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So Much To Celebrate

Just around the corner is the close of our 125th anniversary year and oh my what a year it has been. God has reminded us in so many ways of His extraordinary provision and protection. He has reminded us of the sweet gift of relationship. Friends and family have come from all over the state and the country to help us celebrate. We have reminisced through hundreds - maybe thousands - of yellowed and fragile pages of our history to find stories of God's goodness—His continual kindness towards this ministry.

I am tempted to wax on about the events of the year but as the old saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words. If that is true you will see represented in this gallery of celebration pictures, volumes of words that I trust will illustrate the fun we have had and gratitude we have for all who helped us celebrate including those who celebrated with us in spirit alone.



So Much To Celebrate Continued

Each campus celebration took on a personality unique to them. Only a couple familiar components showed up at each celebration—A large scale timeline representing a historical summary of the past 125 years of BCV ministry and prayer rocks, with the names of children, staff and board members, that visitors could take with them as prayer reminders.



INDIA NUNNERY CAMPUS

Anniversary events kicked off on our India Nunnery Campus in Rankin County last November with a dual celebration. 125 years for the ministry and 10 years since their move to the Florence community. Friends, children, and staff enjoyed festive food and fellowship to mark the occasion. The afternoon celebration began with a quick word from Executive Director Sean Milner, then a word from Nash Nunnery who represented the Nunnery family for whom the girls' cottage and campus were named.















DICKERSON PLACE CAMPUS

A family day in the country was the perfect theme for the Dickerson Place Campus celebration in the spring. Hot dogs, lemonade and games provided a celebratory atmosphere for visitors who also enjoyed tours and fellowship throughout the campus.







So Much To Celebrate Continued

DEANASH CAMPUS

The Deanash Campus staff in Wiggins of course set their theme around "Dizzy" Dean and all things baseball. This campus, donated by Mrs. Patricia Nash Dean, was her homeplace and the home where she and husband "Dizzy" enjoyed retirement. In June Deanash celebrated their 40th anniversary as a campus of the 125-year old BCV ministry. The afternoon kicked off with the National Anthem sung by one or our own young ladies, and the first pitch caught by a BCV resident. Visitors were invited to tour the cottages where children live while sharing some baseball theme park lunch including hotdogs, peanuts and popcorn.















FARROW MANOR CAMPUS

In September the Farrow Manor Campus hosted southern gospel favorites Jeff and Sheri Easter for an outdoor concert. Inflatables for the children and grilled hamburgers for all the guests topped off the evening. Guests were, as always, invited to tour the cottages where children live and enjoy fellowship on the beautiful northeast Mississippi Campus.











So Much To Celebrate Continued





ALUMNI ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The bi-annual alumni reunion in the summer was an ideal time to celebrate the ministry that has meant so much to thousands of children and families over the past 125 years. This year alumni enjoyed an extra special lunch together and laughed and cried over pictures and the sight of longtime BCV brothers and sisters. Generations of alumni shared stories of common experiences of their days lived at the ministry and stories of how God used people to bring about healing in their lives and gratitude for God's continued work through the BCV to make generational change in families.









BCV SUPPORT CENTER

May 12, 1897, The Baptist Orphanage received its first child into care. Since 125-year anniversaries only come along, well, every 125 years, a large celebration was in order. We are so grateful to the governor for declaring May 12, 2022, as Baptist Children's Village Day. The Proclamation signing was definitely a highlight of the celebration. Friends came from near and far to our Open House celebrating all that God has done in and through the ministry on this quasquicentennial anniversary.









Connections Meetings Continue

Law enforcement and community representatives attended two meetings hosted by the Lauderdale Baptist Association in Meridian and First Baptist Church in Amory. Participants heard presentations by BCV Director of Programs Dr. Randy Cotton who shared how partners can access BCV services available to them. The BCV is eager to partner with leaders in the community who serve children and families and we so appreciate FBC Amory staff and the Lauderdale Baptist Association staff for helping connect us with those on the front lines in the fight. To host a Connections meeting in your area contact Tim McWilliams at tmcwilliams@bcvms.com.













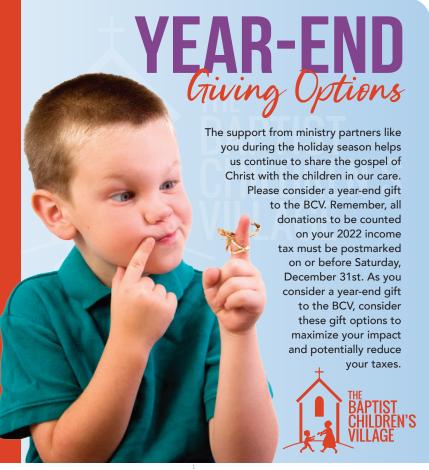


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APPRECIATED ASSETS: Donating stocks, bonds, mutual funds and other appreciated assets is a great way to make a significant impact in helping BCV children and potentially take advantage of certain tax savings. To donate appreciated assets, contact your brokerage firm and contact us at 601-952-2422 so we can coordinate the transfer.

IRA DISTRIBUTION: If you are at least 70½ years of age, instead of depositing the required minimum distribution (RMD) from your individual retirement account into your bank account, you can have it sent to The Baptist Children's Village—up to \$100,000 per year tax free.

MATCHING GIFTS: Many companies have matching gift programs in which they will match your gifts to the BCV. These kinds of programs double the impact of your gift.



BCV Tribute Gifts

August through October 2022

Throughout the year, families memorialize and honor family members and special friends with a gift to The Baptist Children's Village. Small groups honor teachers and the special people in their lives. For each tribute gift received, the donor receives an acknowledgement letter and receipt, and a personal letter is sent to the honoree informing them of the gift given in their honor. Family members are informed of a gift given in memory of their loved one. The BCV is herein publishing the list of honorees and donors recently received. We are grateful to the many thoughtful donors who pay tribute to the special people in their lives.

You can visit baptistchildrensvillage.com/give or use the enclosed envelope to give a gift of honor or memory for your loved one(s) to The Baptist Children's Village.

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NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR TALENT

Giving Tuesday 2021 was a huge success last November all because BCV partners realized the importance of providing a variety of opportunities for our children. This year children and teenagers on our campuses are enjoying football, band and even bowling among other things. Fall is full of activities through school, church and communities. Thank you for helping give our children opportunities to discover unrealized talents and potential. Giving Tuesday 2022 is coming November 29 so you will have another opportunity to make a difference in a child's life. Watch for more information or visit https://tinyurl.com/BCVGT2022.

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Houseparent Commissionings

The Lord has blessed The Baptist Children's Village with several new Houseparent Missionaries this year. These missionaries are individuals God has called to love and care for BCV children with sacrificial, unconditional love. Most of their days start early and end late. Much of their work is not seen by the masses but it is in their work, on the front lines of the ministry with the children, where lives are changed. God uses these missionaries to take the Good News of Jesus Christ, as a part of the Mississippi Southern Baptist Convention, to at-risk children and families. It is, in fact, the testimony of many alumni that it was their houseparent who led them to the Lord. One of those alumni is Lee Davis. Lee is a BCV alum who came to know the Lord soon after coming to the BCV at 10 years old. He later surrendered to the ministry and served as youth pastor and pastor in Mississippi before moving, with his wife, to California as a missionary to plant churches. Today Lee and his wife, Tiffany, serve as North American Mission Board missionaries in Montana. Lee issued the challenge to houseparents at the Commissioning Service this month. Houseparents Matthew and Ashley Stewart, Jim and Brenda Schnexayder, Andrew and Brandi Thomas and Brittney Barrow all received a certificate and a Mississippi Baptist Missionary pin. Earlier this year Jimmy and Cindy Henry were commissioned in their home church, Auburn Baptist Church in Tupelo; and George and Wendy Stockman were commissioned in their home church, Sylvarena Baptist Church in Raleigh. We are abundantly blessed that God has called all of these to be a part of our BCV team because there are many more who need to know the hope Christ has to offer.









Personal Reflection



"In place of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth. I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever." Psalm 45:16-17

I feel as though I have been drinking from a fire hose this year as I, along with my Associate Kassidy Gautier, have researched the extensive history of our ministry. The riches of God are literally seen in every page of the multiple yellowed pages of historical writings.

We learned that our founding father Rev. L. S. Foster was passionate not only

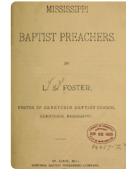
about a Mississippi Baptist home for children where Christ could be shared and lives could be changed, but he was passionate about Mississippi Baptist history and the preservation of that history. He was an astute and acclaimed author; but a humble and righteous man who served others, along with his wife, sacrificially. He was passionate about the Gospel, starting and pastoring several churches in our state.

A review of other leaders of the agency reveals the similar character of men God called each to lead in a specific time in history; each with particular gifts needed for their time and each with a passion to continue the mission to take the good news of Jesus Christ to at-risk children and families.

Psalm 45 reminds us that there is but one true God and but one source for salvation. We are challenged to pass that truth to the next generations. I am so grateful for a rich heritage, as a ministry, where the stories of God's provision and faithfulness have been preserved in pages of history so that we can, even today, celebrate the extraordinary kindness of God in the past 125 years. May we too be faithful sharing with the next generation the wonders of our Savior,

Chrystelle Thames
Director of Communications







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"Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."

Psalm 107: 8-9

