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## Congratulations to Our 2014 ACH Graduates



### Ian Brewster

*Davidson County High School*  
*Plans to attend:*  
*Davidson County Community College*  
*Preparatory Courses for University Transfer*  
*Study Plans:*  
*Phlebotomy/ Pediatric Cardiology*



### Jasmine Bowden

*Thomasville High School*  
*Plans to attend:*  
*Davidson County Community College*  
*Study Plans:*  
*Sports Medicine*



### Robert Ivery

*North Davidson High School*  
*Plans to attend:*  
*Davidson County Community College*  
*Study Plans:*  
*Graphic Design/ Comic Interpretation*



### Samantha Heard

*Central Davidson High School*  
*Plans to attend:*  
*Bennett College*  
*Study Plans:*  
*Medical Field – Nursing*  
*Lindsey Taylor Hipp Memorial*  
*Scholarship and Bennett Scholarship*



Letter from the President:

A few weeks ago my family was sitting in the Holmes Center on the campus of Appalachian State University waiting for my son's name to be called to receive his diploma. We were all filled with pride for this accomplishment and happy to see this goal in his life come to fruition. As I sat there, I began to reflect on the road we had traveled to reach this moment.

I thought about the first day we packed him off to kindergarten and how anxious we were to see if he would like his teacher and enjoy school. I remembered the glue and macaroni projects, the artwork that we proudly hung from the refrigerator and the "special meals" we shared at the end of each grading period. I thought about his journey to middle school which included band concerts and athletic events. I remembered him sitting behind a drum set at the jazz band concert, wearing aviator sunglasses and looking like a rock star. Soon I started thinking about his high school years and all the papers we wrote and the Senior Project we worked on together. I fondly remembered him playing on a state championship team. I thought about all the tense moments concerning test scores and his acceptance into a university. His mother's and my tense moments, not his. I remembered dropping him off at college and the lump I had in my throat as we drove back home for the first time without him. As I sat there, I felt honored that I had been given the opportunity to be a part of most of the challenges and successes in his life. To say the least, I am a very proud father.

Somewhere during this time of reflection, my mind drifted to include my second family - the children who live at the American Children's Home. I remembered that we had four young people who would graduate from high school this year and that all of them would be headed off to further their education. I considered all of the bumps in the road that our family experienced and wondered just how difficult would it be to travel the road that they have traveled and still be able to reach this milestone. I soon deduced that there was no tangible comparison. My son overcame some obstacles, but he had the full love and support of his family right beside him all the way. I remembered my own experience and how important that love and support was to me. I could not comprehend being here to pen this letter had it not been that way. You will get an opportunity to read about these wonderful young people in this edition of our newsletter. When you read their stories, I hope you will also take the time to reflect on the significance of what they have had to overcome and still accomplish this goal. Also, please understand that your support of the Home is a large part of the difference between what is and what might have been. Our staff would like to wish each of them the very best and to say the least, we are all very proud.

Russ Gobble, Ed.D  
President/ CEO

# Our Volunteers – Very Special Friends



*Sprucing up the front with Touching Davidson County With Love*



*Finishing touches with Touching Davidson County With Love*

We continue to give thanks to all of American Children’s Home returning and new volunteering friends. Special thanks to Jessica Albright, one of our newest local Church Class Groups for the wonderful visits made. Warmer months mean more outside activities and cookouts which this new group has provided. Special donation dollars have provided Skating Parties for our resident kids along with other community activities.



*Building tables and sharing a meal with Wake the World*

Our resident boys were treated to a tour of Piedmont International Airport’s Control Tower and also their new multimillion dollar, state of the art Fire Station, located in Greensboro. Our girls will share the same experience in July, all thanks to Eric and Meg Granillo, Air Traffic Controllers.



*Agape Academy from Asheboro delivered Easter Baskets for each kid*



*Fun in the Sun with our friends from La-Z-Boy*



*LFD lends a hand painting our Flag Pole*

## How about our Uncle Lynn Staley!



*Umbrellas Up! Uncle Lynn’s Cold Water Challenge*

What a great Board Member with a terrific sense of humor... Lynn put out the ultimate “COLD WATER CHALLENGE” recently to fellow cyclists, Facebook and YouTube followers – setting sights for the newest trend of fundraising ideas for ACH. Check out his personal challenge – follow those links to help with his charity of choice, American Children’s Home!



16th Annual Show-Off Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show  
Highlights, presented by M&L Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram



ACH Award Winner Charles West



1955 Oldsmobile Super 88



Central Davidson ROTC Color Guard  
Flag Ceremony



Our 2014 Show-Off Sponsors



Garwood Custom Cycles donated flag



Kids Zone





PROM - 2014

Ian



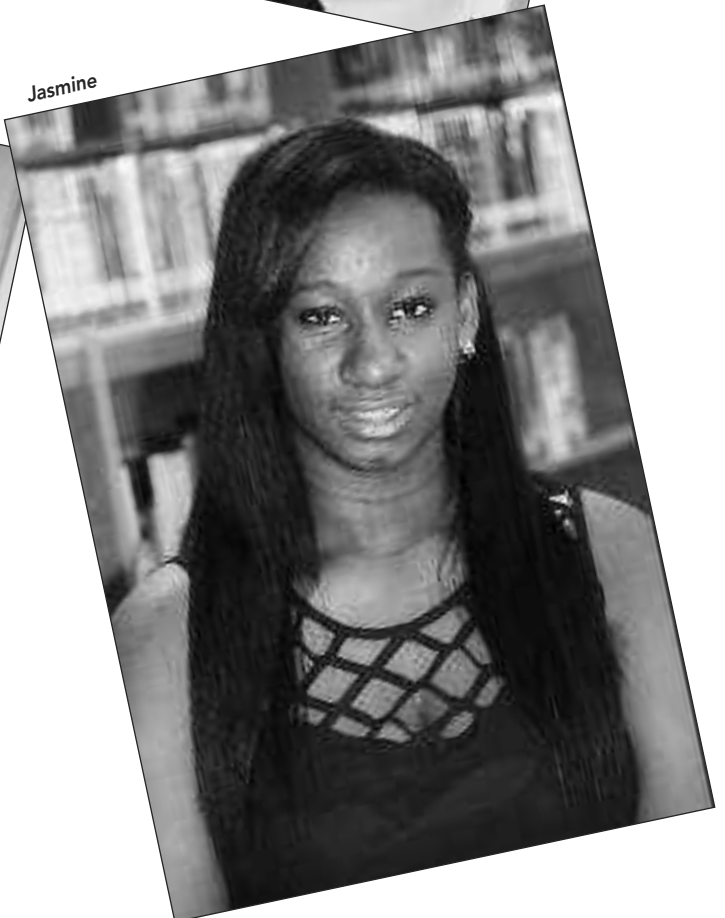
Robert



Samantha



Jasmine



# Team ACH Ride Across NC

## *They're Gonna Do It Again!*

Team ACH is preparing themselves for yet another "Ride Across North Carolina"... The 2014 Event celebrates the SIXTH YEAR of riding from the Mountains to the Coast! September 27 through October 4, the riders never know what obstacles lay ahead; wind, rain, sunshine, road conditions... it takes dedicated friends – that's Team ACH!

Riding from 65+ miles daily, the team will cover more than 500 miles. Each team member seeks sponsorships from friends, family members, local businesses and organizations to raise funds which help with renovations and general expenses for American Children's Home. Please join in supporting Team ACH with the "2014 Ride Across North Carolina". (Call 336-357-7126 for sponsorship information.)



Team ACH-blue jersey

# The American Tour Ride



A fully supported family event to assist The American Children's Home.

"Building a Better American"

Care to join us? This year's riding event is scheduled for August 16th, beginning at American Children's Home campus. Riders choose from a 10 mile, 30 mile and 55 mile biking route

around High Rock Lake and Southern Davidson County.

Lunch will be provided by our friends from Don Juan's Mexican Restaurant. All routes are fully supported and rest stops provided every 15-20 miles.

Sponsorships are available and appreciated – help make this year's ride a tremendous success

A brochure and entry form are available for download on our website at [www.ach-nc.org](http://www.ach-nc.org)

# Birthdays

## July

Ethan 07/21/01

## August

Shawn 08/23/98

## September

Nicole 09/02/00

Rakem 09/24/97

## October

Samantha 10/18/95



## Golf Tournament to Benefit

# PARKS EASTER/KEN SAILER 2014 MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Long time friend and investor in our children, Ken Easter is sponsoring the 7th Annual Parks Easter/Ken Sailer Memorial Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, August 16, 2014.



This tournament is in memory of Ken's father, Parks Easter and his father-in-law, Ken Sailer.

golf course. Donations of any amount are welcome and appreciated. The entry fee to play is \$45 per person or \$180.00 for a team of four. There will be prizes for 1st Place, Closest to the Pin (on par 3's), Longest Drive and Straightest Drive. Mulligan's available.

Drinks and Snacks will be provided.

Entry deadline is Saturday, August 2, 2014.



The tournament will return to Lexington Municipal Golf Club and all proceeds will benefit the children of American Children's Home. It is a Captain's Choice Format.

The cost to sponsor a hole is \$100.00 and your name will be displayed on a Hole Sponsor sign by a tee box on the







# Honor Gifts

## March 1, 2014 – May 31, 2014

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| <p><b>Mr. and Mrs. Franck D. Austin</b><br/>Mr. and Mrs. Rhett E. Greene</p> <p><b>Barbara Beck</b><br/>William "Bill" Hackett</p> <p><b>Patty Bodenheimer</b><br/>Craig and Bobbie Burris</p> <p><b>Leigh Ann Bruff</b><br/>Amy R. Snyder</p> <p><b>Brad Burris</b><br/><b>Mark Burris</b><br/><b>Pam Burris</b><br/><b>Todd Burris</b><br/>Craig and Bobbie Burris</p> | <p><b>Bobbie J. Cross</b><br/>MaryAnn C. Farthing</p> <p><b>Frances Dew</b><br/>Craig and Bobbie Burris</p> <p><b>Doris Duffey</b><br/>Charles Duffey and Jilda Duffey</p> <p><b>Melanie Davis France</b><br/>James France<br/>Andrew C. Davis</p> <p><b>Charles Fulp</b><br/>Warren and Nicky Bristow</p> <p><b>Russ and Beth Gobble</b><br/>Bill and Loretta Groome</p> | <p><b>Allan and Martha Godwin</b><br/>Warren and Janet Godwin</p> <p><b>Donnie and Diane Hill</b><br/>Margaret O. Slack</p> <p><b>Lula McGrath</b><br/>James D. Chamberlain</p> <p><b>Wayne and Linda Markham</b><br/>Margaret O. Slack</p> <p><b>Old Buddies</b><br/>William "Bill" Hackett</p> <p><b>Cindy Overcash</b><br/>Cindy Overcash</p> <p><b>Philip Rawls</b><br/>Albert B. &amp; Shirley C. May</p> | <p><b>David and Barbara Smith</b><br/>Margaret and Harrison Marshall</p> <p><b>Jennie St. George</b><br/>Amy and James Pagano</p> <p><b>Sandra Teague</b><br/>Jerold Teague</p> <p><b>Trophy Council #29 J.O.U.A.M</b><br/>Craig and Bobbie Burris</p> <p><b>Joy Smith Walser</b><br/>John Smith</p> <p><b>John W. Wood</b><br/>Tresa W. Wheeler</p> | <p><b>Mr. J.C. Young</b><br/>Sharon Newby</p> <p><b>Eva Younts</b><br/>Craig and Bobbie Burris</p> |
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## WAYS TO GIVE

Your contributions have provided a safe and loving home and nurturing care to children for over 85 years. Help ensure that ACH is always here to provide a home for those whose own homes are no longer safe nor loving. You can mail us a check. Send it to American Children's Home, P.O. Box 1288, Lexington, NC 27293-1288. If you wish to make a gift in honor or in memory of a loved one, please let us know whom to notify.

You can gift to us highly appreciated stock through your Stock Broker. You may find you avoid high capital gains taxes through this type giving.

Many people have paid up life insurance policies which are no longer needed for the initial beneficiary. You can list us as a beneficiary to a life insurance policy. List "American Children's Home" as a charitable beneficiary.

Make a Legacy Gift – Legacy gifts ensure that the American Children's Home will continue for many years. You don't need a large estate to make a legacy gift. Many people of normal means are able to designate a portion of their estate for a loved charity. Your Will should name the "American Children's Home" as the beneficiary.

## WE NEED FOSTER PARENTS!

American Children's Home Foster Care Department has been working to train and license new foster families to grow our Program. After all are licensed, the program will have grown from six to eighteen families! Recruiting continues for families from Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Randolph and Rowan Counties. Friday, May 30th, we celebrated Foster Parent Appreciation Month by treating our foster parents to a dinner and fellowship time. The plans of implementing our American Children's Home "Clothing Closet" is well in the works. Donations for resident

children in foster homes are needed including young children's clothing, cribs and high chairs. There continues to be a great need for foster and adoptive families in our area, particularly families who are willing to foster school-age children and sibling groups. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a foster or an adoptive parent, please contact Julie Evans or Allan Bouchard at: 336-357-7126.





# Memorial Gifts

March 1, 2014 – May 31, 2014  
\* Gifts for Capital Campaign Fund

**Ellen Perry Allen**  
Robert E. Allen, Jr.

**Carol Hughes Allsbrook**  
Scotland Neck #530 Jr.  
O.U.A.M

**Doris Baker**  
John Baker, Jr.

**Theresa Barber**  
Scotland Neck #530 Jr.  
O.U.A.M

**Larry Beck**  
Edna Lanier

**Ed Brittain**  
Nettie Brittain

**John P. and Lillian Brittain**  
Nettie (Robinson) Brittain

**Tommy Bruff**  
Ken and Evelyn Truell

**Bobby R. Canada**  
Craig and Bobbie Burris

**Hubert James Carden**  
Betty C. McCrary

**Earl Causby**  
Trophy Council #29 Jr.  
O.U.A.M

**Mr. Whitey Clayton**  
Lucille Whitt  
Longhurst Coucil #570

**Toss Cline**  
John and Margaret Rafferty

**Mr. Cyril Joseph Dolan**  
Robert and Linda Tysinger

**Gene Duckworth**  
Max and Peggy Walser  
Peggy and Rick Hakemian

**Luvenia B. Ferris**  
Sam & Martha Todd

**Zula Friday**  
Adelaid F. Talbert

**Faydene Garner**  
Mr. B. Wilson Carter

**Charles D. Gobble**  
Fran McMillan

**Laverne Gobble**  
Fran McMillan

**Leonard Edsel Gordon**  
Jessie G. Myers and  
Daughters

**Mary Ella "Rothrock" Hackett**  
William "Bill" Hackett

**Ruby Harrell**  
Scotland Neck #530 Jr.  
O.U.A.M

**Coy Lee Hedrick, Sr.**  
Patricia E. Hedrick

**\*Mrs. Jane Hill**  
Curtis R. Hill

**Max Hill**  
Senator and Mrs. Stan  
Bingham

**Peggy Briggs Hinkle**  
Elizabeth D. Hinkle

**Leigh Kepley Hutton**  
J. Don and Evelyn Kepley

**Mrs. Joan Hyatt**  
Gene and Vicky Braddy  
Scotland Neck #530 Jr.  
O.U.A.M

**Warth L. Johnson**  
ReElla B. Johnson

**Lyn Sink Johnston**  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sink

**Helen Kennedy**  
Harold Kennedy

**Jim Kimbrell**  
Opal M. Kimbrell and Bob  
and Chris Phillips

**Lucille Kirk**  
David and Kathy Wright

**Ray Kirkman**  
Senator and Mrs. Stan  
Bingham

**Ardell Lanier**  
Jim and Bobbie Ferguson  
Philip B. Lohr  
Brad Davis, Anna Davis  
Gleaves, Kimberly Davis  
Winslow, JoAnne B. Davis  
Ken and Evelyn Truell  
Joan Clodfelter

**Helen Linder**  
Edna Lanier

**Bruce Lohr**  
Edna Lanier  
Helen R. Harman

**K.C. Long**  
Trophy Council #29 Jr.  
O.U.A.M  
Joe and Doris Marley

**Edward Russell McBride**  
Maintenance Department  
Owens-Illinois

**Mr. Paul "Jaybird" McCrary**  
Senator and Mrs. Stan  
Bingham  
Robert and Linda Tysinger

**Ernie McLawhorn**  
Sarah C. Rackley

**Marie G. McNeill**  
Bernie W. McNeill

**Miles Mabe Jr.**  
Phyllis Mabe

**Gwen Maness**  
Joe and Frances Lax  
Margaret O. Slack  
Brown and Ruby Loflin  
Mr. B. Wilson Carter  
Clint Marquardt  
Fran McMillan

**Estelle and Leroy Matthews**  
Deborah Matthews

**Margie Tilley Mounts**  
Jimmy and Alice Tilley

**Millie Musgrave**  
Tony & Belinda McPherson

**Ann L. Nelson**  
Bobby R. Nelson

**Don Parsons**  
Mona and Bill Berrier

**Dr. Jerry D. Paschal**  
Pat K. Paschal

**Laketa Peterson**  
Ms. Mary Berrier

**Rocco Petruzzelli**  
Teresa and Donna  
Petruzzelli

**Judy Kimbrell Phillips**  
Opal M. Kimbrell and Bob  
and Chris Phillips

**Charles Poist**  
Mr. B. Wilson Carter

**Ray Von Pinion**  
Tracy Troutman  
Jimmy and Alice Tilley  
Samuel and Joanne Beazly

**Pete Prehn**  
Joe and Doris Marley

**Bobbi Jean Pruitt**  
Marilynne Bishop

**Robert Teale Rawls, Jr.**  
Scotland Neck Co. #530 Jr.  
O.U.A.M  
George and Sarah Lumsden

**Pete and Amanda Robinson**  
Nettie (Robinson) Brittain  
Janette Schneider  
Senator and Mrs. Stan  
Bingham

**Joe Sexton**  
Jimmy and Alice Tilley  
Kenneth and Helen  
Blackstone

**Johnsie Sexton**  
Mr. B. Wilson Carter

**Swaney Sexton**  
Senator and Mrs. Stan  
Bingham  
Mr. B. Wilson Carter

**Andrew G. Smith, Jr.**  
Vause Equipment Co. Inc.

**Brantley Smith**  
Senator and Mrs. Stan  
Bingham

**Dr. David C. Smith**  
Robert and Linda Tysinger

**Edward C. Smith**  
John R. Farley

**Jesse and Opal Smith**  
Ray Calloway  
William and Pauline Bethea

**Opal Smith**  
Jimmy and Alice Tilley

**Bobby Snider**  
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**Helen Strader**  
Dr. Hunter A. Strader, Jr.

**Dal and Peggy Styers**  
Scott Styers

**Rose Surratt**  
Mr. B. Wilson Carter

**Cecil Ralph Tester**  
Walker and Associates. Inc.  
Danny and Peggy Artz  
Ms. Paula Hodak  
The Lanier Family and The  
Employees of Lanier  
Hardware, Inc.  
Sunday School Class

**Angie Hill Thomas**  
Bert and Carol May

**Joey Tucker**  
Jill Painter  
Sue Carter  
Allen Tucker  
Jayne Koeslin  
Mr. Curtis F. Ingram, Jr.  
Bob Easter  
L. Davis Tucker  
Sherry Jaffe  
Basil Shaver

**Lucille Turner**  
Joe and Frances Lax  
Brown and Ruby Loflin

**Mr. Vance Upton Tyson, Sr.**  
Vause Equipment Co. Inc.

**Craig Varner**  
Bill and Mona Berrier

**Mrs. Vera Frazier Walden**  
Robert and Linda Tysinger

**Raby Walston**  
Scotland Neck #530 Jr.  
O.U.A.M

**Charles J. Ward**  
Lorene Ward

**Jewel Watford**  
Senator and Mrs. Stan  
Bingham

**Tina and Jake Weaver**  
Jim Weaver

**Eddie J. Wilkins**  
Joan C. Wilkins

**Lucille Williams**  
Jim Weaver

**Eunice Jeanie Wilson**  
Scotland Neck #530 Jr.  
O.U.A.M

**Doris and Mike Whisnant**  
Billy R. Whisnant

**Lucille A. Wood**  
Tresa W. Wheeler

**Nancy York**  
Bonnie York  
Jerry York  
James Redgie York

**Nancy Broome Young**  
Holly Leatherman

## Resident Spotlight



Everyone lives a dream – unfortunately, so many of us never quite reach that allusive brass ring... then again, there are those that not only grab it, they own it! Ian Brewster owns his dream.

Picked as a life changing “Senior Project” recipient, Ian fulfilled an amazing, once in a lifetime opportunity by witnessing an operation performed at Duke University’s School of Medicine.

Dr. Piers C.A. Barker, head of the Pediatric Cardiology Department at Duke Hospital, agreed to allow Ian passage to his daily activities. This meant Dr. Barker, Ian and a small group of interns would be making rounds, answering medical questions, performing Radiology examinations, witnessing CT Scans, visiting “Pediatric ICU” and much more. All was going well for Ian, just then, Dr. Barker asked Ian if he was ready! Ian’s response; “ready for what”? “Well, surgery of course”, said Dr. Barker. Even though that hint of fear entered Ian’s mind – “yes” was his response.

Ian tells that what came next was very humbling – a miracle in motion. Imagine the scene... standing in the operating room with the Chief Pediatric Cardiology Surgeon and his team, performing emergency heart surgery on an infant child and observing this entire procedure within inches of the surgical steel table. Ian describes the success of this operation and speaks highly of Dr. Barker’s dedication to his profession, but both feel very humble in their own way.

Ian made a new friend that day in Dr. Barker; it’s very possible that Ian may have indeed found a new path in which his life will be guided. He could choose to lead a simpler life – but now he has the opportunity to live this dream he now owns!

Ian Brewster – 2014 Graduate Davidson County High School

CTE Business Core Honor Student – English Honor Student – College Acceptance Award – Ike Kearny Scholarship Award

Attending Davidson County Community College – Preparation for Transfer Courses.

## Needs List

### Recreational Equipment

Paints, brushes, canvas,  
Sketch pads, markers,  
Colored pencils  
Craft supplies – beads,  
Scrapbooking, yarn,  
Crochet & knitting needles  
Scrap material & thread  
Basketballs, footballs & soccer balls  
Board games & 1000 piece puzzles



### Personal

Shampoo & Conditioner  
Combs & brushes  
Toothpaste & toothbrushes  
Deodorant  
Kleenex  
Cocoa Butter Lotion  
Chapstick/Lip balm  
Feminine products  
Hair Products (Super Gro, Motions, Olive Oil)



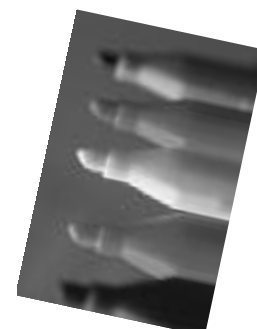
### Cottages

Bed Pillows (new)  
Twin Comforters (new)  
Twin Sheet Sets (new)  
Towels & washcloths (new)  
Dish towels & cloths  
Laundry baskets  
Baking Pans  
Pots & pans  
Dishes  
Cleaning supplies (non-aerosol only)



### Supplies

USB Flash Drives  
Washable markers  
3x5 notecards  
Construction Paper  
Sharpies  
Adult Size Back Packs  
Sheet Protectors  
Dividers  
3-Ring Binders





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## **2014 HOMECOMING SCHEDULE**

**THURSDAY, July 31, 2014**

**8:00 am - Golf Practice Round – Lexington Golf Club**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2014**

**8:00 am - Golf Tournament – Lexington Golf Club**

EACH PERSON MUST HAVE A TICKET TO ATTEND THE ACTIVITIES. THIS TICKET WILL ADMIT YOU TO EVERY ACTIVITY SCHEDULED. PRICE IS \$25.00 PER PERSON - CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER ADMITTED FREE

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2014**

**10:00 am - BRUNCH & BUSINESS MEETING – DUTCH**

Center Hill Baptist Church – across from the Home  
CHOIR REHEARSAL – will follow the business meeting. All are Welcome!

**5:00 pm - DINNER – Days Inn meeting room**

**8 – 11 pm - DANCING & VISITING - Days Inn meeting room and poolside**

**SUNDAY – AUGUST 3, 2014**

**10:00 am - CHURCH – on campus at the chapel instead of in the auditorium.**

RECEPTION: Following Church service in the old print shop room.

**REGISTRATION** will take place all week at

Days Inn, 1620 Cotton Grove Road, Lexington, NC - Telephone 336/357-2333

*When making your hotel reservation, please specify the Junior Home Reunion.*

### **Our Privacy Statement**

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