

Waugh's Words

By Joe B. Waugh



Unless you've been living in a cave, you know that 2020 is an election year. On November 3rd we will vote for several elected officials, including the President, US Congressmen and many others. These elected officials will set policies and appoint judges that will affect our democracy for years. Whether these voting decisions are good or bad, will be a direct result of which candidate was elected.

Jesus said in Matthew 5:16 to "let your light shine." We have an opportunity to let our light shine this election year, not just in how we vote but in how we act. We have a choice. We can let our light shine by saying or posting encouraging

remarks on social media or by NOT engaging in put-downs or belittling people who disagree with us. We can disagree without being disagreeable.

I don't believe that just because we are in an election year that we, as Christians, are exempt from Ephesians 4:29 that says "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

A great way to shine our light would be for us, as Christians, to put more focus on reaching the lost and caring for needy children.

Those of you reading this article may be questioning what it has to do with children in our care at TCH. Our priority is not who occupies the White House, Congress or the Court House. What matters is who occupies OUR house. If we genuinely want to make a difference in the world, it will have to begin in our homes and our hearts. Take some time today to analyze your home and heart and ask yourself these questions.

Am I more engaged in daily tracking polls or daily bible reading?

Am I more interested in politics or prayer?

Do all the people who know my politics also know that I am a devoted follower of Jesus Christ?

Is God truly the head of my house, or is it some politician or political party?

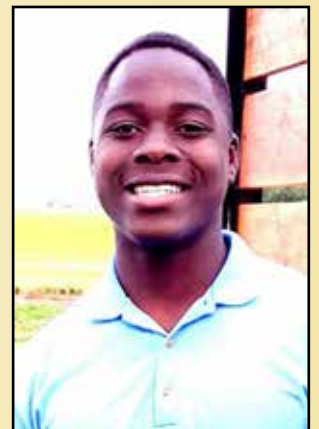
"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." Romans 13:1

Just some food for thought. Thank you for your continued support.



O Happy Day!

Tipton Children's Home and our children have embraced changes in our daily lives and made commitments to ourselves and to each other. After much study and prayer, Caroline and Prince made a commitment to God and were baptized this summer. They were both glorious baptisms as we met at the church building on a weekday and witnessed them confessing their commitment to be Godly children. Even amidst the corona pandemic, people gathered to watch a reverent and happy time for these children of God. We congratulate them on making the decision to be baptized.



All Smiles

By Susie Boyd



The year 2020 has shaped our history. The summer of 2020 has been eventful, sometimes frightening and sometimes has left us shaking our heads in disbelief. We are about to approach the school year and no one knows what will happen. We are not sure if there will be a school year as we have known it in the past years or if it will be a semblance of a school year.

We are embarking on a new frontier with issues we have not seen before. But, never the less, we have that one constant, never changing presence in our lives and that is our Heavenly Father. He never leaves us nor forsakes us. "It is the Lord who goes before you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." Deuteronomy 31:8



There are hundreds of languages in the world but a smile speaks them all. It is the universal language. Research has shown that smiling releases serotonin which produces feelings of happiness and well-being. It is a circle of happiness. Smile and you feel happy and when you feel happy, you smile. Smiling helps to alleviate stress hormones by decreasing your heart rate.



Fortunately, at Tipton Children's Home, smiles are not in short supply. Even through the summer months with the coronavirus scare, our children were smiling. They enjoyed being outside, riding bicycles, swimming, working on campus and

even doing math facts and sight words. They kept a positive attitude. All of this would not have been possible without the attitude of houseparents and staff. Our routines changed but they changed in a positive direction. Fortunately, Tipton Children's Home at this writing has had no cases of the virus. Prayerfully with God watching over us it will stay that way.



"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12 You might be surprised by how much of an impact a simple smile can have on how others perceive you.



People will see you as a friendly, happy, and all-around positive person. If you have the power to make someone happy or brighten their day, then just do it. A cheerful attitude cost you nothing. I often tell our children that it is our responsibility to help others in any way

we can and sometimes it is the smallest of things that will help brighten someone's day.

The faces you see on this page are what motivates us and keeps our hearts happy as we continue through the next few months. These smiles coupled with God's blessings give us strength to do HIs will every day.

Thank you also to our many friends who call to check on us, send us gifts and pay for a meal for the cottages. It is wonderful that so many have remembered us during this time. It is that selfless attitude that allows us to continue teaching children through the good and the bad times. Thank you for helping us help children.

If you have any questions about Tipton Children's Home or would like to visit, please call the office and let us know. Please keep us in your prayers and you will be in ours.

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." I Thessalonians 5:16-18

Alumni News

By: Annetta Davis

As I was getting ready to write the Tipton Children's Home Alumni News I thought what news do we have. Due to the COVID Virus this summer has been different. I hope all of you have been okay during this time. It took a lot of planning to take care of the children. I think our houseparents and staff did a great job working with the kids. Sure hope it ends soon and things can get back to normal.

During this time I have thought about all of our alumni. I thought I would just add this for you all to read. The Alumni Association has two primary purposes: To assist **The Tipton Children's Home** in its mission of helping children and to provide a way for former members of Tipton Home family to keep in contact with each other. Having Homecoming each year really helps to accomplish this also. This gives everyone the opportunity to see and visit with each other. We sure missed not having Homecoming this past spring because of the COVID Virus.

Deceased: **Billy Gray** passed away June 22, 2020. He managed the home cafeteria for 24 years. **Iona (Ash) Martin** passed away on July 6, 2020. Iona came to Tipton Home May 1941 graduating from Tipton High School 1949. After graduation she married Johnny Martin of Tipton. After a while they moved to Earth, Texas to farm. Iona was one of the sweetest ladies anyone could know. **Shirley Rigatti** passed away on July 30, 2020. She and her husband were houseparents for Tipton Home for several years. She was one of my dear friends.

We want to extend our love and sympathy to each of these families.

As usual, I like to thank each of you for your love and support of the efforts being made to help the children in our care. Also it is important to keep in touch. We like knowing where you are and how you are doing. We are praying for better days to come and appreciate your prayers.



In Memory

How sad it is when we lose loved ones; but how beautiful it is when you know they are going on to share their inheritance with Christ. Tipton Children's Home has experienced this with two retired coworkers, Billy Gray and Shirley Rigatti. What is even more special is that they knew where they were going and their spouses had already traveled the same road. What a comfort to them and their families!

Both of these Christians were examples for others. One could see the fruits of the spirit living in them. The love and joy they gave to others was immeasurable and they did it so effortlessly. Billy worked in the cafeteria and supervised many children. He was their supervisor but also their friend to whom they could go and they knew they would be treated with kindness. In all things he was faithful. He and Verna will long be remembered as the faces one would see as you were greeted at the door of the church building. They made immeasurable visits to the hospital, sometimes being the first there and the last to leave. Shirley Rigatti, along with her husband, Louis, were faithful, patient and good houseparents. Many of the children they cared for still call them mom and dad. Shirley had probably the sweetest smile and it was the first thing you would see as she approached. It came from the heart and it was a gentle smile...a smile that many remember and will long to see again. She was a good and faithful servant to God, always putting him first in her marriage and her work at Tipton Children's Home. She was the type of person others sought after because they knew it would all be better after talking to her.

Our hearts are saddened at losing these two good and faithful servants of God. But they are moving on to receive their inheritance. An inheritance that is possible only through our heavenly father. Our sincere condolences to the families of Billy Gray and Shirley Rigatti.

"The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him." Romans 8:16-17

Swinford Family



We welcome Alan and Haylee Swinford and their children to our campus. They will be serving and doing God's will as houseparents at the Hawkins cottage. Alan and Haylee have served as houseparents for 3 years at Lubbock Children's Home. They have three children, Gavin who is 6 years old, Kieran who is 4 years old and Josiah who is 1. We are happy to have them on campus and will enjoy working with them.



Little Mr. Tipton

Each year, on the 4th of July, Tipton selects a Little Mr. and Miss Tipton. This year, Romeo was selected as Little Mr. Tipton and he represents Tipton for a year and then he will give up his crown. He will be in parades and will serve as an attendant at Football and Basketball homecoming. We are happy for Romeo and know he will serve well. Congratulations, Romeo!

Back to School Donuts



"Help Us Help Children"

Baby pigs are always cute!

Our show program has recently had several sows that have had baby pigs. The children have enjoyed seeing and holding pigs. Some of the pigs will become show pigs. We are hopeful that they will do well with them and that they will learn about God's creation as the pigs grow.



Tipton Children's Home Campus

The Tipton Children's Home campus is historically pretty during the summer months with the blooming flowers and neatly edged and mowed grass. This year is no different. The houseparents and children have worked tirelessly to keep it looking good. It takes a lot of work but it is well worth the effort.



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Tipton Children's Home Recipe of the Quarter



The Tipton Home cafeteria has begun making casseroles for the cottages on Thursdays during the summer in an effort to help the houseparents with preparation of meals. Each cottage receives a casserole and can use it on Thursday evening or whenever they need it with their busy schedules. The staff prepare lasagna, chicken spaghetti, shepherd's pie, or cowboy pasta among others but perhaps a favorite is the ground

beef casserole. I am sharing that recipe with you. Hope you try it and let us know how you like it.

Ground Beef Casserole

1 lb. ground beef
1 (14.5 oz) diced tomatoes
1 can rotel
1 (6oz) can tomato paste
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp sugar
 $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. Italian seasoning
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. pepper
3 cups uncooked egg noodles
1-8 ounce container sour cream
3 ounce cream cheese softened
1 cup each, Cheddar, Parmesan, & Mozzarella Cheese

Cook ground beef. Add both cans of tomatoes (diced and rotel) and tomato paste, salt, sugar, Italian seasoning and pepper. Mix and let simmer. Cook noodles. Drain noodles and mix with sour cream and cream cheese. Put noodle mixture into pan and top with beef mixture. Put cheeses on top. Cover and bake 35-40 minutes at 350 degrees.