



Searcy Children's Homes, Inc.

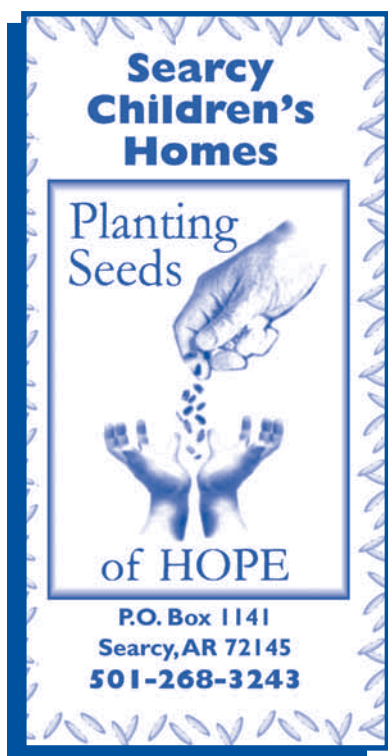
Seeds of Hope News

Planting Seeds of Hope in the lives of children and families, providing the tools for spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional and social growth

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"Planting Seeds of Hope" Sunday is Growing!

Our annual fundraiser to help with the costs of caring for children is always held the first Sunday in December. The Downtown church of Christ began taking up a special contribution on that first Sunday in December many years ago and this practice has now "grown" to other congregations. This special day, known as "Planting Seeds of Hope" Sunday is a time when churches give their members the opportunity to financially support the ministry of Searcy Children's Homes. The year 2006 was the first year that "seed packet" envelopes were provided to the congregations to make it easier to distinguish the regular church contribution from the donations made to Searcy Children's Homes.

A special "Thank You" to the congregations that participated in this special event:

- *Cloverdale church of Christ*
- *College church of Christ*
- *Downtown church of Christ*
- *Highway church of Christ*
- *Pleasant Valley church of Christ*
- *West Side church of Christ*

A special "Thank You" to those who participated on an individual basis as well. If you are interested in participating in "Planting Seeds of Hope" Sunday

on December 2, 2007 as an individual or for the congregation you attend, please contact Jeffrey Sheets at (501) 268-3243 for more information.

Christmas Blessings.....

• Our children were tremendously blessed by so many individuals, families, groups, churches, and businesses this year. One mom, in honor of her husband and each of her children, donated the money for the children and house parents to go to the Aerospace Museum and the IMAX Theater in Little Rock. They had so much fun! One family walked into our office, asked what some of the needs were, and a couple of hours later, unloaded their vehicle with everything mentioned, from new heavy duty trash cans for the group home to a mini trampoline for one of the children in foster care. One group purchased clothes and shoes for some of the children. One church requested the children's wish lists and brought a van load of special gifts. The Dollar Tree in Searcy donated their Toys for Tots to us and due to the large amount of toys donated, we were able to share this blessing with many other children in foster care. We are so blessed to be part of such a loving and giving community!



Searcy Children's Homes is all about FAMILY

By: Taryn Sheets, Director

Adoption is a beautiful thing – it must be because four of our current six board members know firsthand about the joys of adopting! Adoption is wonderful, although the process can be quite difficult at times and definitely filled with a range of emotions. There are various types of adoption, the most important and incredible being the adoption that we are part of when, in love, God chose us to be adopted as His children through Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:4-5)

Children are important to God. I cannot even begin to imagine how He must feel when children are not part of a loving, caring family. He is aware of and knows what every child has ever endured, experienced, or been exposed to. He knows when children are left alone to take care of themselves because their “dad” is nowhere to be found, and their mother is doing what she can to make ends meet, even if it means selling herself and eventually losing her children. He knows when children are sexually abused by their mother’s multiple boyfriends. He knows when children are neglected because their parents are too busy doing drugs. He knows. He cares. He expects us to care, too.

Adoption is one way to show we care. Children all over the world are waiting and wondering – “when will a family come for me?” Adopting a child from another country is referred to as an **International Adoption**. Typically, these children live in

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orphanages, and sometimes in very poor conditions. They range in age from infant to

teenager and may or may not have medical or developmental challenges. International adoption gives these children the opportunity to become a special member of a family in the United States.

Domestic Infant Adoptions are open or closed adoptions in the United States. Years ago, when a unmarried girl became pregnant, it was not unusual for her to be sent to a maternity home, often in another

state, where she was cared for until she gave birth. The birthmother was sent home and

the baby was placed with an adoptive family, often if they were next on the waiting list. Very little, if any, information was given to the adoptive family, and the birthmother was just

supposed to forget that she gave birth and move on with her life. Now, infant adoptions are much more open and adoptive parents are often chosen by the

birth parent. The degree of openness is decided between the adoptive family and the birth family, some of whom choose to maintain a close relationship which they built during the birthmother’s pregnancy.

Foster Care Adoptions make it possible for children in the foster care system, whose parental rights have been terminated, to have a healthy, loving family, something which most of them have never known. There are currently 406 children in the state of Arkansas who are available for adoption. These

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children desperately want and need a “forever family.” These children came into the system because of abandonment, abuse, and/or neglect. Due to the needs of these children, the state is currently focusing on those families interested in adopting children ages 2 and older with an African American heritage, children ages 9 and older with a Caucasian heritage, sibling groups of three or more that want to be placed in a family together, and children with serious medical and/or psychological conditions.

Various churches across the country have come to believe that adoption ministry should be a ministry of

every church. One church put up a bulletin board about the children who needed families and they prayed for those children. Eventually, forty children were adopted by families in that church. One church in Texas has adopted over 70 children!

The White County Adoption Coalition, along with other county coalitions in Arkansas, are striving to help find families for those children who are waiting. Wouldn't it be wonderful if every Arkansas child currently waiting to be adopted was blessed with a loving, caring, Christian family?! For more information about how to adopt a waiting child, *please call (501) 268-3243.*

Generosity Comes in All Sizes

The children at **Shirley's Mother Goose Day Care** had a great time being generous. They set up “Goose-Mart” where they “employed” a greeter, security, and a cashier and the children were able to make purchases. They also had “Shirley Queen” and the children were able to buy various snacks. All of the money made at both “businesses” was generously donated to Searcy Children's Homes! “Thank you” to the children, their families, and the staff at Shirley's Mother Goose Day Care for your creativity and your generosity!



The **White County Master Gardeners** shared their time and talents with the group home this past Fall. They showed up on a brisk Autumn morning and worked tirelessly, updating the landscaping with beautiful plants and flowers, and preparing the ground for the coming Winter months. We are so thankful for their generosity and hard work!

The wonderful ladies at **Courtesy Consignments** truly have a heart to help. They donated the proceeds from their \$1 sale items in November to Searcy Children's Homes! They also provide for needs of the children in our care through their weekly clothing donations. We are so blessed by these great ladies!



Foster family feature

Shawn and Donna became foster parents in 2006. This is their story...



After hearing of the need to care for some babies, Shawn and I naively called Sarah Wade at the Searcy Children's Homes thinking we would take a baby home that day. The process of becoming foster parents was more complicated than that, but

now we understand why. We began training, background checks, CPR and first aid, physicals and other paperwork. One item to do involved

our extended families. We told them of our desire to foster parent and asked their input. Our families then expressed any doubts they had and offered support and encouragement. Three months later we received the first call for taking two foster children in as respite care. The saying is quite true, "You can never outgive God". We got involved in order to try to help in some small way, but the experience has challenged us to grow closer as a family and to God.

Since May 2006, we have had six

children in our home at different times. Our lives as a family have already been forever changed. We have dealt with many emotions: joy, pain, and we must confess feelings of loss of time for self which then led to feelings of guilt for being selfish. An incredible blessing in foster care has been watching our own children give of themselves. They have adapted so easily to an addition in the family and have also been able to deal with letting go.

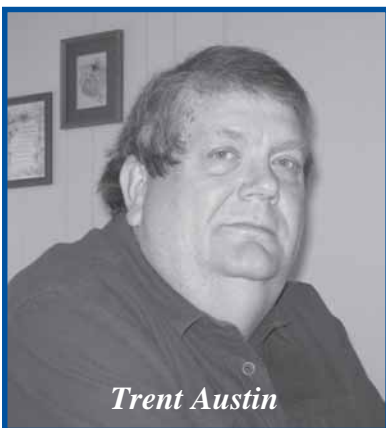
One of the most frequently asked questions of us as a foster family is: "How long will he/she be with you?" Being foster parents has made us have to trust in God like we never have before because we do not know the answer to that question. The injustice of these innocent children has brought us to our knees. As they leave our home, we have a choice to make. We can let our minds wonder at all the things that could go wrong in their lives. Or, we can commit to pray for them

as long as we live (as we daily try to decide to do). We see all through God's Word His heart for children, so we will continue on this journey with Him as He gives us the strength to do so.

We are so thankful to Shawn and Donna and their family for sharing their lives and their love for Christ with children. They are truly a blessing!



Trusting in God Through Foster Care



Trent Austin

BOARD MEMBER FEATURE

Trent Austin has been involved with the ministry of Searcy Children's Homes since 1986 when he and his wife Beverly became a "weekend-out" family and relief foster parents. They provided care for approximately 20 children

during the next several years. In 1990, Trent became a board member. He currently serves as Vice-President of the Board of Directors. We are very thankful to have Trent's continued involvement with this ministry.

Monthly Gifts *by Pat Moss*

When I first became secretary for the Downtown Church of Christ in 1962, I wasn't sure what my duties were except to answer the phone. We only had one line so I didn't have any trouble with that. I learned other things to do very quickly. One of the things I noticed was that we didn't have a very large library. I asked the elders if we could run a notice in our weekly bulletin about books for our library as memorial gifts. We had very good response and as a result we built a very good library.

When Searcy Children's Homes opened in 1974, the roles of secretary and bookkeeper were added to my church duties. We started on a "shoe string." By this time we had a very nice library so I asked the elders if we could run a note in our weekly bulletin that if anyone wanted to, they could send a memorial gift, birthday gift,

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honor gift, anniversary gift, get well, etc. to our children's home instead of books for the library. The announcement was well received and we began to receive gifts of various kinds, but mostly memorials.

Special gifts like memorials have become very important to us in this ministry. They help keep us

in the "black." Personally, I can't think of a better way to show honor to someone than to give a gift that helps a child. Most of our children come to us with just the clothes on their back and they come with broken lives and broken hearts. When they come to us, they do not know much about love, but while they are here, they learn it from the people who care for them and from you through your financial support.

We had a group of families who wanted to give a memorial gift to every family at Downtown who had been touched by the death of a loved one. Since there are those who couldn't afford to send to every one, we told them a way that they could. If they wanted to make a monthly donation in the form of a memorial (monthly memorial), a letter would go out to the bereaved family as soon as we learned about the death. In this way, every family at Downtown who was suffering the loss would know that at least ten families thought about them in a

very special way. The gifts are not all for the same amount. Each family determines the amount they

can afford to give monthly. There may be other families who would like to be added to the list we now have. There may also be families at other congregations who would like to do the same for members of their local church family.

It is really very easy and helps tremendously in meeting the needs of our children and families whom we serve. If you are interested in becoming a monthly memorial donor just call Jeffrey or Pat at (501) 268-3243 or you can send a monthly check made payable to Searcy Children's Homes and mail to P.O.Box 1141. Indicate on the memo line that it is for memorials. Then when a loved one or friend passes away, just call or send a note to us with the name of the deceased person and the name and address of the family you wish us to notify. The letter will go out the day we get the information from you. In this way, no one in our church family gets overlooked.

It was such a blessing to me when people I knew, and didn't know, sent memorial gifts to Searcy Children's Homes in memory of my son, Ricky, and husband, T.G. It was a blessing in two ways: it helped ease the overwhelming pain I was feeling and I knew it was helping care for children. What a blessing!

In the letter that goes to a family we never disclose the amount of your gift. We hope you will become a regular monthly giver. The Lord is truly blessing our work with children. The most important thing you can do for us is to go to our Father daily in prayer. He may even put it on your heart to be a monthly donor. What a great blessing you will be in meeting the needs of children in addition to helping a bereaved family bear the overwhelming loss of a loved one. I have been involved with Searcy Children's Homes for over 30 years and it has become my most important reason for living. I think it's where the Lord wants me to be. I sincerely hope you will join me in becoming a monthly donor. No amount is too small. May our Father bless us all richly.



Welcome to our new Interns

Since January 2007, Searcy Children's Homes has been blessed with five interns.

Jenni Brown is senior Social Work major from Conway, Arkansas. She enjoys working with children (she is in the right place!) and hopes to continue working with children after she graduates.

George Wadsworth is a senior Social Work major from Vero Beach, Florida. He would like to go to graduate school and possibly work in Florida with children in foster care or in the field of mental health.

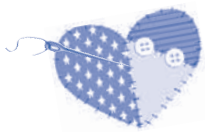
Claire Finn is a senior Psychology major from Tupelo, Mississippi. Upon graduation, she is interested in being a school counselor or working in a residential treatment center.

Marcy Griffith is a senior Psychology major from



Miami, Florida. She is interested in becoming a school counselor as she plans to work with children.

Sue Bunn is from Searcy and is a graduate student in the LPC (Licensed Professional Counselor) program at Harding University. She will be spending some of her internship time with our children at the group home as well as in one of the local public schools.



"Sewing" Seeds of Hope

There is something about a handmade quilt that evokes warm and cozy feelings – even a sense of love and security. The wonderful ladies in the Quilting Ministry at the School Avenue church of Christ want the children in our care to have those same feelings. They have donated numerous quilts which are given to the children when they come into care and each child will be able to take their quilt with them when they leave. Thank you "sew" much for thinking of the children!



A
Special
Thank
You!

To **Maurice and Shirley Moon** for re-decorating the kitchen, family room, entry and entry bathroom, and the children's halls at the group home. Everything looks wonderful!

To **Tim Cox** for sharing his graphic artistry in designing our agency logo. We love it!

To **Brian Thoman** for adding color to our logo and for designing our web site. Thanks for the great start!

To **Jason McGlawn** for updating and maintaining our web site! Thanks to Jason, we can accept donations online!

To **Jedidiah Veatch** for designing our database. It is outstanding!

To **Roger and Nancy Putman** for serving as our Houseparents in 2006. They did a tremendous job and we will miss them greatly. They have moved to Oklahoma to work on their graduate studies. We wish them God's abundant blessings!

To **Jason and Penny McGlawn** for serving as Relief Houseparents in 2006 and for becoming our Houseparents this year.

To **all of our foster families, adoptive families, board members, volunteers, and supporters** – you make it possible for us to do what we do – taking care of precious children, "planting seeds of hope", and making a difference in their lives!

To **God** for allowing us to serve Him in this ministry. We are all so blessed!



MEMORIAL GIFTS

Aug. 2006 - Jan. 2007

Abbott, Robbie

The Robbie V. Abbott Memorial Fund (to be added to the Searcy Children's Homes Endowment Fund to help provide care for children both now and for years to come)

Altivity Packaging
Amenta, Charles
Arkansas Labeling, Inc.
A.S.C. Meat Imports, LTD., Inc.
Anonymous
Barger, Olen and Frances
Bartels, Lauren and Leanne
Bisbee, Joel and Sybil
Bolinger, Buddy and Nancy
Boyd, James Paul and Cheryl
Boykin, Pat
Burger, Keith and Mary
Butts, John and Barbara
Carolina Turkeys
Cawthorn, Robert
Charles Stellar Food Distribution, Inc.
Clark, Anita
Connor, Paul and Michelle
Cooper, James and Anada
Cooper Farms Processing
Dep Inc.
Downtown Church of Christ
Eekeren, Donna Van
Employees at Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc
Fair, Jeremy and Jamie
Farbest Foods, Inc.
Gateley, Raymond and Mary Anne
Gibson, Hugh and Barbara
Ginn, Bruce
Goy, Joseph and Jo
Guffey, Ann
Gurrentz International Corp.
Harrison, Ronnie and Jean
Heilman, Lee and Lois
Hinesley, Steven
Holton, Terry
Horton, John and Cathy
ITW Minigrip/Zip Pak
Johnson, Floyd and Debbie
King, Larry
Krusemart, Stan and Phyllis
Lakey, Carol
Land O' Frost Lansing Employees
Lankford, Jim and Betty
Lawson, Freddy and Kay
Luce, Charles and Betty
Mahan, Jesse and Donnie
Mason, Stephanie
Mitchell, David, Tami and Jessica
Moss, Pat
Munnerlyn, Mike
Murray, Fayette
Mysker, Thomas and Nadine
Perdue Farms Incorporated
Plastics Flex. Company
Pine Ridge Farms
Richardson, Darin and Shelle
Roethlein, James and Ann
Robins, Harvy and Amy
Sambrano, Terry
Shourd, James and Angela
Smitka, Joseph and Gayle

Smolar, George and Patricia
Stark, Tim and family
Staugler, Charles and Lucy
Szabo, Mike and Marcia
Terrones, Matt
Turkey Valley Farms, Keith and Mary
Burger
Urner Barry Publications, Inc.
Vaughn, Elvis and Adell
Wedeking, Dortha
Weiskopf, Daniel
Wilson, Larry and Melinda
Witt, Randy

Adams, Henrietta

Capps, Mr. and Mrs. John Paul

Allen, Edna

Barger, Olen and Frances
Bisbee, Joel and Sybil
Boyd, James Paul and Cheryl
Boykin, Pat
Downtown Church of Christ
Goy, Joe and Jo
Johnson, Floyd and Debbie
Lankford, Jim and Betty
Luce, Charles and Betty
Mahan, Jesse and Donnie
Moss, Pat
Murray, Fayette
Robins, Harvy and Amy
Wedeking, Dortha

Anders, Andy

Gibbs, Michael and Eva

Anderson, Carl

Shipman, Glen and Judy

Angel, Joy

Friends of Joy Angel

Austin, Carolyn

Barger, Olen and Frances
Bisbee, Joel and Sybil
Boyd, James Paul and Cheryl
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Gateley, Raymond and Mary Anne
Lankford, Jim and Betty
Luce, Charles and Betty
Mahan, Jesse and Donnie
Moss, Pat
Murray, Fayette
Robins, Harvy and Amy
Wedeking, Dortha
Williams, Curtis and Frances

Austin, Josephine

Foutch, Freddie and Marveta

Austin, Margaret

Foutch, Freddie and Marveta
Reeves, Bill and Kyle

Barnhart, Sara

Foutch, Freddie and Marveta
Reeves, Bill and Kyle

Beckett, Virgil

Elliott, Merle and Anita
Lawyer, Virgil and Lou
Poindexter, Lorene
Pyland, Braley and Anna

Bell, Elwanda

Capps, John Paul and Elizabeth

Benton, Jim

Foutch, Freddie and Marveta
Reeves, Bill and Kyle

Birmingham, Jean

Birmingham, Ernest

Boykin, Ross

Anonymous

Cavitt, Jeff and Jane
Johnson, Floyd and Debbie

Bradley, Naomi

Pyland, Braley and Anna

Bradley, son of Carla Clancey

Melvin, Ronnie and Beverly

Brady, Andrew

Helsten, Robert and Mary

Brewer, Quentin

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Bisbee, Joel and Sybil
Boyd, James Paul and Cheryl
Johnson, Floyd and Debbie
Lankford, Jim and Betty
Luce, Charles and Betty
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Moss, Pat
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Wedeking, Dortha

Britton, Lula Mae

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Burkett, Ronnie and Laveta
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Goy, Joseph and Jo
Lankford, Jim and Betty
Luce, Charles and Betty
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Moss, Pat
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Robins, Harvy and Amy
Wedeking, Dortha
Williams, Curtis and Frances

Brown, Olta

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Boyd, James and Cheryl
Brown, Nolan and Connie
Foutch, Freddie and Marveta
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Lankford, Jim and Betty
Luce, Charles and Betty
Mahan, Jesse and Donnie
Moss, Pat
Murray, Fayette
Robins, Harvy and Amy
Anonymous
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Williams, Curtis and Frances

Brown, Ruth

Arnett, Boyce and Mary Ann
Barber, Chester and Madeline
Bisbee, Joel and Sybil
Capps, Mr. and Mrs. John Paul
Childers, Cecil and Loyce
Daugherty, Mr. and Mrs. Tom
Davis, Richard and Margaret
Dobbins, Eloise
Elkins, Mr. and Mrs. Robert
Fant, Dennis and Rita
Fisher, Maurice and Montine
Gardner, Jack and Anne
Golleher, Ollie
Hammes, Ken and Nancy
Hart, Mrs. Allwyn
Helsten, Robert and Mary
Holden, Derrel and Zella
Jennings, Bart and Shelia
Jennings, Stroud and Marian
Keathley, Jesse and Mary Anne
May, Kenneth and Mary Ann
McAdams, Mr. and Mrs. Edward



Miller, Donnie and Leah
Moon, Maurice and Shirley
Moss, Pat
Murray, Fayette
Oswald, Chris
Person, Leo and Linda
Pierce, Aldon and Donna
Pittman, Charles
Rapp, Doris
Regions Bank
Robins, Harvy and Amy
Ross, Elsie
Taylor, John and Mary Pat (Matheney)
Toland, J. Ray and Ruth
Vinson, Lamar and Ann
Walker, Hal and Patti
Weaver, Virginia
White, Dr. and Mrs. William D.
Word, Lourelia
Yingling, Lewis and Dot

Brown, Sophie
Brown, Nolan and Connie
Fouch, Freddie and Marveta

Burns, Edna
James, Olivia
Leachman, Gay Nelle
Taylor, Connie
Linda

Carder, Frank
Vaughn, Elvis and Adell

Carmichel, C.H.
Coleman, Sprout and Shirley

Carson, Rachel
Anonymous
Baker, Ron and Janyth
Barger, Olen and Frances
Beta Sigma Phi Sorority
Bisbee, Joel and Sybil
Boyd, James Paul and Cheryl
Boykin, Pat
Burkett, Ronnie and Laveta
Clark, Anita
Downtown Church of Christ
Elliott, Gary and Cheryl
Gateley, Raymond and Mary Anne
Goy, Joe and family
Lankford, Jim and Betty
Luce, Charles and Betty
Mahan, Jesse and Donnie
McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie
Moss, Pat
Murray, Fayette
Organ, Dennis and Sherry
Robins, Harvy and Amy
Ross, Louren and Sherry
Wedeking, Dortha
Williams, Curtis and Frances

Cavitt, Glenda's mother
Cavitt, Jeff and Jane

Chambless, Bill
Elkins, Mr. and Mrs. Bob

Chesshir, Bonnie
Capps, John Paul and Elizabeth
Cavitt, Jeff and Jane

Chism, Jim
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Best, Eddie and Pat
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Boyd, James Paul and Cheryl
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Guffey, Ann
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Luce, Charles and Betty

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Mason, Grady and Thelma
Moon, Maurice and Shirley
Moss, Pat
Murray, Fayette
Musick, Jim and Jane
Poindexter, Lorene
Presley, Leister
Roberts, Phil and Nellene
Robertson, Roger and Mae
Robins, Harvy and Amy
Stover, Danny and Delene
Toland, J. Ray and Ruth Ann
Wedeking, Dortha
Williams, Curtis and Frances

Chronister, Floyd
Vinson, Lamar and Ann

Churchman, Joe
Anonymous
Barger, Olen and Frances
Bisbee, Joel and Sybil
Boyd, James Paul and Cheryl
Boykin, Pat
Burks, Bryan/Harding College of Business
Goy, Joseph and Jo
Lankford, Jim and Betty
Luce, Charles and Betty
Mahan, Jesse and Donnie
Moss, Pat
Murray, Fayette
Robins, Harvy and Amy
Wedeking, Dortha

Cole, Curtis
Dahnke, Dee and family



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by giving a Memorial or Honor Gift to
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PO Box 1141, Searcy, AR 72145.

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Martin, Myra and family
Moss, Pat

Cole, Rachel
Cole, Bob and Larry
Sheets, Jeffrey and Taryn

Colglazier, Emma
Sheets, Jeffrey and Taryn

Collingsworth, Ben
Vaughn, Elvis and Adell

Cooper, Kathy
Cloverdale Church of Christ

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Crouch, Mattie
Crouch, Shelby and Anna
Ferguson, Worley and Ruth
Shelton, Glenn and Louise
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Cunningham, Nancy
Dotson, Evelyn
Rapp, Doris

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Yingling, Lewis and Dot

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Mathis, Betty Jo
Organ, Dennis and Sherry

Dove, Olive
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Mason, Grady and Thelma

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Fouch, Freddie and Marveta

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Cloverdale Church of Christ

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Guffey, Ann
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Oliver, George and Joy

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Shearin, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur
Vinson, Lamar and Ann
Wilson, Edmond and Elizabeth

Grant, Jr. Q.C.

Vaughn, Elvis and Adell

Brother of Vera Gray

Pyland, Braley and Anna

Green, Judith (Judy)

Dahnke, Dee (Meurer)
Martin, Myra (Meurer)
Moon, Maurice and Shirley
Vinson, Lamar and Ann

Guzzo, Sam

Bisbee, Joel and Sybil
Dr. and Mrs. John Henderson

Hackworth, Nancy

Burkett, Ronnie and Laveta
Dr. and Mrs. John Henderson
Moss, Pat
Organ, Dennis and Sherry

Hale, Ruth

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Mahan, Jesse and Donnie
Meadows, Kathryn
Moss, Pat
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Robins, Harvy and Amy
Wedeking, Dortha
Yingling, Lewis and Dot
Williams, Curtis and Frances

Hart, David

Vaughn, Elvis and Adell

Hayes, Norma

Isom, Allan and Carole
Guffey, Ann

Hays, Florence

Gibson, Hugh and Barbara
Moss, Pat
White, Dr. and Mrs. William D.

Hickman, Hoyt

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