

*South Carolina Church of God
Home for Children
Newsletter*

Summer is fading and fall is quickly approaching. With this change of season, trees become filled with the lovely colors of autumn. These brightly colored leaves are so beautiful for a short time, but it seems they fall almost as quickly as they change. There is a lesson for us as we watch this process. To prepare for the next season, the tree must let go of the decayed leaves. We, too, are instructed in Ephesians 4:31-32 to let go of any unnecessary weight in our lives. ***“Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”***

The Lord longs to empower and strengthen us for new seasons in our lives. Ask Him to shine light on any thoughts, circumstances, habits or other “decayed leaves” you might be clinging to. As you watch the leaves turn and then fall this autumn, my prayer is that you will let go of anything that would hinder a fresh relationship with Him.

Below is an inspirational poem that was written by one of our HFC supporters that I wanted to include in this month’s newsletter. It is a reminder to us and expresses the heartbeat and mission of the HFC ministries. As always, **THANK YOU to all our 120/240 Club members and ALL who faithfully give to make this ministry possible. Your support, love, and prayers continue to make a difference! We love & appreciate you!**

Tim A. Kerns, Executive Director

***Lord, please bless our precious shelter...this place we call a home
Where children get a second chance, and they know they're not alone
A place of Grace and Mercy where Love is the main key
That opens up a child's heart and fills their every need
Where laughter is abundant and tears shall never flow
A piece of life they'll take with them no matter where they go.
Where the Love of God is first of all and values are instilled.
Where children grow into adults and God's Purpose is fulfilled
For see this is a special place more than mortar and brick stones
It is built upon the Solid Rock and through Christ becomes a home
So bless each child which may pass through
Keep Your Hands upon their life
For we are just a branch of You
That shows the Love of Christ. Amen***

Michael Osborne

Memorial & Honor Giving

Consider sending a gift to SC Home for Children in lieu of flowers or other gifts on special occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries. **Honor gifts** show appreciation to a living person, and the honoree will be notified of your kindness on their behalf. **Memorial gifts** are given in memory of an individual at the time of their death. This is a meaningful expression of sympathy. Memorial gifts are listed in our monthly newsletter with an acknowledgement also sent to the family.

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Suzanne Brooks, Jessica Allen &
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Keith Hudson

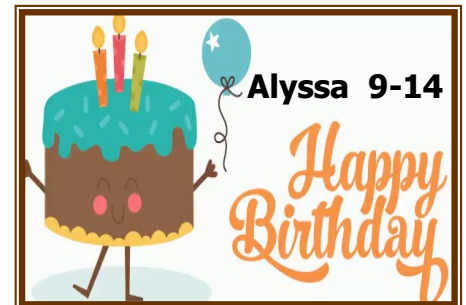
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