



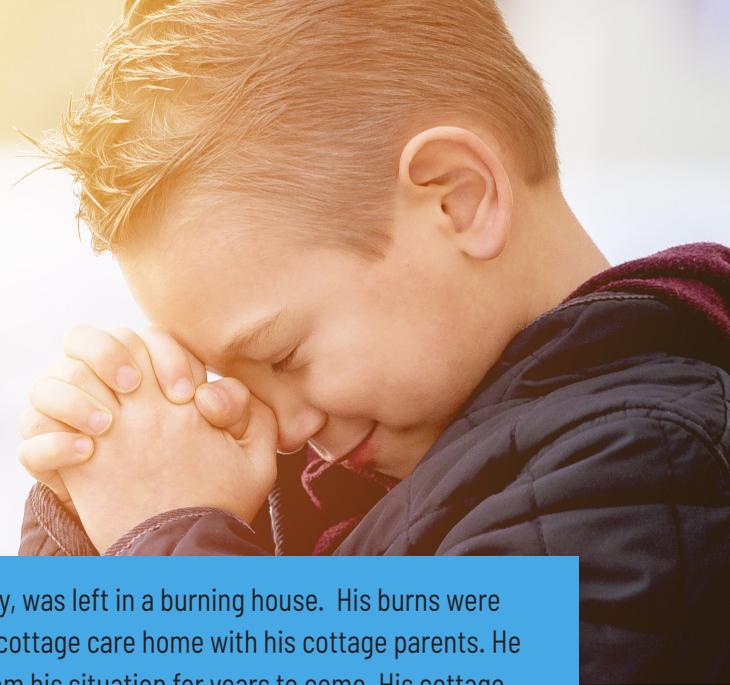
SHARING HOPE...CHANGING LIVES

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

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a month of prayer

WEEK
ONE



SUNDAY Please be in prayer for the young boy who, as a baby, was left in a burning house. His burns were severe, but now, at age six, lives in a Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) cottage care home with his cottage parents. He is overcoming many obstacles but will be dealing with the trauma from his situation for years to come. His cottage parents took him and the other children in the cottage to the beach where he saw the ocean for the very first time.

MONDAY Pray for God to work in the lives of boys from Cameron Boys Camp, girls from Camp Duncan and their counselors/teachers as they undertake canoe and backpacking trips. They are often gone for days canoing or hiking dozens of miles daily and learning team-building and social skills that will help them overcome personal challenges. The camps are year round, 24/7 programs/schools that provide help and healing for at-risk boys and girls.

TUESDAY Pray for God to fill the staffing vacancies that are open at all of BCH's ministries. Pray He will call the people that are meant to fill those positions and that those He calls will answer. Like many organizations, filling positions is very difficult right now. BCH needs cottage parents, case managers, counselors/teachers at the 24/7 wilderness camps, Weekday Education teachers, adoption services staff and others.

WEDNESDAY Pray for the children that attend our community Weekday Education classes. Many of them, as well as their families, are having a challenging time readjusting to life in the aftermath of COVID and isolating at home. Pray wisdom and strength for our teachers that they work with the children and families daily.

THURSDAY Pray for a sibling group of children ages 14, 11, and 10 who have been waiting to be adopted. Over the years, they have watched their friends be placed with forever families while continuing to wait. The siblings long for a family to take them to church, go camping with them and perhaps allow them to have a family dog. Pray for God to use our Christian Adoption Services to help connect this sibling group with the loving family they deserve.

FRIDAY Pray for BCH case managers across the state who are ministering to foster care families, biological families and county social workers. The social workers, who work for the NC Department of Social Services (DSS), are responsible for finding the right placements for boys and girls who have been removed from their homes for their safety. Pray for our case managers to have the strength and perseverance to be great advocates and role models.

SATURDAY Pray for several mothers in our Family Care cottage care homes at Kennedy Home in Kinston who are finding it increasingly difficult to locate safe and affordable housing for themselves and their children. Family Care is a goal-focused residential ministry structured to help mothers, while still parenting their children, achieve self-sufficiency and transition to a safe, independent living situation.



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TWO

SUNDAY Pray for the nine-year-old girl in the care of our Good Shepherd Ministries in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. She was severely physically abused as a baby and young toddler. She has epilepsy and struggles with being able to control aggressive impulses because of the challenges she faces. Pray she will be healed by the Lord and that court officials and the caregivers at Good Shepherd Ministries would have great wisdom in helping her.

MONDAY Pray for God to inspire more churches to be a part of the EVERY CHILD Foster & Adoption Ministry, the partnership between BCH and NC Baptists to equip Christian couples and churches to care for the approximately 17,000 children in the NC foster care system. Pray that God will show pastors and church leaders the best way their church body can be a part of foster care and adoption efforts. Pray for our staff as they reach out to these churches.

TUESDAY Pray for one of our girls at Camp Duncan who is graduating from the program. She has worked hard to overcome a poor self-image brought on by past trauma from the effect of substance abuse within her family. Pray that she continues to use the resources and tools she learned from camp and, most of all, rely on her relationship with God to help her to persevere.

WEDNESDAY Pray for Roger and Vicki Grossman and Mike and Arwen Elders, the missionaries and staff at Good Shepherd Ministries who serve the K'iche' children and families native to that area of Guatemala. Pray for the ministry's cottage parents, construction staff, custodial staff, clinic staff and driver. Pray for the missionary work teams that travel from the states to help. Each of them gives selflessly to serve and show the love of Jesus.

THURSDAY Pray for the caregivers at our nine cottage homes throughout NC for adults with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities. Daily, they provide every aspect of support our special adults need while meeting the needs in their own lives. Specific instances include caregivers Jan and Cathy – pray for healing as they both deal with the loss of their sons. Jan's father also has terminal cancer and another son deployed to Germany.

FRIDAY Pray for a family that our Bob and Carolyn Tucker Greater Vision Outreach Ministry is counseling. This community family lost everything they owned – including their beloved family pets – in a house fire. Pray for our staff and volunteers who are guiding them through Greater Vision's self-sufficiency program to help them connect with resources they need and ultimately be able to support themselves once again.

SATURDAY Pray for the grandmother who can no longer care for her two grandsons because of her health. The NC Department of Social Services placed them in cottage care at Broyhill Home in Clyde and she is able to visit the boys often. Many grandparents find themselves in this position, and it is emotionally hard for them. BCH locations throughout the state are there to assist them when the need arises.

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THREE



SUNDAY Please be in prayer for two young boys who came into our cottage care home. The brothers were living in a condemned house with no running water or electricity. The littlest boy's first question about his new BCH home was, "Are there rats in the house?" His BCH cottage mother assured him there were no rats. He told her that at his old house rats crawled around his bed at night. Pray for their healing as their cottage parents care for them daily.

MONDAY Pray for women throughout our state and nation who have become unexpectedly pregnant and are facing decisions. Pray that God uses churches and others to connect them with our Christian Adoption Services where we can minister and counsel with them. Pray that we are able to put together the best possible adoption plans in place for their babies and that we can connect these children with the forever families meant for them.

TUESDAY Pray for our EVERY CHILD foster families. Remember them as they open their homes – and their hearts – to children from our NC foster care system. Most of these boys and girls have been removed from their homes for their safety. Many of these children have experienced neglect and/or some form of abuse. Pray as the foster parents show them the love of Christ and for the children to experience hope and healing.

WEDNESDAY Pray for our nine-year-old girl at Good Shepherd Ministries in Guatemala who struggles with ongoing challenges due to fetal alcohol exposure, severe malnutrition, and physical and emotional abuse. While we know she faces overwhelming odds, we also know that we serve a God of hope and healing. Please pray for our caregivers as they minister to her needs daily.

THURSDAY Pray for God to send young men and women who have a heart for children, serving the Lord, and a love of the outdoors to be counselors/teachers (also known as "chiefs") at Cameron Boys Camp and Camp Duncan for girls. Our camp staff are praying for God to bring the right young men and women to fill staff vacancies and ultimately increase staff so the two camps can serve even more at-risk children and their families.

FRIDAY Pray for three siblings who live in our cottage care homes at Kennedy Home in Kinston. We are so thankful to have the room at our statewide locations to be able to keep siblings together. Many times, siblings are split apart if the NC Department of Social Services places them in services where room is limited. Pray for the future of these siblings that whether they are with us long or short term that they will be able to remain together.

SATURDAY Pray for our maintenance and information/technology staff members who are vital behind-the-scenes workers for BCH. Pray for safety as they travel and work to maintain our cottages or larger properties, and ensure everything is working properly so our caregivers and staff can provide the best possible support to the children, families, special needs adults, aging adults and individuals we serve.

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FOUR



SUNDAY Pray for a 13-year-old boy who was abandoned by his family at a young age and is still waiting to be adopted. He dreams of having a family where together they can play games, watch movies, and attend church. Pray a family will answer God's call to step forward and adopt this boy who faithfully believes there is a mother and father for him.

MONDAY Pray for one of our girls living at Camp Duncan who is battling the effects of a traumatic childhood. When she was very young, her family severely neglected her often leaving her alone in cars for such long periods that she never knew if her family would ever return. Pray for the counselors/teachers and case managers as they help her work through her trauma and help her to know that she has a Heavenly Father that will never leave or forsake her.

TUESDAY Pray for the future success of 11 students who graduated from Western Carolina University in Cullowhee with the assistance of our HOMEBASE College Ministry. HOMEBASE at Western Carolina is for students who have aged out of foster care and/or residential services, are orphaned, homeless, emancipated or have little to no support. Pray for those incoming students who will turn to HOMEBASE for support in the coming days.

WEDNESDAY Pray for the single parents in our communities that Greater Vision counsels. We serve a mother who is struggling with mental health issues while raising her two daughters, one with special needs. Pray for a father who is raising two children by himself while continuing his recovery. Pray for a mother we serve who is struggling to find employment, transportation and child care for her two children. Pray for a mother diagnosed with cancer.

THURSDAY Pray for God to work in the situations of families who are praying about adopting international children through our Christian Adoption Services. There are hundreds of boys and girls that we represent in the Philippines and Czech Republic that have been waiting a long time to be adopted — there are more children than there are families. Please pray for God to stir hearts of potential adoptive families and connect them with these children.

FRIDAY Pray for the five-year-old boy living in a cottage care home at Broyhill Home in Clyde. Recently, the little boy asked his BCH cottage mother to pray for his mom who is in jail. Regardless of what their family members have done, the boys and girls in our care love them dearly. Pray for our children who struggle being separated from their family members even though it is necessary. Pray for their family members that we can be a light to them.

SATURDAY Pray that God be glorified in every one of BCH's many ministries that takes place throughout the 35 communities across NC, SC and Guatemala where we are located. Pray for God to open up opportunities for the gospel to be shared and for those we minister to come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. Pray that in all we do that the unconditional love of God is modeled by every caregiver, staff member and ambassador of BCH.