

Hermon News

INVESTING IN TODAY AND TOMORROW

Do investments in God's Kingdom made today result in future blessings?

What kind of return do you expect on your investments?

Read on as we share one example of an investment that touched our own Hermon family!



Laura Blanchard Joyner c. 1910

Since 1885, Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina (BCH) have reached out to children and families in crisis. BCH began with one campus, Mills Home, in Thomasville. On June 30, 1898, an 11 year-old girl, Laura Blanchard, and her 12 year-old brother, James, entered the orphanage. There they were nurtured, loved and protected. Laura remained at the home until 1902. Shortly after that she attended Chowan College in Murfreesboro where she met and subsequently married N.S. Joyner. He served as pastor at our own Hermon Baptist Church from 1929 to 1965—36 years! Laura very capably led the music ministry. During those years, their marriage was blessed with four sons and four daughters—John Elliott, Earline, Marian, Emilie, Judson, Donnie Irene, N.S. Jr. and Ralph.

In 1941, BCH officials learned of the ministry of this former member of their orphanage family and journeyed to her home near Waxhaw to meet Laura, N.S. and their children. Received with warm hospitality, the officials were encouraged and grateful. Summing up their emotional visit, they commented:

"We have never met a finer group of grandsons and granddaughters of Mills Home than the children of Laura Blanchard and Rev. N.S. Joyner. She and her family are as fine as can be found in Union County."

The blessing continued to the next generation. Laura's eldest son, John Elliott* and his wife, Marjorie, had six children. Of them, Barry, Melba, Carson, Merwyn, and Robyn Gordon are members of Hermon to this day. Of course, another generation of "Kingdom builders" is coming along. What a beautiful legacy N.S. and Laura left!

ANNUAL BCH "FOOD ROUNDUP"

Other children need your help. Today we have an opportunity to invest in the lives of Kyle, Logan, Paulina, to name a few, who are presently benefiting from the love and protection of BCH. (To read about them, log on to www.bchfamily.org/about/stories.)

The food roundup program helps offset the immense food costs of providing more than 700,000 meals and snacks each year. These boys and girls know whenever they sit down for a meal, the food that fills their plates is lovingly provided by churches and adults who care.

We can help! During the month of April, please consult the food lists near the boxes in the entrance to the Family Life Center and contribute non-perishable items. Your donations will help feed children in several BCH locations throughout North Carolina.

**John Elliott Joyner, age 96, went on to his heavenly home on March 14, 2011. He is survived by his wife, five of his six children, two brothers, two sisters, seven grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.*

Happy April Birthday/Anniversary to You!

If you don't find your birthday or anniversary listed, please call the church office to help us update our church records.



01 - Cheryl Fox
02 - Ann McCray
02 - Dottie Herzog
04 - Tristan Wallace
07 - Ollie Allen
07 - Elmer Ash
08 - Braxton Sapp
09 - Lynda Spence
11 - Marjorie Mabry
14 - Marlin Bates

15 - Edith Routh
15 - Frank Snodgrass
16 - Steven Stack
16 - Andy Vaughn
17 - Zakare Mooneyham
17 - Bill Schmidt
20 - Andrew Musser
21 - Deanna Snodgrass
25 - Kaena Wallace
26 - Jimmy Fox
27 - Gary Sapp
28 - Debbie Isom
28 - Melba Greene
30 - Margaret Starnes
30 - Dewey Spence
30 - Barbara Wolvin



08 - Bryan & Kendra Costello



April Operation Christmas Child Items Needed

Coloring Books,
Crayons, Markers
and Paper

**Pray for Hermon Youth
on Mission to
Hazelton, Pennsylvania
April 15 - 23, 2011**



J.O.Y. Club Breakfast - Hilltop Restaurant

First Thursday in each month - 9:00 AM

You Took My Place



One day, a man went to visit a church, He got there early, parked His car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver, got out and said, " I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached Him and stated, "That 's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to Him and said, "That 's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still He said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and His appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on His hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed Him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as His hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from His eye, "I took your place."



Ladies, you are invited to a Bridal Shower for Ashley Nash on Saturday, April 16, 2011, 2:00 PM, in the Old Fellowship Hall. Travis and Ashley are registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.



Easter Flowers - Would you like to provide flowers for our Easter Sunday service? If so, please call the church office and let us know.

Family Night Supper Menu

April 6 - Team 1

Chicken Tenders, Fries, Corn on the Cob, Dessert

April 13 - Team 2

Ham, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert

April 20 - Team 3

No AWANA or Meal

April 27 - Team 4

Beef Stew, Stewed Potatoes, Corn Bread, Dessert

HERMON ON MISSION IN BRAZIL - 2011



WHERE: Belo Horizonte

WHEN: Thursday, July 7th - Monday, July 18th

WHAT: Construction, Street Team and Revivals

COST: Approximately \$2,800.00 (Due to airline fuel surcharges, ticket prices have increased by \$300.00)

Thus far seven members of Hermon have stepped out in faith to participate again this year. Others are praying for clear direction and guidance regarding family situations that would allow them to participate.

Perhaps God has spoken to you about being a member of the team through contributions to this effort. Please see this newsletter for upcoming Brazil Mission Trip fund raisers or place your contributions in the offering plate marked "Brazil Mission Trip."

Please continue to pray for this Hermon Mission outreach and those who are wanting to follow God's leading. Questions can be referred to TC or Brenda Carter.

Can You Help?

Craig and Brenda are coming home and will have need of a car from June 15 until the end of December. Please pray for the Lord's provision for this need.

Nursery Workers for April

Sunday, April 3

AM Mandy & Kelsey Joyner
PM Carolyn Fournier

Sunday, April 10

AM Deanna & Marty Snodgrass
PM Anita Wallace

Sunday, April 17

AM Anita & Kaena Wallace
PM Alicia Williams

Sunday, April 24 (Easter)

AM Alicia Williams & Marilyn Stauffer
PM No Evening Services



2011 FOOD ROUNDUP for Baptist Children's Homes

More than 700,000 meals and snacks are provided to hundreds of children during the year at the Baptist Children's Homes' statewide locations. We can be hands and feet of JESUS as we collect the following food items during April to help feed "North Carolina's largest family". Collection Time: Sunday, April 3 - Sunday, April 24. Drop boxes will be located in the FLC and the Welcome Center. Please consider responding to this need!

Suggested Items

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| Soups - (Cream of Mushroom, Cream of Chicken, Chicken Broth) | |
| Jello | Saltine Crackers |
| Pop Tarts | Ritz Crackers |
| Pop Corn | Graham Crackers |
| Rice | Stuffing Mix |
| Mac. & Cheese | Hamburger Helper |
| Jiffy Mixes | Chicken Helper |
| Corn Muffin Mix | |

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of children!!!



Missions Quiz

Do you know our Hermon Baptist Church-related missionaries and recent mission projects? **Just for fun**—test yourself! Match the "Missionary or Ministry" to the appropriate answer in the second list. Then check your answers in the box below.

1.	Gestring, Wes and Beth	()	Atlanta, GA Inner City Outreach
2.	Meehan, Russ and Lori	()	Unreached tribe in Guinea Bissau, Africa
3.	Nelson, Mandi	()	To benefit NC Baptist Children's Home
4.	Shirokov, Peter and Rachel	()	Vernacular Media Specialist
5.	Robbins, Reggie and Anna	()	Offering for International Baptist Missions
6.	Oliveira, Ivanildo and Belenice	()	Missionary Kids teachers / dorm parents
7.	"Miles of Pennies" project	()	Awana Clubs
8.	Wolf, Eric and Susan	()	Cameroon aviation administration, maintenance and flight coordination
9.	Linan, Nurfina	()	South Africa – university professor
10.	Operation Christmas Child	()	Offering for North American Baptist Missions
11.	Lottie Moon	()	Jewish Evangelism
12.	Nash, Tommy and Paula	()	Cameroon – missionary pilot
13.	Annie Armstrong	()	Shoebox gifts and follow-up evangelism

ANSWERS to Missions Quiz:

13.	Annie Armstrong	(10)	Shoebox gifts and follow-up evangelism
12.	Nash, Tommy and Paula	(8)	Cameroon – missionary pilot
11.	Lottie Moon	(4)	Jewish Evangelism
10.	Operation Christmas Child	(13)	Offering for North America Baptist Missions
9.	Linan, Nurfina	(1)	South Africa – university professor / evangelism
8.	Wolf, Eric and Susan	(3)	Cameroon aviation administration, maintenance and flight coordination
7.	"Miles of Pennies" project	(12)	Awana Clubs
6.	Oliveira, Ivanildo and Belenice	(2)	Missionary Kids teachers / dorm parents
5.	Robbins, Reggie and Anna	(11)	Offering for International Baptist Missions
4.	Shirokov, Peter and Rachel	(9)	Vernacular Media Specialist
3.	Nelson, Mandi	(7)	To benefit NC Baptist Children's Home
2.	Meehan, Russ and Lori	(6)	Unreached tribe in Guinea Bissau, Africa
1.	Gestring, Wes and Beth	(5)	Atlanta, GA Inner City Outreach

13 correct: Excellent! You've been listening and praying!

10 correct: Very good.

7 correct: You've been paying attention but are still working on getting it all together.

4 correct: Keep at it. Read the *Hermon News* "Missions Post" page and missionary prayer letters. We'll do another quiz later and you'll do better!