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Years ago Lettie Cowman published an unusual Christmas card, entitled, "If Christ Had Not Come". It was based on Jesus' words in John 15:22. The card featured the scene of a pastor asleep at his desk. He was dreaming about a world without Christ. Read her story below.

In his dream, he saw himself walking through his house, but as he looked, he saw no stockings hung on the chimney, no Christmas tree, no wreaths of holly, and no Christ to comfort and gladden hearts or to save us. He then walked onto the street outside, but there was no church with its spire pointing toward heaven. And when he came back and sat down in his library, he realized that every book about our Savior had disappeared.

The minister dreamed that the doorbell rang and that a messenger asked him to visit a friend's poor dying mother. He reached her home, and as his friend sat and wept, he said, "I have something here that will comfort you." He opened his Bible to look for a familiar promise, but it ended with Malachi. There was no gospel and no promise of hope and salvation, and all he could do was bow his head and weep with his friend and his mother in bitter despair.

Two days later, he stood beside her coffin and conducted her funeral service, but there was no message of comfort, no words of a glorious resurrection, and no thought of a mansion awaiting her in heaven. There was only "dust to dust, and ashes to ashes," and one long, eternal farewell. Finally he realized that Christ had not come, and

burst into tears, weeping bitterly in his sorrowful dream.

Then suddenly he awoke with a start, and a great shout of joy and praise burst from his lips as he heard his choir singing these words in his church nearby:

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come and behold Him, born the King of angels,

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Aren't you glad that He came? Aren't you glad why He came? He came to be our Savior, to pay the price for our sin, and to give us eternal life. That's why we rejoice in His coming.

Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to share that life-changing message with our children. We are so grateful for your support because it not only meets needs but it also introduces children and others to Jesus.

I pray that you and your family have a wonderful Christmas. I pray that you find meaningful ways to share the story of the Savior with those around you. May the Lord use us to deliver His message of love, redemption, and hope this Christmas. God bless you all.

PRAYER CALENDAR...

Lauryn......December 1

William	December 2
Hailey	December 3
Zachary	December 4
Ashley	December 5
Ashton	December 6
Oliver	December 7
Nikki	December 8
Kailen	December 9
Kenley	December 10
Lexi	December 11
Zander	December 12
Ryver	December 13
Carrie	December 14
Bentley	December 15
Linda	December 16
Isaac	December 17
Nicole	December 18
Jett	December 19
Reagan	December 20
Fisher	December 21
Finley	December 22
Patti	December 23
Shanira	December 24
Jayla	December 25
Kayla	December 26
Gracie	December 27
Zoey	December 28
Kyler	December 29
Terri	December 30
Kelly	December 31
Clayton	January 1
Angela	January 2
Sophia	January 3
Brady	January 4
Adriana	January 5
Zay	January 6
Ma'Rissa	January 7

Josie	January 8
Jason	January 9
Emily	January 10
Morganna	January 11
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Ta'Mojah	January 13
Reynaldo	January 14
Hayden	January 15
Jadyn	January 16
TJ	January 17
Michael	January 18
Jessica	January 19
Laekyn	January 20
Camila	January 21
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Nicole	December 27
Zander	December 31
Jayla	January 1
Kayla	January 1
Gracie	January 4
Carrie	January 5
Adriana	January 16
Brady	January 22
Angela	January 24
Jermya	January 25

• 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...

Carrie and Bentley

"God can do anything!"

By Debbie Robertson, HomeNews Writer

Carrie Deville radiates joy as she shares how she has experienced God at work in her life the past few years. Following years of addiction, Carrie decided it was time for a change. She wanted a better life, and she knew it was up to her to make the necessary changes. She was also aware that to be successful, she needed to relocate and find a new circle of friends and support systems.

As Carrie continued to process the changes she needed to make, she learned she was going to be a mom. To her, that was confirmation that she was moving in the right direction, and she entered a sober living home. The home was not geared for children, so Carrie needed to either make plans for the baby's care for a brief time, or she needed to find a living situation that would allow her to have her baby with her. That's when Carrie learned about the HomePlace Ministry and the opportunities available to new moms and their children.

Once Bentley arrived, mom and baby were accepted into HomePlace. Carrie smiles as she shares, "Seek the Lord....That's what I was trying to do, and then everything happened at once." She was baptized, baby Bentley arrived, and on September 16, she and Bentley moved into Irma's Place. Carrie smiles, "It was a lot all at one time, but it was amazing. And December 15 will mark one year sober! I am so excited!"

As she looks back, there were moments that were somewhat challenging. "You're in a new place, and there were all these new people around me. But I knew if I went back home, it would be easy to get back into old habits." Cottage Manager Deborah Johnson has been a great support as Carrie has tried to adjust to Campus life. "She checks on me all the time to see if I'm okay. If something gets into my head that I shouldn't be thinking, she doesn't let me dwell there. She's checked on me at work, here in the cottage. You're really cared for here." Carrie is thankful for Deborah and the other team members in place to help her and other moms like her.

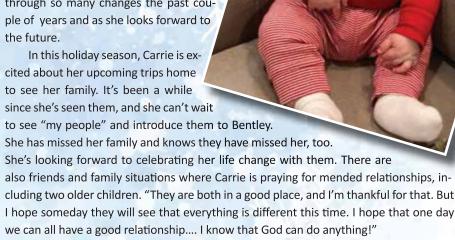
Currently, Carrie works on campus at the pecan house, and she's doing something she never thought she'd do: "I'm taking classes, and I'm getting ready to take the reading and writing tests (HiSET)." Once these tests are done, she can move to next steps in her education and job training.

In the short-term, Carrie is considering training in phlebotomy, "I need something where I can earn a living and support myself and Bentley. Those skills would give me time to work on a degree in social work or something like that." Her long-term goal is to use her journey through recovery to make a difference. "I would like to help other women in addiction or 'broken women,' I guess you'd say. If I can do this, anyone can. I still have a long way to go, but so many women need to know there is hope." On those rare occasions when she might have a little spare time, Carrie shares that she enjoys creative writing. She has thought that perhaps sharing her story in print may be another way to help others. "But first," she acknowledges again, "there are more things I need to learn and accomplish before I can share." For now, her priorities are to continue growing in her faith and being a good mom. She loves spending time with Bentley and spends every minute she can with him.

Carrie attends White's Ferry Road Church and participates in their Celebrate Recovery program. She looks forward to her time there and considers that to be her local

family. There is also regular cottage Bible study time that she looks forward to. Her life verse is 2 Corinthians 12:9, "But He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness.' Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may reside in me." This has been very real to Carrie as she's gone through so many changes the past couple of years and as she looks forward to the future.

The HomePlace Ministry has been such a blessing to Carrie. She was a little over-whelmed initially with the rules and structure but has come to have a great appreciation for that and for the daily support and encouragement. She is looking forward to the coming year and the different classes and opportunities she has yet to experience through HomePlace. "It's different here from any program I've been in anytime, anywhere. There is accountability. There is always someone to talk to, someone checking on you to make sure you're okay or to see if you need anything. They really care about me and the other moms here. I definitely recommend it to other moms."



LBCH Foster Care & Adoption Ministry Recognized...

During its 24th annual adoption celebration at the Governor's Mansion in Baton Rouge, DCFS honored Connect1Child (the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries' off-campus foster care and adoption ministry) along with other award winners as they celebrated 538 families who adopted 700 children and youth from foster care during the past year.

"To see Governor Edwards and First Lady Edwards join the other organizations and the kids to celebrate the adoptions was quite the experience," LBCHFM Foster Care and Adoption Specialist Christy Goodwin shared. "We were honored to be the ones chosen for this special award."

Congratulations to our Connect1Child team on this wonderful award! We are grateful for your hard work in connecting children in need with families who care.

For information about foster care and adoption, call 318.343.2244 or visit connect1child.org





Homebuilders...

Marc Eichelberger VP of Development & Public Relations

"I Would Just Buy Another Toy with the Money..."

Dr. David Jeremiah is senior pastor of Shadow Mountain Community Church, a Southern Baptist megachurch in El Cajon, California, a suburb of San Diego. A couple of weeks after having preached on love and generosity, he received the following letter from a grandmother in his congregation:

Dear Pastor, I want to share a story with you concerning my youngest grandson, Nicholas, who is eight years old. His AWANA club adopted a group of poor children in Turkmenistan. Each child in Nicholas's club was given a jar in which they were to place quarters to save up for other children.

One day, my son Jon saw that his son, Nicholas, had put a five-dollar bill (his entire monthly allowance) in his jar. And when Jon asked him why he did that, Nicholas replied, "I want the children in Turkmenistan to hear about Jesus... I would just buy another toy with the money."

I'm sure you've heard the expression, "Out of the mouth of babes." It comes from Psalm 8:2 (KJV), "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger." In other words, young and inexperienced persons often can be remarkably wise. Such is the case with eight-year-old Nicholas!

Dr. Jeremiah's response to the letter: "This touched my heart so much and continues to make me think about what 'toy' I could forego to help

spread the Gospel."

Every year at the Children's Home, I'm amazed at the number of children in our churches who are willing to give so generously to help other children who are in need (especially during VBS).

I recently had lunch with one of our Christmas sponsors who told me about taking his preschool son to buy toys for the child they were sponsoring last year. He said his five-year-old really loves toys (for himself), so it was a bit challenging for Dad to explain that their shopping trip was not for him, but for the child they were sponsoring who wasn't able to live with her Mommy and Daddy right now.

A year later, Dad has already mentioned to his older (and now wiser) son about sponsoring another child for Christmas and going shopping for toys. This year, the six-year-old remembered what his Dad taught him and was really excited about the opportunity to help a child in need. He immediately shared with his Dad, "You mean we get to buy toys again for a child without a Mommy and Daddy?" Out of the mouth of babes!

In Isaiah 11:6, the prophet foresaw a time in Messiah's future Kingdom of righteousness and peace when "a little child will lead them." This Christmas, may we all follow these childlike examples and forego some of our personal toys to share the Gospel with children and families in need. Thank you for your kindness and generosity throughout the year. Christmas blessings!

Coats Provided to Children & Families...

Thank you to the First Baptist Church Greensburg family for donating and delivering coats for our children and families. Their coat donation has become a very valuable annual event.

It was great visiting with FBC Greensburg pastor, Shawn Ostoj, as he personally delivered the coats to our campus. Thank you FBC Greensburg for warming our residents' bodies and hearts!













December 2022

Dear Friend of Children,

There is only one baby who was born to be the Savior of the world. Jesus knew that the manger was the first stop on the way to the cross; but He did it because of His great love for us.

You are such a vital part in sharing the reality of the Christmas story with the children in our care. I'm so grateful that you are part of Kyle's* story.

You can't help but fall in love with this sweet-spirited, seven-year-old little boy. Kyle is quiet and shy until he gets to know you. Then the funny, inquisitive side comes out. He's a real joy to his cottage parents.

Like most of our children, Kyle came to us from a hard place in life. His father has not been a part of his life, and his mother has struggled with years of addiction. Due to neglect, Kyle had fallen behind socially and academically. He knew nothing of the true meaning of Christmas.

You are changing Kyle's story! You provide him with caring cottage parents who homeschool him and meet his unique needs. He has adjusted well to a healthy routine in his new home. He's excited to have his own bedroom. Kyle's cottage Dad brags on him for being so helpful with cottage chores. He loves going to campus recreation and all his church activities.

This life-changing ministry doesn't happen by accident. Friends like you carry the weight. Your willingness to sacrifice with us makes a significant statement about your love for the Lord and your compassion for children. We don't take your support for granted. Your giving is an encouragement and a blessing in more ways than you can know – only heaven will reveal the full impact you're making. Thank you!

If you have already sent your Christmas gift, I am very grateful. If not, what better Christmas gift is there than to give healing and hope to a child in need?

I pray you and your family will have a wonderful Christmas and a truly blessed New Year!

For the children,

Perry Hancock, Ph.D. President & CEO

*Names changed to protect confidentiality.

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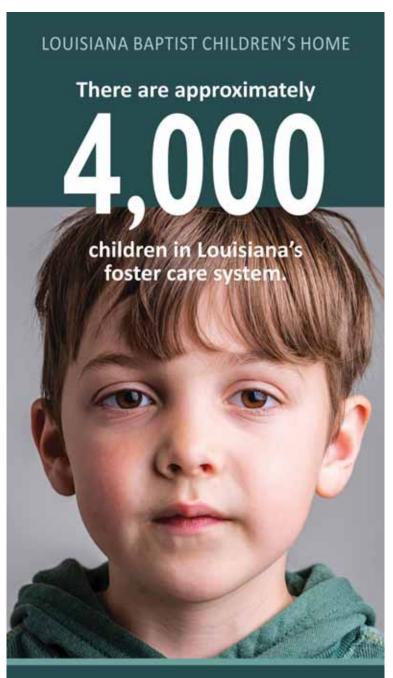
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Heroes protect the vulnerable, restore the broken, and bring hope in desperate situations. Every child who has been neglected, abused, or abandoned needs a hero. Our HopeBuilder Monthly Sponsor Ministry gives YOU the opportunity to be a hero to children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



Your church is the answer to connect one child with the loving home he deserves.



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FOSTER CARE

Information/Orientation Meetings

The Louisiana Baptist Children's Home has partnered with the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to provide Foster Parent Information/Orientation Meetings for individuals or couples interested in learning more about the process of becoming foster parents. The Information/Orientation Meeting is your starting point for the fostering journey.

If you choose to continue toward foster parent certification, the Foster Parent Information/Orientation Meeting will serve as the DCFS required Orientation Meeting prior to beginning foster parent certification classes provided by DCFS.

YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO BECOME CERTIFIED TO FOSTER JUST BY ATTENDING A FOSTER PARENT INFORMATION/ORIENTATION MEETING. THIS IS JUST AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND ASK QUESTIONS.

For information on the meetings in your area, contact melody@lbchorg, christy@lbch.org or call 318.343.2244.

Foster Care & Adoption Tour Begins February 2023...



We're Ready to 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 ministry
- Train and support families
- Establish Foster Care & Adoption ministries that support families in your church and community

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!

Jonann Byargeon
Director of HomePlace



Highlights from HomePlace...

Merry Christmas from HomePlace! The Christmas trees stand all in place, with lights shining bright, and the nativities have their rightful place of honor in each cottage. Preparations completed for Christmas and time to enjoy.

The LBCH campus kicked off the season with a visit from the Coca Cola Polar Bear. This polar bear brought much cooler weather, small stuff polar bears, and Cokes for everyone. Christmas music filled the air. The campus children posed for pictures with the polar bear. I should tell you several adults had their picture made with the big white polar bear. Smiles and laughter made the visit complete.

This December will mark a new tradition in HomePlace, "Christmas in the Cottages." Several local churches have adopted a cottage and are delivering dinner and gifts for each mom and child. Another Bible Study group asked how they could help and are giving gift cards to each mom.

Another church purchased coats for each mom and her children. Books for our HomePlace children have been given which will help them celebrate this Advent Season. I can hardly wait to experience this Christmas season with our HomePlace families. As I was preparing this article, the announcement of a campus wide party for everyone, with a meal and gifts.

This season allows us to pause and reflect on our Savior's birth and reminds us to look forward to the day of His return. As you can imagine this is an extremely exciting time in each HomePlace Cottage. But I will confess it is difficult to say who is more excited – the families or the HomePlace staff. The generosity and love you extend to our families never cease to amaze the Homeplace staff.

These gifts remind our HomePlace families and staff of the love of Christ and the importance of sharing with others. A main concern for our moms at Christmas is children's gifts. They are overwhelmed by the generosity of Louisiana Baptists.

May this Advent Season be a memorable time of looking back on the birth of Christ and looking forward to His abiding with us and returning for us. May you enjoy and treasure this season. I know for our HomePlace families this has been an incredible season of love and provision. Thank you, Louisiana Baptists, for making this possible.





For information on the HomePlace ministry call 318.343.2244

Women's Learning Center Offers Free High School Equivalency Test Training and Career Training..

The Women's Learning Center, a ministry of Louisiana Baptist Children's Home, was started in 2010 to provide women ages eighteen and older the opportunity to prepare for the \HiSET (High School Equivalency Test) and receive career training at NO COST. The Center offers training and encouragement from the ministry team and fellow classmates.

- 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



Help Amid a Mental Health Crisis...

Kathy Eichelberger
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Our nation is currently in a mental health crisis. Emotional well-being is in serious decline. It's an obvious crisis now that was present before the pandemic, but the isolation, social upheaval, polarization, and massive changes with work, school, and life have exacerbated the crisis. The heightened levels of stress, anxiety, and depression have created a perfect storm for burnout and emotional struggle. The World Health Organization's recent scientific brief states that the global prevalence of anxiety and depression has increased 25 percent since the pandemic's arrival in early 2020.

Anxiety is now the number one issue for women. And for men, it's number two behind alcohol and drugs. Whether it's people who serve in the military or law enforcement, health care professionals, or educators – it seems everyone is struggling. A recent Barna survey revealed 38 percent of pastors seriously contemplated quitting during 2021. Mental disorders now affect one in five adults, and the percentage is growing.

Generation Z (those born 1999 to 2015) is the most stressed-out generation ever. In recent years, the share of high school students who say they experience persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness rose from 26 percent to 44 percent – the highest level of sadness ever recorded, according to the Association for Psychological Science. Many children and young adults are fearful, sad, and struggling with life. As a result, suicide has become epidemic; it is now the second-leading cause of death for young people ages 10 to 24.

As Christians, how are we to respond? What can the church do?

We can begin by anchoring our response upon Jesus and His care for people. With these emotional health statistics in mind, look at how Jesus described His mission in Luke 4:18-19, quoting from Isaiah 61:1-3.

Jesus said He had been sent "to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives, and release from darkness for the prisoners... to comfort all who mourn, provide for those who grieve in Zion... to bestow... the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair."

Jesus had good news for those held captive, disabled, and oppressed by despair. These are precisely the issues people suffering from mental illness are struggling with today. First-century Palestine viewed what we call "mental health" differently, for sure.

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But there is no doubt Jesus would see mental health as a priority today.

In his book *Madness and Grace:* A *Practical Guide for Pastoral Care and Serious Mental Illness*, Dr. Matthew Stanford shares research that indicates when most people suffer from a mental health crisis, the first person they turn to for help is not a physician, a psychiatrist, or a social worker, but a pastor, a priest, or a minister. In other words, a leader in their church. The data indicate that those seeking help are often unchurched.

So, this is an opportune time for the church to recognize that responding to the mental health crisis is central to our mission. Showing Christlike compassion, offering tangible help, and guiding people toward the quality of life that Jesus offers in John 10:10, is exactly what the Good Shepherd calls us to do.

Sometimes additional help is needed that goes beyond the relationships and re-

sources in a local church body. When trying to help with serious emotional health issues, it's wise and responsible for church leaders to refer these individuals to competent professional Christian counselors. Counselors are not a replacement for God, prayer, faith, or the church. But just as God works through medical doctors and surgeons to bring healing to our physical bodies, God can work through Christian counselors to bring healing to our minds and emotions.

God made us complex beings. A skillful Christian counselor can bring hope through the work of the Holy Spirit to help people untangle emotions, heal from grief, overcome hurtful memories, and process

wounds. This kind of healing can free people to experience the peace of Christ and equip them to serve Christ with greater effectiveness.

Our Granberry counselors are trained mental health professionals and we are here to answer God's call to care. Please contact us at 877-345-7411 or granberry-counseling.org.

Source: "What Should the Church Do about the Mental Health Crisis" by Ben Cachiaras, *Christian Standard*, July 1, 2022, https://christianstandard.com/2022/07/what-should-the-church-do-about-the-mental-health-crisis/

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Minister Care Residential Program...

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The purpose of the Minister Care Residential Program (MCRP) is to provide a Christian community of support for Louisiana Baptist Convention ministers and Southern Baptist Convention missionaries.

The MCRP provides housing for up to 12 months on the Monroe campus of Louisiana Baptist Children's Home & Family Ministries (LBCHFM). Apartment assignments are made by LBCHFM and determined by family size and need. Housing is provided at no cost to the minister and family. No rental, utility, or other charges are assessed. Repairs and general maintenance are provided by LBCHFM. Basic television and internet services are also provided at no cost.

Professional Christian counseling is available through Granberry Counseling Centers. Vocational ministry assessments are also available.

Online application is available at lbch.org under "What We Do." Return application to President's Office, Louisiana Baptist Children's Home, 7200 DeSiard St., Monroe, LA, 71203 or email to home@lbch.org.



Qualified Candidates:

- Louisiana Baptist Convention ministers in transition
- Southern Baptist Convention missionaries on stateside assignment, transitioning to a new ministry, or retiring from missionary service

Snapshots... Siblings Visit from a Polar Bear Trick-or-treat Bowling with pumpkins Cute little lion Decorating Christmas book donation Too much fun Christmas crafts Christmas hugs Decorating Coca-Cola Polar Bear Furry friend HomeNews - December 2022 • PAGE 9

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.

October 10 - November 15, 2022

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