

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

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Monthly Meeting

Always the *second Monday* of the month.

February 11, 2008

NO MEETING THIS MONTH.

OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES.

**CHAPTER LEADER IS RECOVERING
FROM HER ACCIDENT AND THE**

**CO-CHAPTER LEADER WILL OUT OF
THE COUNTRY IN CHINA**

MEETING WILL RESUME IN MARCH.

THANK YOU.

Meeting Time & Location:

7:00 PM

The Lutheran Church of the Good
Shepherd

22 Fisher Road, Brevard, NC

**Compassionate Friends
A Safe Place to Talk**



While we are sorry that anyone ever has reason to attend a Compassionate Friends meeting – we are so very grateful that we have some place to go and share our grief with other bereaved parents who **KNOW** how we feel. No other place do we feel as safe and free to share our pain thent with our Compassionate Friends.

Celebrate The Children Concert

April 14th 2008, @ 7 PM

The Lutheran Church of the Good
Shepherd
22 Fisher Road, Brevard, NC

TCF OF BREVARD CHAPTER NEWS



TCF National Conference for 2008 in Nashville

Nashville, Tennessee, known as the home of country music, will be the host city for the 31st national conference of The Compassionate Friends July 18-20, 2008.

The conference committee selected the theme *Volunteers for Healing—Friends for the Future*, a name that is very appropriate as TCF national conferences are always regarded as great healing experiences and a great place to find friends for life. The 2008 conference will have special guest speakers and entertainers, more than 100 workshops covering most aspects of grief following the death of a child, and many additional activities including the ninth annual two-mile Walk to Remember at 8 a.m. Sunday July, 20. A pre-conference day for professionals will be Thursday, July 17.

Among the keynote speakers will be Joe and Iris Lawley, founding parents of The Compassionate Friends, who will fly all the way from England for what may be one of their final TCF speaking engagements outside of their home country.

To allow everyone to be a part of the 2008 conference committee experience, the conference committee plans to decorate the conference area with real 7" vinyl records that have pictures of our TCF children remembered in the center. The "sponsor a record" program is similar to programs available for previous conferences. For a nominal charge (to help defray the cost of the conference), pictures sent in of our TCF children will be placed on the records (which are pressed with real grooves, but will not have music) and will decorate the

registration area, and reflection and hospitality rooms.

To participate, the **sponsor a record** order form can be downloaded from the TCF Website. Follow the easy instructions. Whether or not you are able to attend the conference, a child, sibling, grandchild, or loved one can still be remembered. We will also have forms at the TCF meetings for those without internet access.

Those who attend the conference and have a record made will be able to carry them home. After the conference concludes, those unable to attend who would like their child's record can have it mailed to them.

The conference will be held at the Sheraton Music City Hotel and special room rates will be available for guests attending the conference. Watch TCF's national website for the latest information as it becomes available. More than 1,200 people are expected to attend.

The website has the hotel information, so you can make your hotel reservations now. Bill and I will be attending this conference, and would like to have a group follow us to Nashville, or ride with us, depending on how many people will be going. The car drive is about 5 hours.

REMEMER TO SPREAD THE NEWS ABOUT

**"Celebrate The Children,"
Concert. Alan Pederson's
intention is to spread a hope
filled message that our angel
children have blessed our lives,
made us better people, and
taught us so many valuable
lessons about life and love.**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

The **February** Newsletter is dedicated to the memory of all our children...gone too soon...but never forgotten.

We Remember their **Birthday** and their **Angel** Dates.



Our Children Remembered:

Keith James Nelson – 06-11-67 ~ **02-01-96**

Melanie Brooke Thompson – 05-01-79 ~ **02-15-99**

Amy Beth Nye Harris – 09-27-67 ~ **02-22-06**

Every month at our chapter meeting, we provide a birthday table. In the month of your child's birthday, if you are ready to do so, please bring pictures and small mementos of your child to place on the table. You may also bring a favorite cake, cookies, or other snacks, flowers, candles or balloons for the table in memory of your child. We do this to celebrate our children's lives and to share their special day with others who understand. **Just let me know ahead of time.**

Love Gifts are a tax-deductible donation of money, library books or equipment made to the chapter in memory of a child, or as a memorial gift on the death of a friend or relative. Love Gifts are a 'living memorial' on anniversaries of birth or death, holidays, special occasions or 'just because'. All contributions go directly into continuing the work of The Compassionate Friends. Thank you for your generous support!

In Memory of:

From:

**TCF of Brevard
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Valentine Message

I send this message to my child
Who no longer walks this plane,
A message filled with love
Yet also filled with pain.
My heart continues to skip a beat
When I ponder your early death
As I think of times we'll never share
I must stop to catch my breath.
Valentine's Day is for those who love
And for those who receive love, too
For a parent the perfect love in life
Is the love I've given you.
I'm thinking of you this day, my child,
With a sadness that is unspoken
As I mark another Valentine's Day
With a heart that is forever broken.

*Annette Mennen Baldwin
In memory of my son, Todd Mennen
TCF, Katy, TX*



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