

"Help Us Help Children"





By Joe B. Waugh

School is back in session. We have mixed emotions about school starting. On one hand it's always good for our children to further their education but on the other hand we like having our kids at home so that we can spend more time with them. One of the oldest and most elementary sayings about school is that we go to learn our ABC's, meaning we go to learn the basics. The foundation, or in other words the ABC's and 123's are fundamental to all learning. We might disagree about how to

educate children but I believe all of us can agree that the foundation is fundamental to learning. If we don't understand the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic we will not be able to advance with our learning.

May I suggest that we have another ABC, one that stands for attitude, belief, and character. Our attitude is determined by our belief which defines our character. And just like the ABC's of school these ABC's of life can and should be learned. We as adults should be teaching our children the importance of our attitude, belief, and character. The attitude we teach our children should be that of Jesus Christ. Philippians 2:5-8. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus : Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross! Not only is that the attitude that we should teach but it's also the attitude every one of us should have on display every day of our lives. If we start with the attitude of Christ our beliefs will be easily defined which in turn will become our Character.





Noah Farley was baptized at church camp held at QMCC this summer. We are extremely happy for him and the life he will now lead. Noah made the confession and chose baptism. This is a huge step for Noah and a sign of his love for the Lord. Please pray for Noah that he will continue to learn and be an example for others to follow.

> "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

> > Luke 16:16



By Susie Boyd

Summers at Tipton Children's Home are hectic but they are also fun. The staff and houseparents use every opportunity to teach and work with the children. A housemother recently shared a story with me in which she took advantage of a teachable moment. In was the first week of August and instead of their usual breakfast they let their children have a treat and select from poptarts, chocolate milk and bananas. They then went out to the patio and all enjoyed their breakfast. She stated they normally eat inside but it was such a pretty morning they decided to go outside. Enjoying the quiet and appreciating the fresh morning air, it wasn't long before one of the boys asked why the two men were hanging with Jesus on the cross. The houseparents explained to the boys why they were there and the difference between the two men. One had a hardened and selfish heart, but the other criminal had a forgiving spirit and realized he was being punished for his actions. More than that he realized who was hanging on the cross beside him. Remarking to the other prisoner, "Don't you fear God? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Jesus reacted to him saying, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." As she was telling the story, it was apparent that the impromptu morning devotional had touched the hearts of the whole cottage.

Have you ever felt that perhaps you are spinning your wheels and not getting anywhere. I am sure for these houseparents, the fact that the boys asked the questions was refreshing. Aside from that the boys knew what questions to ask. Our houseparents and staff have to be constantly looking for those teachable moments when they are able to share God's word. As stated in Deuteronomy 6:6-9, "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. "You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." This verse is clear that we must be ready at all times...when you sit, when you walk, when you lie down and when you rise up. Our hearts must be ready. God's love, beauty, grace and mercy are ever present in our daily lives. There are innumerable teaching moments each day. It is important to take advantage of those moments as we work with children.

We pray for you as supporters of Tipton Children's Home. We appreciate all of the help you give to us and know that your prayers help us and give us strength. Please continue to pray for our staff and houseparents as they work with the children at Tipton Children's Home. Remember our children as well. We pray that the children God has sent to us will grow with a good background in God's word and will someday take advantage of the teachable moments they will have with their own children and other children that will cross their path. "Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD." Psalms 34:11



In Loving Memory of Mike Suiter

Tipton Children's Home has lost a valuable asset to our Home and our children. Mike Suiter passed away on August 15, 2018. He was a faithful and dedicated member of the Tipton Children's Home board of directors. It was Mike's smile that I remember the most. When someone saw Mike, they would generally see his smile. He had a joke for everyone that came his way. And when he heard a new joke, he could not wait to try it out on someone. He enjoyed his life on this earth but he was also quick to tell you that he was not afraid to leave here and go on to heaven. I often heard him quote the scripture in I Corinthians 15: 55-56. "Where, O Death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Our sympathy goes to his family. He will be missed by many.





A great big thank you goes to the Southwest Church of Christ in Oklahoma City. They have brought Tipton Children's Home seventy three years of summertime fun. They bring food, games, prizes and gifts for the children. The children look forward to their coming every year. The weather was especially nice this year and a fun time was had by all. Thank you!



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By Annetta Davis

As I look out my window today at my beautiful red crepe myrtles I am reminded of the beauty God has given us here on earth to enjoy. This has been a very hot summer, but as always a good one. Our children here at the Tipton Children's Home have been very busy as usual. Hope all of you had one too. It is time now for us to start the new school year. Please pray for our children as they begin this year of school and that they will do well.

We are always happy to see those of you that come for a visit. We have had several groups to come for a visit on our campus and spend time with our children and staff. Two of our alumni **Glenda (Potter) York** and her sister **Ester (Potter) Flomer** came to visit us and their sister **Sheila (Potter) Smith**. They came to live at the Home in 1951, and Glenda graduated from Tipton High School in May 1962 and then attended Abilene Christian College for a while. Ester left in 1964. They toured the museum and visited for a while. We appreciate so much their coming to see us. I was so sorry that due to illness I didn't get to visit with them. I will be looking for you girls again!! Make a visit anytime you can. We really like seeing the Alumni and their friends. Deceased: We have had word about some of our Alumni that have passed away.

David Ray Grissom died on March 30, 2018. He lived here from 1955 until May 1963. He also served in the U.S. Army. A couple of years ago I had a good visit with David on the phone. **Roger Markart** passed away on July 7, 2018 from a massive stroke. He lived at the Tipton Children's Home from August 1978 until May 1987 when he graduated from Tipton High School. Roger also served in the Marines. **Chet Cockrell** passed away July 19, 2018. He came to the Home as a houseparent. They left the summer of 1972. Robert Lynn Boyd passed away on July 21, 2018 in Lubbock, Texas. Lynn graduated from Tipton High School in 1967, and always tried to make his school reunions and family get togethers. Lynn is the brother of **Alan Boyd** our cafeteria manager. Our heartfelt love and sympathy is extended to all the families of their loved ones. We know they will be missed so much.

As always, I want to thank all of you for keeping in touch, and we are thankful for your prayers. Your support and love for the Tipton Children's Home is greatly appreciated. Remember our children here, our college students, those serving in the military and all of those raising children today. I also want to remind you of next year's Homecoming that will be on **April 20, 2019**. Mark your calendars now for a reminder.

We wish many blessings to all of you. May you have an enjoyable fall season. Please come to visit when you can.



Overnight lodging available. Limited availability. Friday night devotional time and hot dogs will be available on Tipton Children's Home campus play court at approximately 9:30 p.m. Print registration form at <u>www.tiptonchildrenshome.com/events</u>.Follow the event at https://www.facebook.com/events/215532955666352/

Summer Mission Trip 2018

In June our children went with the Tipton church of Christ youth group to Oklahoma City to The Refuge for mission work. They helped clean, paint and worked in the yard. It rained the first day but they made up for it the second day and got much more work done that was expected of them. The Southwest church in Oklahoma City helped with lodging. It was a good service trip for the children to help them give back to others. A special thank you to Zachary Waugh for organizing the trip.



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Tipton Children's Home Recipe of the Quarter



Tipton Children's Home welcomes Donnie and Brenda Stow to our campus. Donnie and Brenda come to us from Claude, Texas and are relief houseparents for our boys cottages. They reside in the Putnam House. Donnie served as preacher at the Claude church of Christ and Brenda is a great cook and cake decorator. She has several recipes which are her favorites but she is sharing a recipe for broccoli salad. Sounds delicious!

Broccoli Salad

bunch of broccoli
cup raisins
cup chopped red onion
cup sunflower seeds
cup bacon (fried crispy and broken)

Dressing:

1 cup mayo ¹/₂ cup sugar 2 Tbls. Vinegar

This recipe doesn't have to be real exact, I just kind of guessed at these measurements. Except for the dressing!

