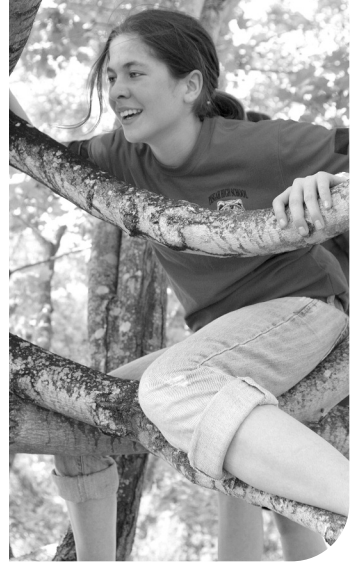


Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.



**"My life has drastically changed. I no longer desire to follow anyone but Jesus." Kourri accepted Christ on November 22, 2009.**

Kourri (pronounced Cory) is always smiling. The teen rarely appears glum. Her enthusiasm for life, family, friends, and her future, overflows.

"Everybody has ups and downs," Kourri says, "Today, my ups are all about Jesus."

Kourri's life has changed abundantly since coming to Baptist Children's Homes in 2009. Before, Kourri smiled very little. Her family lost everything in Hurricane Katrina. Kourri moved with her father, step-mother and sisters from their home in Louisiana to North Carolina. But instead of a new start, turmoil developed within the family. Kourri became angry and depressed.

Needing help, Kourri's father and step-mother

turned to Baptist Children's Homes. There, things began to change as the Christian houseparents and staff cared for Kourri by showing her God's unfailing love.

But the most important transformation in Kourri's life occurred on November 22, 2009; it was the day Kourri accepted Christ as her Savior.

"My life has drastically changed," she says. "I no longer desire to follow anyone but Jesus."

And through Baptist Children's Homes, Kourri's relationship with her family has been healed.

Kourri's faith shines as brightly as her smile. She openly shares her faith with others. "I encourage other people to follow Jesus."

**2011 OFFERING for BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES**

**Offering Goal: \$1,450,000 ♦ Week of Prayer: November 13 - 20**



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Because of you, Kourri's life is changed!

Just as the Spring's first caterpillar bursts forth from its cocoon to emerge as a beautiful butterfly, children living at Baptist Children's Homes experience a metamorphosis of their own. **Christian houseparents nurture boys and girls, many who have never experienced the compassion of a caring adult, and teach them about Jesus.** And as children, like Kourri, hear more about His life-changing love, God carefully knits a cocoon around their hearts. Like the caterpillar, when the moment is right, children's hearts and lives are transformed. They are a new creature in Christ. There is nothing else like it!

Did you know . . .

**70%** of the boys and girls that come to Baptist Children's Homes

**possess no faith base whatsoever?** In other words they are unchurched and unreached... they have not heard the "Good News" of Jesus. **In 2010, 74 residents accepted Christ! There is opportunity to share the gospel and offer hope to children who are hurting, who are suffering, and are searching for answers.** Baptist Children's Homes is a mission field and there is a harvest to be reaped for the glory of God.

## Week of Prayer Guide . . .

**Sunday.** Pray for NC children and families.

**Monday.** Pray for the hundreds of children and families BCH offers hope to each year.

**Tuesday.** Pray for all the dedicated houseparents, residential care givers, and chiefs who give of themselves around the clock to care for our boys and girls.

**Wednesday.** Pray for our social workers who guide, encourage and challenge our children and families to be all that God intends.

**Thursday.** Pray for those who live at BCH's nine statewide homes for developmentally disabled adults.

**Friday.** Pray that you will be sensitive to hurting children in your community.

**Saturday.** Pray for BCH president Michael C. Blackwell as he leads the ministry.

**Sunday.** Pray BCH's residents will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

## Because you give, lives are changed . . .

Children can experience a love and hope that they will carry with them throughout this earthly life and beyond! **For more info about how you can help call Brenda Gray at 1-800-476-3669 ext. 1230.**



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