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Making Connections

It's How We Make a Difference

The concept of connecting people to the ministry is how The Baptist Children's Village has been able to impact thousands of children throughout our 124-year history. Houseparents work to connect with children. Case Managers connect with families and connect families to resources.

Director of Partner Ministries Tim McWilliams works to connect donors and volunteers with a ministry need. Recently we partnered with the Gulf Coast Baptist Association Missions Strategist Dr. Steve Mooneyham and his staff to host a "Connecting to The Baptist Children's Village" luncheon. Area church and community mission leaders were invited to hear how the BCV can partner with their ministries to serve children and families.

BCV Director of Programs Dr. Randy Cotton, Ph.D. presented information about how these leaders who work with hurting children and families every day can access the BCV so together we can change more lives. Attendees were encouraged to hear there was a campus in their area and Deanash Campus Director Charlie Rogers made several connections at the meeting. Some attendees wanted to talk about families they might refer to the BCV, some wanted to talk about needs they can perhaps meet. Some present even wanted to talk about houseparenting and how to become involved on the front lines of the ministry.

All of these connections are critical to the BCV and our ability to care

for Mississippi children and families. However, connecting children and their families to the gospel of Jesus Christ is the most important connection we make. As an evangelical arm of local Baptist Churches of Mississippi, we are so grateful for the longstanding partnership we have with hundreds of those churches to reach children and families with the gospel.

If you would like to host a Connecting luncheon in your area contact Tim McWilliams at tmcwilliams@bcvms.com or 601-952-2422.



Campus Spotlight



Powell-Walley Campus

The Powell-Walley Campus is located on Highway 84 just west of Waynesboro. The cottage there is named for Doctors W. W. Walley and William Edwin Powell both of whom served Christ and the Waynesboro community through their family medicine practice. Both doctors had a passion for children and invested heavily in them through their church and community throughout their lives. Dr. Walley additionally served on the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board and as President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Said of Dr. Walley at the campus dedication several years ago, "Babies and children, as well as missions,

were his life-long passion and there is nothing that would have meant anymore to him than having a home for children named in his honor; and to have it named in conjunction with Dr. Powell, his partner for many years, would make it even more special."

The Powell-Walley campus has enjoyed unprecedented volunteer and monetary support from the very beginning. Mississippi Baptist churches gave to purchase land and building materials; and many supplied skilled volunteer labor to build and furnish the cottage. God continues to use His people to provide for the needs of hurting children through The Baptist Children's Village today, just as he did 124 years ago, and the Powell-Walley Campus is a perfect example of His provision and the generosity of His people.

The beautiful brick duplex home that sits atop a hill is staffed with loving houseparents and has a capacity for six boys and six girls ages 1-20 at one time. It also includes an office for Campus Director Lakeisha Broyles and Case Manager Hannah Benton who work with the children and their families.

If you would like join Mrs. Broyles, Mrs. Benton and the Powell-Walley Houseparents in their effort to care for and share the gospel of Jesus with at-risk children and their families, contact Mrs. Broyles at lbroyles@bcvms.com or 601-671-3553.



Staff Spotlight



Lakeisha Broyles

Broyles is the Campus Director for our Powell-Walley Campus in Waynesboro, Mississippi. She first joined the BCV team in 2018 as a case manager. She enjoys working with her team of staff that includes houseparents and a case manager. "They work together well to care for our children," she says. Broyles has a degree from William Carey University to prepare her for her work but, as is true for many of us, life experiences contributed to her passion to help hurting children. "I love that I am able to talk about Jesus Christ to others here at the

BCV. My previous jobs had restrictions about talking about Christ which was hard for me because He is the head of my life. I love empowering children and families and giving them hope."

Broyles has sweet memories of shelling peas and cooking with her grandmother who raised her for a time. Although there was a season in her mother's life where she battled overwhelming obstacles, God delivered her and consequently she has been a great example of the power of God to heal and restore lives. There were many opportunities for life to be devastatingly different for Lakeisha but the Lord used her mother, grandmother and the influence of a local church to protect her and teach her basic life lessons that follow her even today.

She was convinced that an education would be her way to a good life, so she focused her attention on that pursuit. She graduated from West Jones High School and has a master's degree in Psychology from William Carey College. That focus on education, it turns out, was a great choice.

She met her husband, Cornell, while still in school. Broyles recalls, "our first conversation was about Jesus." The Lord brought them together through shared tragedies and taught them to lean on Him and to find the peace and strength they were searching for. He is a blessing in the life they share together. They work with the youth in their church. They together raised his younger sister

and now are raising four boys, two of which are their nephews.

Their family enjoys playing games and watching movies together. The boys especially enjoy the outside activities they do together. Cornell loves to cook and has a degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in Culinary Arts and Lakeisha loves for him to cook for all their special occasions. Cornell and Lakeisha make sure they allow time for Bible study, though, because they know how important that strong foundation is for their boys.



*Pray for us, for we are sure
that we have a clear
conscience, desiring to act
honorably in all things.*

– Hebrews 13:18

Thank you, prayer warriors, for
praying that there will be no
hindrances to sharing the gospel
with our children and families.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Monday

Pray for children in residential care and their families; also for families in our Dorcas in-Home Family Support Program.

Tuesday

Pray for Houseparents and Case Managers who are providing daily for children and families. Pray for openings to be filled quickly.

Wednesday

Pray for support staff—Administrative and program staff who provide support for those on the front lines of the ministry.

Thursday

Pray for board members as they provide overall leadership and direction for the ministry.

Friday

Pray for the army of friends who pray for and financially support the ministry. It is God who works in the hearts of people to give.

Saturday

Pray for our Mississippi Baptist Convention under whose umbrella we serve—the leadership and the churches who make up that Convention.

Sunday

Pray for those whom we serve who have not accepted Christ as their Savior; and for spiritual growth in ones who have.

BSU Community Missions Team Changes Lives

“Two girls brought progress reports in today and they were so happy they had brought up their grades tremendously.” This progress was possible because three Ole Miss BSU students spent time every week tutoring them via Zoom.

Housemother Mandy Daniel is truly thankful they were able to help. “It meant so much to the girls,” she shared. “They really connected with the kids and did everything they could to help them succeed.”

When Ole Miss BSU Assistant Director Liesa Holeman heard about the need for tutors she contacted Case Manager Shane Ashley about the possibility of meeting the need in this somewhat unconventional virtual format. Holeman explains that her students were anxious to do community service but in the COVID environment there were no opportunities for them. She contacted Nicole Patton, her Community Missions Team Leader, who spread the word and immediately got a positive response from several students.

Senior Taylor Welch explains she was eager to get out and use the gifts and passions the Lord gave her to serve others. Taylor was instrumental in helping young girls with their reading.

Jessica Crocker is an Elementary Education major, but she did not hesitate to step outside of her field and help one of our teenagers with chemistry. This BCV resident is so grateful for her willingness to share screens and offer help; and Crocker was encouraged by her growth and improved understanding. Holeman and the students all agree that the available technology and the help of the houseparents made this project possible.

English Major Caley Stauter has a heart for children and was also grateful Holeman and Patton agreed to take this leap of faith making this project possible. She explains, “seeing the child’s face light up when she got a good grade was so encouraging.”

This was the first virtual tutoring experience, but all involved agree that it was a huge success, and they intend to pursue more similar opportunities with more students. Patton is confident she will have more participation in the future for such projects. Welch challenges students not to discount the value of this blessing for the children and for themselves. Case Manager Ashley agrees the greatest benefit, even beyond the improved grades, is the increased self-esteem for the children as they see their grades improve and the realization that they are capable settles in. Their lives truly are changed.



Caley Stauter, Nicole Patton, Jessica Crocker, Taylor Welch (via Zoom)

BCV Tribute Gifts

FEBRUARY – APRIL 2021

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

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Personal Reflection



Early 20th century evangelist, author and teacher Oswald Chambers is quoted, ***"Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work."***

As I am writing this article, we are preparing for prayer walks on each of our seven campuses scheduled throughout the month of May. For 124 years prayer warriors have been lifting up the needs of The Baptist Children's Village to our Heavenly Father. I have

personally experienced the power of those prayers as a 16-year-old girl at the BCV. God used this ministry and the prayers of His people to impact my life. Our staff is humbled and encouraged by those who are, even today, praying for more such victories in the hearts and lives of our children, their families and our staff. Prayer the greater work? Consider this, *"We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers,*

against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:12) Chambers explains prayer IS the battle. As we pray, we are waging war, we are acknowledging our great need and His extraordinary power and provision to meet our need. Our relationship with Him is strengthened and we are indeed then made powerfully fit for the work to which he has called us.

If you missed us at one of our campus prayer walks this month, download a prayer guide and pray (wage war) for us from where you are.

"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it, with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ." Colossians 4:2-3

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