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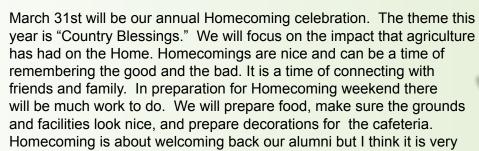
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"Help Us Help Children"



By Joe B. Waugh



important that we remember the children that live here. My hope is that our alumni can be an encouragement to our children. All of us are on a journey for a great Homecoming...a homecoming where we will all be together for eternity. In our mission here at the Home we need to be reminded daily of keeping the "main thing the main thing". It's very easy for us to forget the mission of the Home is to lead children to Christ. In our daily work here and in our Homecoming celebration it's important for us to keep focused on the mission of leading our children to Christ. We hope and pray that all of you will be able to make it this year and that you will have a safe trip getting here.



Registration begins at 9:30
Program begins at 10:30
Lunch is served at 12 Noon
Everyone Welcome
Reception on Friday, March 30th
Beginning at 6:30 p.m.
at the
Church of Christ Fellowship Building

Who Holds Your Hand?

By Susie Boyd

Our hands are made to do a lot of things and we use them every day for our basic survival. One hand fits the other hand perfectly. Holding hands give feelings of comfort or safety. It also lets someone know that they are not alone. It can signify love for someone and it fulfills the basic human need for 'touch'.

One day a little girl was crossing the river with her mother. The mother said to her, "Hold my hand please." The child replied, "No mom, you hold my hand." Curiously the mom asked, "What is the difference?" The little girl looked up and said, "If I hold your hand and something happens chances are I will let go. If you hold my hand, I know for sure, that you will never let go." The little girl knew **for sure** that her mom would not let go. That is immeasurable faith and comfort in her mom.

The hymn, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" was written by Thomas Andrew Dorsey In 1932 following a tragedy in his life. It was in August that Thomas Dorsey was scheduled to be in St. Louis where he was a featured soloist at a revival. He was hesitant about going due to the fact that his wife was in her last month of her pregnancy. But she was doing well and she encouraged him to go. So he left for St. Louis. At the end of his performance, a message was given him that his wife had just died. When he returned home he learned that his wife had in fact died while giving birth to a baby boy. Thomas struggled between grief and joy. Sadly it became all grief as his son also died.

A few weeks went by and Thomas became angry at God for the tragedy he had endured. A close friend and professor of Thomas's, guided him to Malone's Cottage and left him alone. During this time alone, Dorsey penned the song, "Precious Lord." The song consisted of three verses and they capture the grief he had experienced. The first stanza speaks of stormy time he had passed through; the second stanza symbolizes long road he had traveled and the



third indicated hope. Each stanza concluded with the plea, "Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home." What a comforting thought! Even in times of hardship and despair, Thomas turned to God. Just as the little girl crossing the river is sure her mom will not let her hand go, we can be sure, even in our most helpless times that God will not let go of our hands.

We are all faced with struggles and hardship. Let us look to God for our strength. "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:40

Please continue to pray for our children that God is a mainstay in their lives. Let us teach them that God is reaching down and by His design their hand fits perfectly in His. Pray they never let go.

In Loving Memory

Since our last printing of the *Messenger*, Tipton Children's Home has lost two past employees. Both of these individuals were near and dear to our hearts.

Erma Dunlap was born in Tipton and died peacefully in her home in Tipton. She was married to Bob Duncan and later to O.B. Dunlap. Both men had served on the Tipton Children's Home Board of Directors. Erma worked in the office of TCH until her retirement. Erma was a lady with a kind heart and a sweet smile. She loved Tipton and was proud to be a graduate of Tipton High School in 1944.

Elton VanScoder was born in 1918 and on February 22, 1918 he would have been 100 years old. Although he passed away prior to his 100th birthday, he was a Christian man whom many admired and aspired to be like. He filled a room with his wit and energy. Elton worked at Tipton Children's Home on two separate occasions. He served as the boys' supervisor and later as

the accountant for TCH. Elton proudly served his country in the army during World War II. He married his sweetheart, Lura Faye Forsyth and celebrated 69 years with her before she passed away.

These two people had a profound impact on the Tipton Children's Home and the Tipton Community. They will be remembered as Christian examples for us all and we will smile fondly as we remember them.





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Camry Smith

Camry Smith lives in the Davis cottage and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Atteberry and Chris and Sandra Smith. She has two brothers, Nathan and Brandt, and two sisters, Darcie and Haley. She also considers the girls she lives with in the Children's Home as her sisters: Cora, Sonya, Madison, Erika, Dakota, and Kitara. Camry has gone to

school at Tipton since she was in the eighth grade.

Camry likes to hang out with her friends and go shopping in her spare time. She has played volleyball through high school and has been a member of FFA for three years. Camry is on the National Honor Society and is Gifted and Talented.

Camry was chosen as "Most Likely to Become a Millionaire" by her class, and hopes that it becomes reality. After high school, Camry plans to attend the University of Oklahoma as a premed student and later attend the medical school to become either an OB-GYN or an anesthesiologist. Camry is very excited about the future.



Mia Fernandez

Mia Fernandez is the daughter of John and Becky Fernandez. She has one brother, Johnny and one sister, Lea. She and her family live in the Davis cottage with Shawn, David and Matthew. She moved to Tipton two years ago along with her family. Her parents serve as houseparents of the Chitwood Cottage at Tipton Children's Home. Mia states she loves living in Tipton!

Since coming to Tipton, Mia has become active in the FFA program. This year she has two pigs and a dairy cow to show. She also played volleyball and is a cheerleader for the Tipton Tigers.

After graduation, Mia plans to attend Western Oklahoma State College and major in liberal arts.

The Boys of Fall



Pictured are the elementary, junior high and high school boys who played football this year. They are Johnny, Isaiah, Noah, David, Zach, Michael and Gabe. The Tipton Tiger Football team finished the season as the 2017 Class C Football Champions. This was an exciting time for all in Tipton and for the Tipton Alumni. Gabe, Zach, and Michael played on the winning team. Elementary and junior high had good seasons also. Congratulations to all who played this year!

Basketball 2018

Gabe, Noah, Elijah, Zach and Kit played basketball this year. They did a super job and gave fans much enjoyment. Good job to them! Not pictured is Elijah.











Thank You!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU. TIPTON CHILDREN'S HOME HAD A GREAT CHRISTMAS. WE THANK YOU FOR THE CARDS, GIFTS, AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DURING THIS TIME. IT IS ONLY WITH THE HELP OF MANY FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS THAT OUR CHRISTMAS SEASON IS SO BRIGHT. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING, ESPECIALLY THE PRAYERS DURING THE HOLIDAYS!



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Alumni News

By Annetta Davis

Spring 2018 isn't here just yet, but will be in a few short weeks. However, at Tipton Children's Home, we are already thinking ahead to spring! We are planning and making preparations for our annual Homecoming that takes place every Easter weekend. I wanted to remind all of our Alumni and friends of the dates for this special event. We start with a reception on Friday evening, March 30 at 6:30 pm in the Church of Christ Fellowship building. We hope you can come for this and get an early start to visit with your friends. This will be a great time to visit and catch up on happenings over the past year or more. Homecoming 2018 will be on Saturday, March 31, with registration starting at 9:30 am in the Tipton Children's Home cafeteria. We are looking forward to seeing all of you. Remember, we have the Museum to browse through while you are here. Call or email me at adavis@tiptonchildrenshome. com, if you have any questions.

We appreciate you all keeping in touch. It's very nice when everyone is here that weekend to visit. Since our last report, we have had some Alumni and friends to visit. On November 14, 2017, Jo Parker from Malakoff, Texas came to visit. This precious lady lived at Tipton Children's Home from 1926 to 1929. There were six children in this Jones' family in which she was the youngest. She is now 92 years of age. We feel sure she enjoyed her visit as much as we enjoyed her being here. We hope she can come back again soon.

Births: Jeremy Atteberry and his wife McKenzie had a

precious little baby boy on November 4, 2017. His name is Axel James Atteberry. His grandparents are James and Laura **Atteberry**. James came to Tipton Home at the age of four in October of 1968 and graduated from Tipton High School in 1983. He and his wife Laura came to work as houseparents in August of 2000. Jessica (Ridenour) Evans and her husband Tony had twins born on January 18, 2018. Ella Jean and Jackson Lee came early but both babies are progressing very well. The proud grandparents are Frank and Lorrie Ridenour. Jessica was three years old when her parents came to Tipton to be houseparents in 1985 where they still serve in this capacity! We want to congratulate both couples in the births of their sweet additions to their family. May God bless them always.

Deceased: Francis (Harrison) Coker-Mintz passed away on January 14, 2018. Francis came to live at Tipton Children's Home on April 23, 1956 along with her sisters Mary, Geraldine, and Joy Del. She left in July 1964. Her children, grandchildren, and sisters will miss her so much as well as other family and friends will too. Another very sad thing to report is that Francis lost her husband on December 13, 2017. To this special family we send our sympathy and prayers of comfort during their loss.

On a happier note, I want to remind you all, again, about Homecoming 2018 on March 31st. We hope to see you that day and possibly the evening before at the reception located at the Tipton Church of Christ Fellowship hall at 6:30 pm. As always, please drop in for a visit at any time!

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Meatballs

1 lb Ground Beef

1/2 Cup Milk
1/2 Cup Quick Oats

1/2 Cup Shredded Cheese

1 Egg

1/2 Tsp Fajita Seasoning

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl mix all ingredients together. Form into balls and place on a greased cookie sheet or pizza pan. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until brown on outside.

Becky Fernandez offers her recipe for meatballs. Becky and her husband, John, serve as houseparents for the Chitwood cottage. She and John have 3 children, Mia, Lea and Johnny. In addition they presently have three boys in their cottage, David, Matthew and Shawn. Becky and John have been houseparents for almost 2 years. They are good examples for our children and focus on teaching them God's word.