country to know something of the same hopelessness – the overwhelming sense that some aspect of your life can never be fixed. Far too many people live day in and day out with a sense of brokenness that leads them to believe 'nothing is ever going to change.'"1 They may not voice it out loud, but they've come to expect that God is never going to answer prayer and a cloud of hopelessness begins to overshadow their lives.

Proverbs 13:12 states, "Hope deferred makes the heart sick." "When our expectations are delayed for a long time, we can experience disappointment, disillusionment, and loss of hope. In some cases, prolonged waiting for what we eagerly desire can become such an affliction that it differs little from a lingering sickness. This is the meaning of Solomon's words 'hope deferred makes the heart sick." 2

No one likes waiting. I've never met someone with the "gift" of waiting. But I have learned over the years that what God wants to do in our lives while we wait, can be more significant than whatever it is we're waiting for.

"Dashed hopes sicken the heart, and the higher the expectations, the greater the frustration." Waiting is an opportunity to trust God and allow Him to work in our lives. I have witnessed the Lord work through Christian counseling to heal broken hearts, overcome the effects of trauma, strengthen character, and transform clients into people of hope.

Being people of hope in a world filled with anxiety and brokenness doesn't mean our circumstances will always change; it does mean our hearts can change.4 We may feel the tension between God's promises and our seemingly hopeless circumstances. And yet, by God's grace, we can choose to hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, who entered the very pit of hopelessness and three days later came out the other side.5

As Christian counselors, we seek God's healing presence in the counseling relationship and help clients face past hurts, walk through a difficult present, and progress into a future filled with hope.

"Christian hope, then, is not the kind that blindfolds itself to reality. It's the kind that looks at a newly sealed tomb and says, 'This story's not over!' Jesus' empty tomb stands as a solid, immovable witness that brokenness is ultimately beaten." 6 Therefore, we can be people of hope.

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Memorials...

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

November 16, 2022 - January 10, 2023

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The Children's Home is recognized by the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) as a "Foster Care Community." Most of the children in LBCH foster homes are placed by DCFS and the other children are privately placed by a legal guardian.

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Our major service areas include: Residential Child Care for Children ages 5-17; HomePlace Residential Family Care for Homeless Children and Mothers; Women's Learning Center providing job and life skills training and certified HiSET preparation and testing; Granberry Counseling Centers with 12 statewide locations; Connect1Child Foster Care & Adoption Ministries; and Orphans Embrace International.

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