



"Help Us Help Children"

Waugh's Words

By Joe B. Waugh



2020 TCH Homecoming will be Saturday, April 11. We invite all of you to attend. Everyone knows that getting to Tipton is not complicated. However, there are places we go to each year that require the use of GPS. From the very first time we used GPS until now, technology and the updates to the system have come a long way.

Some earthly destinations are hard to locate. Fortunately, Tipton is not one of those places, as it is a small rural town in a less populated area.

Another journey that should not be complicated is our journey to Heaven. 1 John 5:3 says "my laws are not burdensome." We sometimes make the word of God more complicated than it should be. We try to find some "GPS" to guide and lead us, usually it is peer pressure, social media, or another worldly influence.

We should keep in our hearts Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

The word of God should be our only GPS. If we keep it in our hearts, we will never be lost. We will always find our way home.

Hope to see you at Homecoming.

2020 TIPTON CHILDREN'S HOME HOMECOMING

Saturday, April 11

Registration Begins at 9:30 with coffee and doughnuts

Program begins at 10:30



Listening

By Susie Boyd

When I ask you to listen to me and you start giving me advice, you have not listened.

When I ask you to listen to me and you begin telling me that I shouldn't feel that way, you are trampling on my feelings.

When I ask you to listen to me and you feel you have to do something to solve my problems, you have failed me, strange as that may seem.

Listen. All that I asked was that you listen—not talk or do—just hear me.

I may be discouraged, but not helpless.

When you do something for me that I need to do for myself, I feel inadequate and helpless.

Please know. Sometimes I just need someone to listen.

If one googles 'positive things to say to your child', several lists will pop up and they are good lists. It is important to say positives to your child because as we all know, children learn what they live. If they are around positive, they will remain positive. If they are fed negative thoughts, they will be negative people. Below is a list of positive things we can say to our children. I have taken ten things from several lists that I think are important and compiled a shorter list.

- You were right.
- I believe in you.
- You belong to God.
- Being kind does not make you weak.
- You can make a difference.
- You are important.
- You can try again.
- It's okay to have feelings.
- Let's see what the Bible says.
- I am listening.

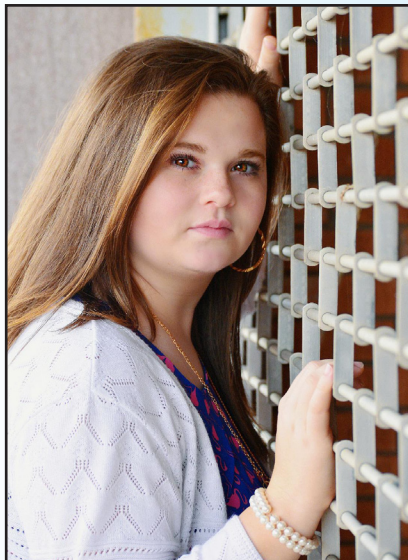
My favorite and the one I think that is most beneficial is number 10, "I am listening." We all have those days when we just want someone to listen. What the other person has to say may be right, it may be good, it may be pertinent to the situation. But when you want someone to just listen, at that point in time, it doesn't matter what the other person has to say. "You must understand this, my dear brothers. Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry." James 1:19

Tipton Children's Home houseparents and staff spend a great amount of time just listening. If a child is allowed to talk without interruption, he or she will usually self-calm. Communication with children is important. It teaches them that they have feelings and they are worth being heard. After listening to a child, teaching begins. Maybe not at that moment, but in the days to come, a parent can look back and reference what the child said. It is a good teaching tool.

Please pray for our children that they will be able to communicate and express their feelings. It is our desire that we will be good listeners and that we will better be able to help our children. Thank you for all that you do for Tipton Children's Home.



Tipton High School Seniors



Rheaganne Horn

Rheaganne Horn came to live at Tipton Children's Home in January of 2017. She is 18 years old and lives in the Hawkins cottage with houseparents, Frank and Lorrie Ridenour and 7 other girls. She has 4 brothers and sisters. They are Ashleigh, Diamond, Hannah and Levi. Since being at Tipton Children's Home she has attended Tipton Public Schools and has been involved in volleyball, FFA, cheerleading and yearbook. She has earned the Greenhand and Discovery degree through FFA and she has received the athletic award for volleyball and cheerleading. Rheaganne's future plans include joining the U.S. Air Force and becoming a photo journalist or attending Oklahoma City Community College to major in nursing. Tipton Children's Home prays for the best for Rheaganne as she graduates and begins a new chapter in her life.



Elecia Neal

Elecia Neal is 18 years old and lives in the Hawkins cottage with houseparents, Frank and Lorrie Ridenour. She lives on campus with her sister, Erika. She has a brother, Michael, who lives in Altus. Elecia came to live at Tipton Children's Home in August of 2015. Elecia is attending the Tipton Public Schools and is involved in FFA. After graduation she plans to work and live a peaceful life. Good luck to Elecia as she graduates and moves on to enjoy the rest of her life.



Zachary Chitwood

Zachary Chitwood is the son of Tony and Gail Chitwood. He has two siblings, Allen and Cheryl. For the past three years he has made his home on the Tipton Children's Home campus. He has attended Tipton Public schools and been involved in basketball, football, and FFA. He has been on two state championship football teams. In FFA he presently serves as the treasurer and his most notable accomplishment was winning the Grand Champion Market Broilers honor at the Tulsa State Fair. He also received a trip to Washington last summer from Southwest Rural Electric with his winning essay. His future plans include attending the Kiowa-Caddo CDL training this summer and to attend HVAC training. We all wish Zach good luck as he accomplishes his future goals.

Alumni News

By Annetta Davis

It is really hard to believe the year 2020 is here. We are looking forward to the nice change of seasons. The grass is turning green, flowers blooming, and the refreshing air that comes with springtime. One of the things coming up soon is Homecoming at Tipton Children's Home. It is on Saturday, April 11, 2020. You will get more information soon in a letter we will be sending out. Hope you can come and enjoy the day with us. The children and staff are always ready to see all of you.

Each time I write the Alumni News, I try to let you know how much we appreciate your keeping in touch. It is nice

to get a letter, call, e-mail, or a visit. Hope to see you all for Homecoming. We are looking for each of you. The welcome mat is out!

Enjoy the spring time. God has given us a beautiful place to live in on this earth. Our children have had a great school year so far. It will be summer before we know it. Hope all of you have had a good year so far. May God bless you and your family.

We are expecting you for Homecoming 2020. This is always a good time for you to see many of your friends and a chance to make new ones.

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Tipton Children's Home Recipe of the Quarter



The recipe for this month is Sausage Balls and it comes from Becca Caroon. Bryan and Becca Carron make their home in the Putnam cottage. Bryan and Becca have two children, Zander, who is in kindergarten and Lucas, age 2 and they are expecting baby Mollie in March. According to the girls in their cottage, Becca is an excellent cook and they enjoy eating all her yummy food. Her sausage ball recipe is a favorite.

Sausage Balls

1 lb. ground sausage
2-3 cups Bisquick
2 cups shredded cheese
(I like a fiesta blend or a Colby jack mix)
Garlic and onion powder to taste

Mix the sausage, cheese, spices and bisquick (add more or less bisquick depending on whether you want a more biscuit like final product) in a bowl. Roll mixture into small balls and place on greased baking sheet. Bake for 15-20 minutes until golden brown. Enjoy!