

There were so many people. The whole day conveyed a message of love, faith and hope. . . and thanksgiving! What more could we have wished for?

– Marian Phillips, Trustee, in reference to BCH's Anniversary Celebration on November 11, 2010

Children Bike For Change

The wheels are turning for the residents at Baptist Children's Homes through a special initiative known as "Bike for Change."

"Bike for Change is all about seeing children help change the lives of boys and girls living at Baptist Children's Homes," said Jay Westmoreland, Bike for Change coordinator



and member of First Baptist Church in Charlotte.

First Baptist organized the very first Bike for Change event in 2003 under Westmoreland's leadership. Every year, the church's children pedal their bicycles in a safe, designated area for a predetermined

amount of time. Church members support the children's efforts by participating in a special Bike for Change offering. At the end of morning worship, children wearing their bike garb stand at the exits and collect the offering in their bicycle helmets.

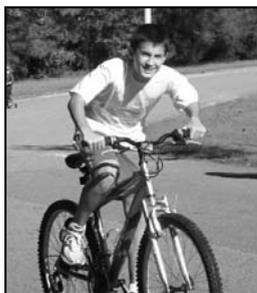


"Bike for Change has brought great awareness to our church about the needs of Baptist Children's Homes' boys and girls," Westmoreland said. "It has also been a terrific way to teach our church's children about the importance of missions outreach and helping others in the name of Jesus Christ."

FBC was joined at this year's event by children from Corinth Baptist in Ellenboro



Above, young bikers from South Mountain Association participated in a Bike for Change in August. Left, youth pedaled for First Baptist in Charlotte's eighth annual event. Children collected donations in their helmets. Middle top: Mt. Moriah Baptist hosts its first event. Middle bottom, children sell snacks to help



and Providence Baptist in Charlotte. The October 23 bike-at-thon raised \$25,262.00 for BCH.

Included in the event total is \$84.00 raised by two of FBC's children, James and Jocelyn. The children sold

snacks at their family yard sale and donated their proceeds for Bike for Change.

Other churches recently hosted first time



events. In August, children from the South Mountain Association in Vale collected \$1,325.00 through Bike for Change. Also, twenty children at Mt. Moriah Baptist in Raleigh raised \$1,316.28 at their event on October 2.

Learn more about how your church or association can organize a Bike for Change by visiting the website at www.bikeforchange.org

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