

**The Baptist Children's Village**  
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A comment about how fast time is flying proclaims the obvious and is not worthy of interest. However, what may go unnoticed and therefore may be worthy of comment and consideration is the speed in which our world, culture, and legal and political environment changes. It seems that these changes are coming as fast as time is flying. These changes demand our attention, consideration, and deliberation because in them are the exciting opportunities that God presents for us to take the good news of Jesus Christ to at-risk children and families.

Your BCV staff has embarked on developing a strategic mindset to be able to timely respond to the opportunities that are being revealed. Recently, I read these words from the first page of a Supreme Court decision, “The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; *Roe* and *Casey* are overruled; and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives.” *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, No. 19–1392, 2022 WL 2276808, 1 (U.S. June 24, 2022). I was so glad that your BCV staff has already traveled around the state and met with various crisis pregnancy centers, law enforcement agencies, public and private care agencies, and life affirming leaders to explore and engage the opportunities presented. We look forward to informing you and working with you to engage the opportunities that God reveals.

There are those of us who argue that the passion for life does not extend to the passion for the child once born. This is simply not true. You have supported children and families for 125 years. In 2021, you provided children with 201 medical appointments, 95 psychiatric appointments, 37 eye doctor visits, 134 dental appointments, 13 emergency room visits, and 3 hospitalizations. You provided 14 homes across the state of Mississippi. You provided case managers, campus directors and houseparents to love and care for every need of living children. You provided college for one child and this year, you will provide college for three children. Your passion for life has sought to care for living children and families.

All of this is so that we can take the good news of Jesus Christ to at-risk children and families. Fifteen of your residents made a professions of faith, one child rededicated his/her life to Christ and 7 children were baptized. Remember, the BCV’s numbers herein are from 2021. We like to present the number of those served on a calendar year basis. So, the numbers we report are from the previous year.

It is an exciting time to be a part of the effort to take the good news of Jesus to at-risk children and families. I am extremely grateful that you are a part of this effort known as The Baptist Children’s Village.