



# THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

PIKES PEAK CHAPTER  
Supporting Family After a Child Dies



June/July  
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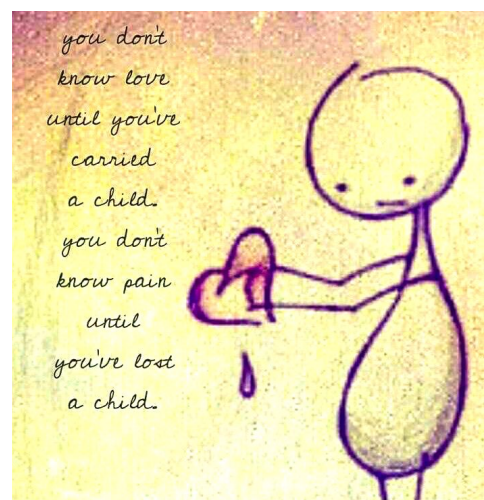
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## *Welcome*

Our support group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are open to the parents, grandparents and older siblings of your loved one. We meet at the First Baptist Church downtown at 317 E. Kiowa. We understand your pain; won't you let us help you through your grief?

**Our next meeting will be on July 20, 2017.**

The death of your child is probably the most traumatic, life-changing event that you will ever experience. The Compassionate Friends is an organization of parents who have also lost a child to death. Each of us has experienced the deep, searing pain that you are feeling now. Each of us has turned to other parents who were farther into their grief journey for guidance, support and understanding. This is done through our monthly meetings, our newsletter, our website, our Telephone Friend program, our library and our e-mail program. Each month parents find our meeting to be a safe place where they can talk about their pain and problems with others who are uniquely qualified to understand; bereaved parents offer gentle suggestions or often simply listen. We invite you to bring a friend to your first few meetings until you feel a level of comfort with the group. Do not be surprised if we talk about the happy times with our children, the wonderful memories and the various methods we have created to keep our children close to us. It is here that many bereaved parents find hope as those who are more seasoned in their grief shine the light of experience to help illuminate each grief path. We have no dues. We are self-sustaining through donations and the generosity of so many in our community.





## Challenge and Change

As I look back over the past six years since our son died, I realize how much I have changed. When we talk about grieving, we often forget to mention that we grieve, too, for the person we were before our child died. We might have been energetic and fun loving, but now are serious and absorbed.

Our friends and family miss the old us, too, and their comments show it. "Don't you think it's time to return to normal?" "You don't laugh as much as you used to." They are grieving for the person who will never be the same again.

Like the caterpillar that shrouds itself in a cocoon, we shroud our- selves in grief when a child dies. We wonder, our families wonder – when will we come out of it? Will we make it through the long sleep? What hues will we show when we emerge? If you've ever watched a butterfly struggle form the safety of the cocoon, you'll know that the change is not quick or easy – but worth the effort.

We begin to mark our struggle from the cocoon of grief when we begin to like the new us. When our priorities become different and people become more important than things; when we grasp a hand that reaches and reach in turn to pull another from the cocoon, when we embrace the change and turn the change into a challenge, then we can say proudly, "I have survived against overwhelming odds." Even though my child's death is not worth the change in and of itself, the changes and the challenges give me hope that I can be happy. I can feel fulfilled again. I can love again.

**Sherry Mutchler TCF/Appleton, WI**

## Seeking Contributors

We are always looking for material from our chapter members to include in this newsletter. It is the perfect way to share your child, grandchild or sibling with all of us. Tell us about the special things you did in their memory or simply tell us the special things you will always remember and keep close to your heart. It is a beautiful way for us to get to know more about your loved one. It unites us as a bereaved family and it will help us all to become closer. Where there is unity, there is strength, strength that we can give to and draw from one other.

We would also welcome any book reviews. If you have read a book that has helped you on your journey please tell us about it. There are many, many grief books out there. Some will be more healing than others. It is so helpful to be guided to the right ones. Please forward any writings, poems, book reviews etc. to Stew Levett [PikesPeakTCF@gmail.com](mailto:PikesPeakTCF@gmail.com) or you may use the U.S. Mail and send it to me at 160 El Dorado Ln., Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

## Button, Button, We'll Make You A Button!

We have purchased a photo button machine and we are ready to start making your picture buttons. Bring 2 copies of the SAME picture to your next meeting and we will have it ready for you the following month. THIS IS A FREE SERVICE TO YOU.

Please bring your pictures to any of our monthly meetings. We will need a 3"x5" or 4"x6" photo of your child but would prefer NOT using the original photo. We suggest using Walgreens who can quickly make good 4"x6" copies from your original.

For best results make sure the photo of your child is centered and not too close to the edge or the results may not turn out as expected.

We are requesting one photo button per family to get started. Thereafter we will be able to make additional buttons for each member of the family as time and labor allows. Also, for those who have lost more than one child, we will gladly make a button for each child.



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## Welcome New Friends.

Tina Harms - Daughter, Alana Durkee  
Kathy Hollaway - Daughter, Lora Lee  
Natasha Schlenoff - Brother, Philip Schlenoff  
Mary Ness - Daughter, Sarah Ness  
Elliot Pulham - Son, Nathan K. Pulham

At nearly every meeting we welcome new members to our group, always with mixed emotions. We are glad you found us, but we are so sorry for the circumstances that bring us together. We understand your pain; we hope our unconditional friendship and understanding will help you through your grief. Attending a meeting for the first two or three times takes courage, but for many it is the first real step toward healing. It may seem overwhelming, so we encourage you to come to several meetings to give yourself a chance to become comfortable.

### TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Coming to your first meeting is the hardest thing to do. Try not to judge your first meeting as to whether or not TCF will work for you. The second, third, or fourth meeting might be the time you will find the right person or just the right words that will help you in your grief or comfort you. Remember we have all been there and even though circumstances may be different we really do understand. You are not alone.

### TO OUR SEASONED MEMBERS

We need your encouragement and support. You are the string that ties our group together. Each meeting the pain will not always be this bad it really does get better with wisdom. Show others that there is hope, from someone who has found it.

Digital Picture Frame - If you've been to one of our monthly meeting then you've noticed our large digital picture frame displaying picture of our children. Should you be interested in adding your child's picture to our display, please bring a picture to scan to our meeting or (preferred) email the picture, along with child information to Stew Levett at [PikesPeakTCF@gmail.com](mailto:PikesPeakTCF@gmail.com)  
Pictures will be returned after they have been scanned and your child's slide completed.

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Pikes Peak - [www.TCFPikesPeakChapter.org](http://www.TCFPikesPeakChapter.org)

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/TCFPikesPeak>

National - [www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)

Every day loss parents move mountains in honor of their children gone too soon. They start movements, change laws, spearhead crusades of tireless activism. Why? In the hope that even just one parent could be spared from joining the club. If you've ever wondered who some of the greatest world changers are, hang out with a few bereaved parents and watch how they live, see what they do in a day, a week, a lifetime. Watch how they alchemize their grief into a force to be reckoned with, watch how they turn tragedy into transformation, loss into legacy.

Angela Miller - TCF Quad City, IL



Remembering Our Children On Their Birthdays - June, July '17

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Compassionate Friend</u>
Jacob Foreman	Jun 1	Jan Foreman
Paul Kovacevic	Jun 3	Mary Kovacevic
Madalynn Ann Bergevin	Jun 3	Mollie Bergevin
Benjamin Stewart Easton	Jun 3	Susan Stewart
Jake Matthew	Jun 5	Malcolm Matthew
Tyler Schmidt	Jun 6	Valerie & Jeff Schmidt
John Doles	Jun 6	James & Susan Appelman
Renee Lee Seiberlich	Jun 6	Joe & Leda Seiberlich
Douglas Chadwick, Jr.	Jun 6	Deborah Chadwick
Sandra Steckiel	Jun 10	Beth Steckiel
Mindy Baker	Jun 10	Terri Baker
Yancy Hufford	Jun 13	Patty Hufford
Carl Simco	Jun 14	Loretta Chancellor
Jessica Robison	Jun 14	Terri Robison
Andrea Mischel	Jun 14	Gary & Jerri Zimmerman
Daniel Prickett	Jun 14	Jim & Elaine Prickett
Matthew Flint	Jun 14	Cathy Flint
Nathan Gentry	Jun 16	Susan Gentry
Gryphen Barber	Jun 16	Sean Barber & Cherie Barledge
Giorgiana Elizabeth Gordillo	Jun 16	Jennifer Gordillo
Forrest Kelly	Jun 16	Cindy Bronner
Laura Dean	Jun 17	Barbara Dean
Jason Bradford Pfeif	Jun 17	Chris & Brad Pfeif
Chris Barns	Jun 17	Bonnie Barns
Michael Jeffery Micke	Jun 18	Alice Micke
Jay William Sheridan	Jun 18	Mary & Tim Sheridan
Jim Eley	Jun 19	Judy Eley
Jeanne Burroughs Widmar	Jun 20	Arlene & Charles Burroughs
Richard McShan	Jun 20	Paul & Angelika McShan
Dennis Lynn Gerringer	Jun 21	Kim Gerringer
Adam J. Hurst	Jun 25	Kim Troeger
Robert Beynon	Jun 25	Donna Beynon
Noah R. Wilkerson	Jun 26	Sarah Wilkerson
Kyleigh Peltzer	Jun 26	Ashleigh Peltzer
Kirsten Evelyn Cornell	Jun 26	Will & Marion Cornell
Amy Feight	Jun 27	Patty & Bill Feight
Scott David Stieglmeyer	Jun 27	Betty Stieglmeyer
Jimmy Schmidt	Jun 28	Jim & Laurie Schmidt
James Bishara	Jun 28	Phebe Bishara
Jason Nathaniel Lurch	Jun 28	Kathleen & John Lurch
Charlie Josh Jones	Jul 1	Sue Jones, Angie Jones
Ryan Thompson	Jul 1	Yvette & Bob Thompson
Sean Michael Benjamin	Jul 1	Kathy Benjamin
Steven Bondurant	Jul 1	Karen Bondurant
Timothy Scott Williams	Jul 3	Lea Blanc
Karen Sue Crawford	Jul 4	Joy Andrews
Sean Thompson	Jul 5	Rick Korcsog/Frankie Thompson
Chris Gettle	Jul 6	Kathlene Gettle
Lisa Elaine Berns	Jul 6	Robert (R.J.) & Lynn Berns
Kyle Joe Manning	Jul 7	Carol & Don Manning





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Blake Smith	Jul 8	Brian Smith
Daniel Foreman	Jul 8	Jan Foreman
Anthony James "Tony" Pisor	Jul 10	Cynthia Pisor-Zapel
Lora Lee	Jul 11	Kathy Hollaway
Jack Lincoln Farrell	Jul 13	Pamela Welch
Cristoval Ornelas	Jul 13	Annette & Chris Ornelas
Travis Holappa	Jul 14	Kim & Terry Packa
Eli Witcher	Jul 16	Phyllis Lallier
Cris Cruz	Jul 19	Henrietta Madrid
Ryan Sayers	Jul 20	Tom & Kate Sayers
Dale Smith	Jul 20	Angela Smith
Tiffany Maxwell	Jul 20	Diane Maxwell
Brian Patrick Adair	Jul 21	Duane & Mary Adair
Justin William Winner	Jul 21	Dale & Rosanne Winner
Arthur Lipphardt Jr	Jul 23	Art & Chris Lipphardt
Craig Matthews	Jul 24	Cathy Genato
Raven Guinevere Hosmer	Jul 24	Terra Tice
Amanda Stocchero	Jul 24	Sandy Stocchero
Keltryn Lenae Brinkman	Jul 25	Jim & Judy Brinkman
Alexander Pegler	Jul 26	Eric & Lisa Pegler
Anadelia Vega	Jul 27	Dale Vega
Mallory Jane Hooper	Jul 28	Bill & Beth Hooper
Michael Williams Greist	Jul 28	Judy Greist
Scott Michael Gerwatowski	Jul 28	Linda Gerwatowski
Michelle Howie	Jul 31	Annette Howie

Remembering Our Children On Their Anniversaries - June, July '17

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Forever Age</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Compassionate Friend</u>
Evan Carara	18 years	Jun 2	Cindy & J.D. Carara
Madalynn Ann Bergevin	1 day	Jun 3	Mollie Bergevin
Billy E. Hendrickson	19 years	Jun 3	Grace & Delbert Hendrickson
Aaron Steffens	36 years	Jun 5	Lynn Nickel
Sean O'Connor	20 years	Jun 5	Dennis & Tracy O'Connor
Anton "Andy" George	13 years	Jun 6	Levi & Emma Horn
Mindy Baker	41 years	Jun 7	Terri Baker
Robert (Robby) George, Jr.	48 years	Jun 7	Robert & Margaret George
Ashley Meston	14 years	Jun 7	Jerry Meston
Jon Van Pelt	21 years	Jun 8	Claudette Van Pelt
Nicole Johnson	34 years	Jun 10	Sherry Turner
Sandra Steckiel	4 days	Jun 13	Beth Steckiel
Arthur Lipphardt Jr	24 years	Jun 15	Art & Chris Lipphardt
Gryphen Barber	1 day	Jun 16	Sean Barber & Cherie Barledge
Erica Lynn Groat	26 years	Jun 16	Linda Groat
Ryan Sayers	20 years	Jun 16	Tom & Kate Sayers
Vinnie Franz	18 years	Jun 17	Barb Franz



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Michael Jeffery Micke	1 day	Jun 18	Alice Micke
Giorgiana Elizabeth	4 days	Jun 19	Jennifer Gordillo
Sara Hernandez	21 years	Jun 19	Kayhy Hernandez
Kyle Lyon	31 years	Jun 19	Tami Lyon
Kyle Joe Manning	11 years	Jun 19	Carol & Don Manning
Abbi Rose Starzynski	2 years	Jun 20	Sherry Starzynski
Tucker Ray Graef	14 years	Jun 21	Kathy Graef
Nicholle Guy	14 years	Jun 22	Lezlee Guy
Daniel Prickett	32 years	Jun 22	Jim & Elaine Prickett
Karen Sue Crawford	16 years	Jun 23	Joy Andrews
James Michael Burroughs	43 years	Jun 24	Arlene & Charles Burroughs
Andrea Mischel	30 years	Jun 25	Gary & Jerri Zimmerman
Jay Simco	58 years	Jun 26	Loretta Chancellor
Dale Smith	9 years	Jun 26	Angela Smith
Nickolas Robert Vingren	3 years	Jun 26	Dale Vingren
Daniel J. Whisler	38 years	Jun 27	JoAnn Mowdy
Tyler Joseph Budfuloski	2 years	Jun 28	Rob & Alice Budfuloski
Anthony James "Tony" Pisor	25 years	Jun 28	Cynthia Pisor-Zapel
Stephen Lucas Tyler	19 years	Jun 28	Catherine Tyler
Kade Riefenberg	19 years	Jun 29	Andy Gibson
Liam N. McDougal Lasher	11 years	Jun 29	Ashley Snyder
Kimberly Ann Hayes	22 years	Jun 30	Patty & Patrick Hayes
Nick Naples	17 years	Jun 30	Laurie Naples
Colby McCarley	17 years	Jun 30	Tami Sisneros
Noah R. Wilkerson	5 days	Jun 30	Sarah Wilkerson
Kyleigh Peltzer	1 year	Jul 2	Ashleigh Peltzer
Andrew Paul Whiteman	20 years	Jul 2	Lyle Whiteman
Damon Vincent	33 years	Jul 3	Chaela Christianson
Heidi Susanne Wolfe	20 years	Jul 3	David & Karen Wolfe
Adam Roy Hodges	5 years	Jul 4	JoAnn Ewing
Ramon E.G. Lucero	26 years	Jul 5	Diana & Kimber Michael
Devin John Seifert	21 years	Jul 5	Steve & Debbie Seifert
Raven Guinevere Hosmer	32 years	Jul 5	Terra Tice
Nicole Megan Yagi	9 years	Jul 5	Jackie & Dennis Yagi
Jay Aguanno	19 years	Jul 7	Jean Aguanno
Kaitlin Bartlett	17 years	Jul 8	Kim Bartlett
Shannon Diane McMahon	16 years	Jul 9	Robert & Jeanette McMahon
Jack C. Jefferson	5 years	Jul 11	John & Dena Jefferson
Abigail Ruth Smelser	23 years	Jul 11	Robin Myers
Chance Tyler Nichols	17 years	Jul 11	Charlie Nichols
Cristoval Ornelas	1 day	Jul 13	Annette & Chris Ornelas
Christopher Skaggs	15 years	Jul 13	Ernest & Tanya Skaggs
Jack Lincoln Farrell	1 day	Jul 13	Pamela Welch
Zachary Dean Glenn	3 years	Jul 14	Janice Bren, Kristin & Larry Glenn
Eric Paul Deming	27 years	Jul 14	Denise Deming
Avery Keirsey	2 months	Jul 14	Carissa Keirsey
Kristopher Lohrmeyer	17 years	Jul 16	Dan & Lori Lohrmeyer



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Eli Witcher	2 days	Jul 17	Phyllis Lallier
Blake Smith	1 year	Jul 17	Brian Smith
Jeanne Burroughs Widmar	33 years	Jul 18	Arlene & Charles Burroughs
Malik Boykins	12 years	Jul 18	Matissa Dunkley
Matthew Alan Haywood	22 years	Jul 18	Roger Haywood
Roy Polhemus		Jul 18	Kathleen Landry & Edward Pohlemus
David Scott Mueller	19 years	Jul 19	Sandy Eversole
Ryan Rickman	11 years	Jul 19	Jean Rickman Place
Amanda Stocchero	15 years	Jul 19	Sandy Stocchero
Michael Benjamin Decker	18 years	Jul 20	Mary & Jerry Decker
Robert "Bobby" Slaughter	20 years	Jul 20	Robert Slaughter & Ginger Slaughter
Veronika Olivia Baca	1 year	Jul 22	Sharon Baca
Courtney Marie Becker	27 years	Jul 22	Joseph Becker
Travis Grimmer	29 years	Jul 23	Mary Lou Grimmer
Cathleen Bartlett Maxwell	6 years	Jul 24	Dick & Marty Maxwell
Travis Holappa	25 years	Jul 25	Kim & Terry Packa
Kari Ann Kirt	15 years	Jul 26	Lon & Andrea Kirt
Christie Fike	32 years	Jul 28	Shirley & Dan Emerson
Benjamin Stewart Easton	22 years	Jul 28	Susan Stewart
Nathan Gentry	7 years	Jul 29	Susan Gentry
Jimmy Schmidt	13 years	Jul 30	Jim & Laurie Schmidt
Jonathan Steven Gabriel	5 years	Jul 31	Steve & Jane Gabriel
Patricia Spain Boden	39 years	Jul 31	Myra Spain

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in Me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going, you know the way."* John 14:1-4



Michaela R. Christianson  
In Loving Memory of Her Son  
Dameon Vincent Christianson

May 30, 1977- July 3, 2010



### ***Love Gift Donations***

*A "Love Gift" is a wonderful way to remember your child, while also helping our TCF chapter "reach out" to bereaved families. There is no charge to attend meetings, use the library, or receive the newsletter. We depend solely upon these gifts, monetary or gifts-in-kind, to support our chapter. You may choose to donate a tax deductible "Love Gift" at any time. Let us be here for the families who do not know today that they will need us tomorrow.*

*Our chapter exists entirely through your donations which are tax deductible. A Love Gift is money donated to the chapter in memory of your child who has died. If you feel a Love Gift is an appropriate way to honor the memory of your child, please consider a donation, large or small. Please fill out the form located in this newsletter and mail it to the address listed. All pictures submitted will be electronically scanned and added to our electronic Child Remembered "Picture Frame" displayed at monthly meetings and then returned to you.*

#### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

*\$50 or more - Newsletter Sponsor. May include a full page for printing. Please remember to send your page "Copy Ready" as you would like to see it printed in the newsletter.*

*\$0 to \$50 - A picture, if available, and dedication to be listed in the newsletter. Love Gift donations should be sent directly to our treasurer, Ruby Doyle whose address is listed on the Love Gift Donation Form. Wouldn't you like to make a dedication to your child and help our chapter?*

**⇒ Send Love Gifts to Ruby Doyle, 6552 Lange Drive Colorado Springs, Co 80918 ⇒  
Thank you for contributing and supporting the work of our local chapter!**

### **LOVE GIFT DONATION**

**Costs are rising. We need your Love Gift to support our chapter & newsletter! If you can, please help.**

I would like to make a donation ☐ in Memory of ☐ a Chapter Gift

**In loving memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Love Gift Donation:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please make check payable to: The Compassionate Friends

Cut and mail this form with your Love Gift to: Ruby Doyle – 6552 Lange Dr. – Colorado Springs, CO 80918

**Contributor Name & Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship:** ☐ Son ☐ Daughter ☐ Grandson ☐ Granddaughter ☐ Friend ☐ Other

**Photo Enclosed:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Photo To Be Returned:** ☐ Yes ☐ No





## THOUGHTFUL POEMS

### COME SIT WITH ME

Come sit with me awhile and let me  
Hold your hand, I understand your sorrow and  
Know you need a friend.  
I understand the pain that lies within your  
Heart,  
I have felt the silent screams that tear you all  
Apart.  
I know about the sleepless nights that last so  
Very long,  
I understand the emptiness when you hear that  
Special song.  
Come share with me your memories and let  
Me be Your friend,  
You can cry, laugh or say nothing at all, And I  
Will understand.  
Come sit with me, my friend, I'll try to help you  
Through. I understand, my friend, for I have  
Been there too.

~Judy Peckinpauha TCF Inland Empire, CA

### Seasons of the Heart

Your special days are unchanging  
Seasons of the heart I celebrate.  
Your birth, forever spring,  
Tender memories relate,  
New and green, a dream  
From which too soon I awake.  
The summer of your life was bright  
Laughter needed no reason,  
Seemingly endless days of sharing.  
Sixteen summers. Short in season.  
Your death brought winter without warning,  
What sense in all this can be found?  
Summer dreams replaced with mourning.  
Where is hope now?  
But the heart knows what  
The mind cannot accept  
That when all is lost,  
It is love that is left.  
Love knows no barriers  
Time or distance recognize.  
Love does not diminish,  
But is constant in our lives.

And like a summer breeze  
Uplifts and inspires us  
With healing memories.  
~Peggy Walls - TCF Alexander City, AL

## HEALING WORDS

### Grandparents Remembrance

By Susan Mackey - TCF Rutland, Vermont

We are the grieving grandparents, the  
shepherds of our children and grandchildren's  
lives. Our grief is two-fold and at times, we feel  
powerless to help. We seek to comfort our  
children in the depths of their grief and yet we  
need the time and space to face our own  
broken hearts. We have been robbed of the  
special tender touch a grandparent shares with  
a grandchild, and we have lost a symbol of our  
immortality. As we walk by our child's side, we  
both give and draw strength. We reach into  
their hearts to comfort them, and when they  
reach out to us in their distress, we begin the  
journey to heal together. We continue to be  
their guardians. We allow traditions to change  
to accommodate their loss. We support the  
new ones, which symbolize the small steps on  
their journey. It is in their healing that our  
hearts find comfort.



**Theresa Colgrove**  
In Loving Memory of Her Sons  
Michael & Ryan Colgrove

**Trudy Crisp**  
In Loving Memory of Her Son  
Tony Crisp

**Carol and Don Manning**  
In Loving Memory of Their Son  
Kyle Joe Manning

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## ***Annual Memorial Balloon Release***

will be held at **7 pm** in the **First Baptist Church** Parking Lot

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 17th**

Special reading, music and time to reflect,  
Watching the balloons dance as they lift into the sky.

Refreshments will be served after the balloon release in our regular meeting room.  
Please join us for Fellowship and to Celebrate The Children!

