



# MONTHLY MESSENGER

April 2009

Your support is a valuable part of the ministry to children and families.



## April is



### Prevent Child Abuse Awareness Month

According to the latest U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services data (Child Maltreatment 2007), approximately 794,000 children were found to be victims of substantiated abuse and neglect. An average of more than four children die every day as a result of child abuse or neglect (an estimated 1,760 children in 2007). In 2007, 34.1 percent of child maltreatment fatalities were associated with neglect alone. Physical abuse alone was cited in over one-quarter (26.4 percent) of reported fatalities. Another 35.2 percent of fatalities were the result of multiple maltreatment types

**No group of children is immune.** Girls were slightly more likely to be victims than boys. Children of all ages experience abuse and neglect. Young children are more vulnerable and are most likely to die from maltreatment. Children younger than 4 accounted for more than 75.77 of those killed.

There is no single profile of a perpetrator of fatal child abuse, although certain characteristics reappear in many studies. Frequently, the perpetrator is a young adult in his or her mid-20s, without a high school diploma, living at or below the poverty level, depressed, and who may have difficulty coping with stressful situations. In many instances, the perpetrator has experienced violence first-hand. Most fatalities from *physical abuse* are caused by fathers and other male caretakers. Mothers are most often held responsible for deaths resulting from *child neglect* (U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect, 1995).

**We all share a responsibility to help keep children safe as we take steps to prevent abuse from occurring in the first place.** You can find this information and more on the Administration for Children & Families web-site at: [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats\\_research/index.htm#can](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/index.htm#can)



**Sierra S. and Tiara W.** volunteer their time and effort with the Humane Society every Saturday. They walk the animals and help with general animal care.



**CAMPUS NEWS**  
The Riley Boys House welcomed **Jacob B.** to their household. He is in 10th grade and is 16 years old.



Totty Girls House welcomed **Abby N.** to their home in March. Abby is 12 and is in 7th grade.

**Jenny H.** participated in a benefit 5K run and placed 2nd in her age bracket. She also placed second in last year's race. **Mentoe B.** placed second in his age bracket in the 5K race as well.

A Bowling Green Community College English class is involved in a Service Learning project for the Spring Semester with Potter. They have served in many areas of the programs. They have helped with Pantry projects, worked in a tutoring program, organized Storage and resale area items, and performed general office work, and campus cleaning projects.



**Jenny H., Jodi W., Sierra S., Allison H., Daniel G., Mentoe B., and Leah W.** have all been busy preparing for the Lads To Leaders conventions in Nashville and Indianapolis. More information about the events they are participating in will be in the May Messenger.

**Leah W.** was on the Honor Roll this semester. This is a great accomplishment with her added load of being on the tennis team and all of the time she has spent on her projects for Lads To Leaders.



## Molding the Future News

You are invited to an **Open House**



**April 25th  
11:30 — 2:00**



Please join in celebrating the completion of the first triplex and gymnasium renovation.

- Lunch will be provided
- Tour the new facilities
- Visit with staff and residents
- Ask questions and learn more about future plans

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**Tiffany E.** has been accepted into the Dental Hygiene Program at WKU. It is a rare honor to be accepted into this program as a freshman.



## Happy Birthday!

**Briana B.  
13 on April 14  
SPARK**



Cards and good wishes are welcome and can be sent to:  
2350 Nashville Rd. Bowling Green, KY 42101

## Memorial Gifts

March 2009

**Robert Ashby**  
Green Hill Church of Christ

**Benton Back**  
Christine Justice

**Ralph Back**  
Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Willoughby

**Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bouldin**  
C. Larry Bouldin

**Mary Ralph Bradley**  
Steve & Lanita Boyd

**Anna E. Brown**  
Elizabeth Fisher

**Lahoma Adams Buford**  
Barry & Rosemary Buford

**Ralph & Pauline Buzzard**  
Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Dearien

**Christine Edwards Cannon**  
Paul & Barbara Edwards

**Lucille Schofield Carberry**  
Oleva DeLancey

**Opal Chambers**  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Patton  
Mr. & Mrs. Naaman Goode

**Mary Ruth Kelley Cordle**  
Frank & Louise Cutler & Family

**James Cunningham**  
Dwayne & Brenda Dierkes  
Wayne & Carolyn Arrington  
Richard & Deborah Long  
Gwynn Woods  
Mark & Kyra Wade  
Art & Lu Ann Thompson  
Jerry & Sandra Alderson  
Brenda Newberry

**Troy Vestal Danner**  
Lynne Qualls

**Pasquale DiMarco**  
Fred & Dorothy Lauver

**Annie Dyson**  
Mr. & Mrs. Phil Meeks  
Antioch Church of Christ

**Eric Emmert**  
Mackey & Judy Bentley

**Ernie Essex**  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Essex

**Dave Fleischman**  
Mr. & Mrs. Art Hickey

**Hilda Frazier**  
Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ

**Anne Gibbs**  
W.A. Gibbs

**Norman Girardin**  
Diana & Ronnie Smith

**Carol Godfrey**  
Barbara Warren

**Martha Gower**  
Maurine H. Caldwell  
Jamie C. Cowley

**Anne Hall**  
Mr. & Mrs. Cornell Stephens

**Louise Heady**  
Roy J. Alexander

**Frances Hill**  
Lynne R. Qualls

**Stacy Hinson**  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark English

**Herbert Hunter**  
Mary Ann Hunter

**Ettie Mae Hutchinson**  
Danny & Gayle Lee

**Tracy Kneisler**  
Barbara Griffis  
Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Simpson

**John F. Korman**  
Fred & Dorothy Lauver

**Dot Lawson**  
C. Larry Bouldin

**Wade Lewis**  
Friends at NRL

**Gibson Martin**  
Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Willoughby

**Leonard Mathes**  
Ruth Sills

**Mr. & Mrs. Billy McKenzie**  
Sheila Jones

**Hayward Meeds**  
Gridertown Church of Christ

**Tim Meeks**  
Gridertown Church of Christ

**Betty L. Miller**  
Buster Miller

**Kirby Miller**  
Mr. & Mrs. Lemuel Edwards

**Wally Neth**  
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Akers

**Irene Nicodemus**  
Ken & Jo Thomas

**Kay Norris**  
Sara Richey

**Tyler Matthias Page**  
Mr. & Mrs. James E. Page

**Walter L. Parks**  
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Jones

**Frank & Marian Pence**  
Harriet Gray

**Gertie Phelps**  
Ken & Jo Thomas

**Tommy Poss**  
Mr. & Mrs. John Mann

**Nancy Power**  
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Potter

**Larry Rainey**  
Whitleyville Church of Christ

**George Clifford Reel, Jr.**  
Lucille Colvin

**Donnie J. Rhoten, Sr.**  
Aliene Fann

**John Robert Richardson**  
Barbara R. Weatherspoon

**Joseph Robinson**  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark English

**Mary K. Short**  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark McKenzie  
Inez Deposit Bank  
Dr. K.D. Williams  
Robert Daniels  
Frankie Jo Horton  
Karen R. Sellers  
Wondalene Hill  
Michael & Janet Smith  
Lucille S. Jones  
James & Sara Daniels  
Charles & Linda Justice  
B.R. & Charlene Meade  
Frank & Janie Wells  
Robin Ferguson  
Carlos Wells  
Mark & Norma Maggard  
Rbert L. Abrams  
Bonnie Sue Ratliff  
William & Barbara Daniel  
Employees of Family Bank  
Cox Auto Parts Co.  
Marken Company  
Jerry, Tricia, Johnna, Eric,  
Mary T., Wendy & Joe  
Jerry & Mary Fraim  
O.T. Dorton  
William & Lynn Mullins

**Linda Powell Shreve**  
Mr. & Mrs. James Dewrell  
Julia Pierce

**Pearlene Starks**  
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Henderson

**Louise "Penny" Stinson**  
Patricia Thompson

**Jimmy Stump, Sr.**  
Butch & Charlen Crites

**Annabelle Sumner**  
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Brown

**Riley Teal**  
Ken & Jo Thomas

**J.T. Temple**  
Turley Peeks

**Robert L. Thompson**  
Delma Thompson

**Patricia Wakefield**  
Ken & Jo Thomas

**Modell Walsh**  
Green Hill Church of Christ

**Jack Welden**  
Mr. & Mrs. John Mann

Our heartfelt thanks and sympathy goes out to the families that remembered Potter in their time of loss with gifts in lieu of flowers:

*Mary Onezima Ralph Bradley  
Mary Short  
James Cunningham*



## Honor Gifts

**Peggy Nims**  
*Birthday*  
Terry Bunnell Family

**Nina Robinson**  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Nims

**Brayden Rogers**  
Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Rogers

**Mr. & Mrs. Bob Simons**  
*50th Wedding Anniversary*  
Christie Robison

**Michael Sullivan**  
*Birthday*  
Dustin Sullivan



## 2009 Fall Festival

September 19th,  
Festivities begin at 10:00

Please consider bringing a group to help  
make the day a great success!

### We Need Your Help

#### Auction for Children donations:

Quilts, antiques, furniture, art, in working order cars,  
boats, sports vehicles, tractors, mowers, etc.

\*Homemade Crafts for the Country Store

\*Donations for the Garage Sale

\*Congregations to sponsor and operate food booths

\*Groups and individuals to operate youth activities

Contact Barb at (270) 843-3038 or by e-mail at  
barb@potterministries.org if interested



## Employment Opportunity

Potter is presently in need of a Minister of Family Services. This position is responsible for the supervision of the family services programs and family services staff.

A Masters Degree in Social Services or a related field is required for this position. If you are interested in serving in this ministry and would like more information, please contact Ralph Brewer at (270) 843-3038 or at ralph@potterministries.org.